

## **1.0 PURPOSE**

This procedure is to be used for materials and instrumentation destined for return to PerkinElmer for repair, maintenance, warranty or trade-in or recycling purposes.

## 2.0 SCOPE

The health risks of handling and working with instruments and accessories received from the field are largely unknown. This dictates prudent actions be taken to insure returning equipment present no health hazard to those who come in contact with these products throughout the in-house processing cycle.

## **3.0 REFERENCES**

Doc ref #	Document Description
HSM_4_001_2	Decontamination Certification Form

## 4.0 GENERAL

Anyone authorized to return instrumentation or accessories to PerkinElmer are advised through the customer care department RMA process that all returns must be submitted with a completed Decontamination Certification Form.

This form must be completed by the shipper and attached to the outside of the box in a 'shipping docs' bag, or equivalent.

The following criteria are provided as guidance for shipper as to the proper decontamination of instrumentation and accessories:

- 1. The instrument or item to be returned must be cleaned of all visible residue and encrusted material.
- 2. Where there is the potential for hazardous non-visible chemical contamination, it may be necessary to verify that no contamination is present.
- 3. For items used in conjunction or in contact with radioactive materials, ensure that no radioactivity may be detected with survey equipment or incidental swipe tests.
- 4. Where infectious/bio-hazardous materials were used or suspected, disinfect all surfaces with material specific effective disinfectants.
- 5. When hazards have been successfully removed by decontamination, remove all hazard warning labels or signs.

Under no circumstances will uncertified returned equipment be allowed into the operations process. Inhouse decontamination procedure and/or equipment returns back to the shipper must be authorized by the Manufacturing Manager and EHS Manager, on a case by case basis.