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SAMPLE DETAILS

Initial Complaint Date:	12/12/18
Batch No.:	25625351
Complaint Reference:	HLJKF5K
Purchase Order No.:	125-5265

SAMPLE INFORMATION

LIMS sample number(s)	:	1245622
Date sample(s) received	:	20 th January 2018
Packaging	:	In a plastic pot
Storage conditions	:	Ambient temperature
Date(s) sample(s) examined	:	22 nd and 23 rd January 2018

METHODS AND REFERENCES

Analyst reference	:	SDA	
Method reference(s)	:	TES-AC-192 :	Light Stereomicroscopy
		TES-AC-193 :	Compound Light Microscopy
Deviations from the			

method reference(s)

None

RESULTS

The complaint sample consisted of multiple fragments of green coloured matter, which were photographed as received and can be referred to in Plate 1. The sample was an irregular shape, with a dry brittle texture and appeared shredded.

Hand-cut sections of the complaint sample were taken and examined under the compound microscope to assist with identification. Here it was possible to see that the complaint sample was comprised of wavy-walled plant cells arranged in longitudinal rows with stomata (Plate 2), mesophyl, consistent with leaf tissue (Plate 3) and fibro-vascular bundles. These are structures consistent with a monocotyledonous plant, such as a grass.

CONCLUSIONS

It was concluded that the complaint sample consisted of multiple strands of plant leaf tissue, from a monocot. Based on the appearance and structure under the compound microscope, the most likely source was considered to be some sort of grass; however other monocots, such as cereals, could not be ruled out entirely.

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PLATE 1 Shows the complaint sample photographed as received against a millimetresquared background



PLATE 2 Shows an example of the wavy-walled plant cells arranged in rows with stomata, examples arrowed in red, seen in the sections taken from the complaint sample. Magnification x 435



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PLATE 3 Shows an example of the mesophyl, consistent with leaf tissue, seen in the sections taken from the complaint sample. Magnification x 435

