

Assessor evaluation - Case Study 19**Name: - *Sampling*****Category: - *Technical Assessor – Sampling***

During the document review, in preparation for a reassessment, the assessor notes that the quality manual stipulates that the laboratory does not do any sampling, so Section 7.3 of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 is not applicable. External customers submit samples to the laboratory. During the on-site review of the methods, the assessor notes that the laboratory is performing sub-sampling of soil samples received from external customers. The laboratory does not have a procedure for sub-sampling, and maintains that Section 7.3 of the standard is not applicable to the sub-sampling and only applicable if the laboratory is actually in the field, taking samples.

Would you have rated this discovery a non-conformance? Yes? No?

If No – Why?

If yes - What ISO/IEC 17025 clause/s is/are applicable and why?

If yes – What AB Policy/ies is/are applicable and why?

If yes - What corrective action would you expect?
