# SAMPLING

* 1. If SLSI decides the sampling is to be carried out, the officer(s) of the SLSI will conduct the sampling in accordance with the relevant **product-specific sampling procedures**.
	2. Sample(s) shall be drawn randomly as specified in the relevant product standard or as specified the applicable sampling guidelines.

* 1. The necessary facilities to conduct the inspection and sampling shall be provided by the importer (e.g. labor required, unloading facilities if necessary etc.).
	2. Importer shall inform the SLSI, the date of inspection with time and location.
	3. The samples collected shall be subjected to the identified initial and/or detailed tests. QA Division undertakes and responsible for all the activities related to inspection carried out by SLSI and also its subcontractors. As and when required, QA Division may subcontract sampling/testing to competent subcontractors. Information of subcontractors shall not be disclosed prior to completion of subcontracting activities in order to prevent conflict of interest situations, if any. However, after the decision, information on subcontracted activities may be provided to the relevant parties on written request.

* 1. The consignment shall be approved if it is found conforming to the standard as per the test results. However, in respect of the 1st consignment of a particular manufacturer for a brand or product, falling under categories 1,2,3,4 the Sri Lanka Standards Institution may carry out the product testing to assess the conformity after releasing the consignment for sale or use. If the test results indicate non-conformities, the importer shall be informed and future consignments of the same manufacturer shall not be released until the test results are available. This procedure shall be followed for future consignments until the SLSI is satisfied with the consistency of the product quality.