

**481—261.3(101B) Test method, performance standard, test report.** Unless otherwise excepted therein, each unique cigarette brand style submitted for certification under this chapter shall meet all of the criteria in Iowa Code section 101B.4.

**261.3(1) *Alternate test method.*** A manufacturer proposing an alternate test method and performance standard pursuant to this rule will submit such proposal to the department on a form provided by the department.

*a.* The department will approve or deny the proposed alternate test method and performance standard within 60 days of receipt of such proposal and will send notification of such approval or denial by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address provided by the manufacturer.

*b.* The department may approve an alternate test method and performance standard if it is determined to be equivalent to the test method and performance standard prescribed in Iowa Code section 101B.4. If an alternate test method and performance standard is approved pursuant to this rule, the manufacturer may employ the alternate test method and performance standard to certify the cigarette in accordance with Iowa Code section 101B.4.

**261.3(2) *Acceptance of alternate test method approved by another state.*** A manufacturer proposing an alternate test method and performance standard approved by another state will use the procedure specified in subrule 261.3(1) and provide documentation verifying that the alternate test method and performance standard have been approved by another state as provided in Iowa Code section 101B.4(9).

**261.3(3) *Retention of reports of testing.*** A manufacturer shall maintain copies of all test reports pursuant to Iowa Code section 101B.4(10).

**261.3(4) *Testing performed or sponsored by the department.*** Testing performed or sponsored by the department will be conducted in accordance with Iowa Code section 101B.4.

**261.3(5) *Changes to the manufacture of a certified fire safe cigarette.*** If a manufacturer with any cigarette certified under this chapter makes any changes to the cigarette thereafter, retesting of the cigarette may be required in accordance with Iowa Code section 101B.5(6).

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