

RAPID STAT® FOR FRANCE

MAVAND wins the competitive national tender in France with their saliva drug test Rapid STAT®. During the next 3 years MAVAND will deliver their Rapid STAT® to the whole National Police, Gendarmerie and Military of France.

On 1st July 2008 the Minister of the Interior, Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE (MAM) announced officially that the French government has decided for the application of the saliva drug test Rapid STAT® to be used for their controls of road safety. This decision was made after a 2 1/2 years lasting tendering phase. The tender of the French Ministry started in February 2006. After examination of all applicants' products 3 companies were selected for the final round in 2007.

Several thousand testings have been performed under real conditions in the period of April 2007 until March 2008 with the tests of those selected 3 companies.

Decision criteria were the handling, sensitivity and specificity with a weighting of 60% and the price with a weighting of 40%. Citation of the Minister of the Interior in Le Figaro (01.07.2008): "**Le plus fiable a été retenu.....**" (".... **The most reliable has been selected...**").

Start of the control measurements with 52,000 pieces was 11th August 2008 in the South of France.



Already 3 drivers of the first 10 vehicles stopped have been detected to be positive in Cannabis.

The astonishingly high sensitivity of the test in THC that was not expected from leading toxicologists is discussed controversially in press and TV at the moment. Whereas in December 2005 on the final conference of ROSITA II in Baltimore it was reported that no test was capable to measure the THC sensitively enough and therefore would not be suitable for the Police, MAVAND has developed successfully a test that can detect the THC correlating to the blood below 1 ng/ml. The development work lasted 3 years and was done in close collaboration and with combined efforts of the German and French Police as well as leading Forensic Scientists. Now there is available for the Police an instrument that indicates reliably whether a driver is impaired or influenced by drugs, especially by Cannabis.

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«Nous espérons réduire sensiblement le nombre de décès», a expliqué Michèle Alliot-Marie.

Ces tests salivaires vont permettre aux forces de l'ordre de détecter sur-le-champ la prise de stupéfiants par un conducteur. Pour la ministre de l'Intérieur, le dispositif sera très dissuasif.

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Les conducteurs désormais soumis à un test salivaire anti -drogue

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Première opération de contrôles salivaires antidrogue



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Extract from the Professional Opinion of the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Institute of Legal Medicine, Dr. Jörg Röhrich:

".....Regarding the persons tested accurately positive in THC with the Rapid Stat® test, THC concentrations in serum of between 0,8 and 24,3 ng/ml have been found when the appropriate blood samples were examined. The average was at 7,1 ng/ml and the median at 3,1 ng/ml. It was outstanding that regarding 5 of the donors that were tested positive with the Rapid Stat® a THC-serum-level in the range of the limit value of 1ng/ml (0,8, 0,9, 1,2, 1,6, 1,7 ng/ml) was detected. This argues for a high sensitivity of the test system....."

