

**27A. Analysis at request of defendant**

- (1) If a direction is given under section 27 (2) for the destruction of any thing, any person charged with an offence in relation to the thing may apply to have a sample of the thing analysed or examined by an analyst or botanist chosen by the person.
- (2) An application shall be made to the Commissioner or a prescribed person within the prescribed period.
- (3) The application shall be in writing in the prescribed form and shall specify the analyst or botanist who is to carry out the examination or analysis.
- (4) The analyst or botanist specified shall not be an approved analyst or an approved botanist.
- (5) The specified analyst or botanist may, within 21 days after the application is made, analyse or examine a sample of the thing.
- (6) This section applies whether or not the thing the subject of the direction has been destroyed.
- (7) In this section —  
**“specified”** means specified in the application.

*[Section 27A inserted by No. 44 of 1995 s.9.]*