

## APPENDIX H – UNSATISFACTORY SPECIMEN CODES

900	More than 10 days have elapsed since collection.
910	The specimen is not properly identified.
920	There are no blood spots on the filter paper.
921	No specimen received.
930	The amount of blood is insufficient for testing (QNS).
931	Blood is only on one side of filter paper.
932	Not enough satisfactory specimen to complete testing.
940	Blood applied in multiple spots on filter paper.
941	Blood spots soaked through filter paper on to coverlet.
942	Coverlet not folded back properly.
950	Uneven saturation of filter paper.
951	Infant heel appears to have been pressed against the collection paper.
952	Blood appears to have been applied in multiple small drops.
953	Make sure that blood spots are dry before turning sideways.
954	Uneven saturation, possibly from too small of a blood drop being taken.
960	Presence of thick, clotted areas on the surface of the filter paper.
961	Blood appears to have been applied by capillary as it was being moved in a circular motion.
970	Rough or wrinkled blood spots.
971	Raised rough areas containing blood, possible touching of capillary to collection paper.
972	Collection paper appears to have been bent during the collection resulting in blood spreading in a ripple formation.
973	Deep scratches in the collection paper, rule out application while pulling the capillary against the collection filter paper.
980	Contamination or adulteration of the specimen.
981	Specimen was wet when received.
982	Excessive spreading of blood spots.
990	Serum separation.
991	Rule out liquid contamination.
992	Ascertain that blood is thoroughly mixed before application with capillary.
993	Parent(s) refused newborn screening for hypothyroidism, phenylketonuria, galactosemia and hemoglobinopathies.
994	Infant transferred prior to sample collection.
995	Lab accident.