

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

## **DLA 16/2017 - ALM-Verification Peanut: 5 Samples containing roasted Peanuts in Cookie-Matrix (levels: 0,50 / 2,5 / 5,0 / 12,5 / 25 mg/kg)**

### **Test material\* :**

For the Action Level Matrix Verification Test (ALM) a set of **5 samples with specified contents of peanuts** as well as a „blank sample“ are provided for determination in the **matrix of cookies**. The allergenic ingredient (mixture of at least 4 varieties of roasted peanuts) was baked within the matrix. The peanut level of the middle sample (appr. 5 mg/kg) corresponds to the Action Level 1 (VITAL concept 2.0) and judgement value of the German Commission ALTS/ALS, respectively. The 6 PT samples are blind-encoded, so that the peanut contents are not recognizable by the sample labeling.

**Sample weight:** 6 samples 20 g each.

\* Note: Control of mixture homogeneity and qualitative testings are carried out by DLA. Testing of the content, homogeneity and stability of PT parameters is subcontracted by DLA.

### **Methods + realisation time:**

Analytical methods for qualitative and quantitative determinations are optional.

There is a 6 weeks period for performing the analysis. The results are transmitted by e-mail via the provided results file.

### **Evaluation report:**

The **evaluation** of PT-results is carried out **qualitatively** (positive/negative) in scores of 1-5 (for example score 3 = Action Level successfully identified). **Quantitative results** will be reported for information as **recovery rates**. The target values correspond to the spiking levels. Results, limits of detection and/or quantification and remarks to the methods will be documented. DLA intends to finish the evaluation report within 6 weeks after deadline of results submission.

Each participant receives an anonymized, complete evaluation report as a PDF-file, identifying the own results by individual code in case payment was done. A print-out can be sent on demand.

### **Registration :**

The reliable order can be sent to DLA or our authorized sales partner.

Further information and an online registration form can be found at [www.dla-lvu.de](http://www.dla-lvu.de).

Registration deadline is **15<sup>th</sup> November 2017**.

### **Shipment + number of participants:**

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 47** by package service with tracking (delivery time 2-3 days within Europe, 2-5 days worldwide).

### **Deadline of result submission:**

Last date for submission of results **19<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

### **Invoice + price :**

Invoicing will be done by DLA along with the sample shipment or by our authorized partner in parallel to the sample shipment.

The price of the proficiency test is 295,-- € per participant plus shipping and possible tax.

Please note: there can be a handling charge for delivery in non-EU countries. Our authorized partner will inform you.

Shipping costs: within Germany € 12,50, EU-countries and Europe € 25,00, outside Europas € 45,00, Australia and Oceania € 65,00.

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