

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

## **DLA 17/2018 - ALM-Verification Milk: 5 Samples containing Milk Powder in Cereal Pap-Matrix (levels: 0,25 / 1,25 / 2,5 / 12,5 / 25 mg/kg), allergenic material: skimmed milk powder**

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

For the Action Level Matrix Verification Test (ALM) a set of **5 samples with specified contents of skimmed milk powder** as well as a „blank sample“ are provided for determination in the **matrix of Cereal Pap**. The skimmed milk powder level of the middle sample (approx. 2.5 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 allergen 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 **21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**.

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

Required minimum number of participants is 8.

The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 13** 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 **11<sup>th</sup> May 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 – 35, outside Europe € 45-75.

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