

## Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

### DLA 18/2018 – Lactose + Fructose in "lactose-free" infant food with "Spiking Level Sample"

#### Test material\* :

There are **two different samples A and B** possibly containing the parameters **lactose** and **fructose** to be determined. The **matrix** is an **infant food** (cereal pap powder). One of these samples and the **"spiking level sample"** were prepared adding the parameters lactose and fructose. The "spiking level sample" contains the parameters in a **simple matrix** (potato powder) in similar amounts without further processing.

**Sample weight:** Sample A and B 25 g each, and spiking level sample 25 g.

\* **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 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** is carried out from a total of 7 results on **quantitatively**. It includes kernel density estimation, outlier tests, robust mean, robust standard deviation and z-scores. The assigned value is the robust mean of participants results. 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 **04<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

#### Shipment + number of participants:

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 15** by parcel service with tracking (delivery time 2-3 days within Europe, 2-5 days worldwide).

#### Deadline of result submission:

Last date for submission of results **25<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 230,-- € 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.

Our General Terms and Conditions GTC apply: [www.dla-lvu.de/AGB.html](http://www.dla-lvu.de/AGB.html)