

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

## **DLA 03/2019 – Allergens III: $\beta$ -Lactoglobulin, Casein and Gluten in Infant Food with "Spiking Level Sample"**

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

There are **two different samples A and B** possibly containing the allergenic **parameters  $\beta$ -Lactoglobulin, Casein and Gluten** in the range of mg/kg in the **matrix Infant Food (semolina powder with rice, maize and sorghum)**. One of these samples and the "**spiking level sample**" were prepared adding the allergenic ingredients. The "spiking level sample" contains the allergens 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 15 g.

\* **Note:** Control of mixture homogeneity and qualitative testings are carried out by DLA. Any 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** is carried out **qualitatively** (positive/negative) and from a total of 5 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. For information a **recovery rate** of the "positive" sample and the "spiking level sample" is calculated. 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 **06<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.

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

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 11** by parcel service with tracking (delivery time 2-5 days within Europe, 2-10 days worldwide).

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

Last date for submission of results **18<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.

### **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 247,-- € 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 € 20,00, outside Europe € 28,00.

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