

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

## **DLA 16/2019 - ALM-Verification Almond: 5 Samples containing Almonds in Cookie Matrix (levels: 2,0 / 10 / 20 / 50 / 100 mg/kg), Allergenic Material: mixture of Almond Varieties**

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

For the Action Level Matrix Verification Test (ALM) a set of **5 samples with specified contents of almond** 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 almonds) was baked within the matrix. The almond level of the middle sample (appr. 20 mg/kg) corresponds to the Action Level (here the judgement value of the German Commission ALTS/ALS). The 6 PT samples are blind-encoded, so that the almond 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. 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** 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. Results, limits of detection and/or quantification and remarks to the methods will be documented. From 5 quantitative results on the action level will be evaluated by **z-scores for information**. 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.

### **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 **22<sup>nd</sup> Month 2019**.

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

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 22** by package service with tracking (delivery time 2-5 days within Europe, 2-10 days worldwide).

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

Last date for submission of results **12<sup>th</sup> Juli 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 324,-- € 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.

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