

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

## **DLA ptALM2 (2021) - ALM-Verification Gluten: 5 Samples containing Wheat Flour in "gluten-free" Pastry (levels: 2,0 / 10 / 20 / 50 / 100 mg/kg)**

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

For the Action Level Matrix Verification Test (ALM) a set of **5 samples with specified contents of Gluten** as well as a „blank sample“ are provided for determination in the **matrix of biscuit with cocoa**. The allergenic ingredient (mixture of wheat flours) was baked in the matrix. The gluten level of the middle sample (appr. 20 mg/kg) corresponds to the Action Level 1 (VITAL concept 2.0/3.0), judgement value of the German Commission ALTS/ALS and regulation EU 828/2014, respectively. The 6 PT samples are blind-encoded, so that the gluten 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 8 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. 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 and can object in writing to the evaluation within 6 weeks.

### **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 **14<sup>th</sup> April 2021**.

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

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 16** 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 **02<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**.

### **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 375,- € per participant plus shipping and possible tax.

Costs for **double sample material** € 85,00.

Please note: there can be a handling charge of approx. € 30,00 for payments from non-EU countries.

**Shipping costs:** within Germany € 12,50, EU-countries and Europe € 20,00, North America € 28,00, other countries € 80,00 (e.g. South America, Asia).

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

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