

Dear participants,

Please find enclosed the material for the proficiency test (PT):

DLA ptAUS3 (2024) - Animal Species-Screening III – 4 Samples qualitative: Buffalo, Cow's, Sheep's and Goat's Milk in Dairy Product (Herder Cheese)

There are *4 different samples* possibly containing the animal products Buffalo, Cow's, Sheep's and/or Goat's Milk (in the matrix of Herder Cheese, freeze-dried mixtures). The parameters are contained in the related matrix with amounts of 2- 98%.

The evaluation of results is **strictly qualitative (positive / negative)**.

Note: Samples should be stored at 2-10 °C upon arrival.

Before analysis, the entire sample quantity should be homogenized, since components such as fat can separate during the production/processing of the samples.

Please note the attached information on the proficiency test.

Please enter your final results online in our [PT customer portal](#) **my DLA | participant's portal**. You will receive further information on this by e-mail, in particular about access to the portal.

Last deadline is August 2nd 2024.

After the deadline no results can be accepted.

We are looking forward to any suggestions or questions! We wish you a successful performance of the proficiency test!

Kind regards,

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On behalf of the DLA-Team

Information on the Proficiency Test (PT)

PT number	DLA ptAUS3 (2024)
PT name	Animal Species-Screening III – 4 Samples qualitative: Buffalo, Cow's, Sheep's and Goat's Milk in Dairy Product (Herder Cheese)
Sample matrix*	Samples 1-4: Herder Cheese mixtures (freeze-dried)
Number of samples and sample amount	4 different Samples 1-4: 20 g each
Storage	Samples 1-4: cooled 2 - 10°C (long term frozen < -18°C)
Intentional use	Laboratory use only (quality control samples)
Parameter	Qualitative: Buffalo, Cow's, Sheep's and Goat's Milk Samples 1-4: appr. 2-98%
Methods of analysis	The analytical methods are optional
Notes to analysis	The analysis of PT samples should be performed like a routine laboratory analysis. In general we recommend to homogenize a representative sample amount before analysis according to good laboratory practice, especially in case of low sample weights.
Result table	One result each should be determined for Samples 1-4. The results should be filled in the result entry table.
Units	positive / negative (limit of detection %)
Number of significant digits	at least 2
Further information	Further information can be given in the result submission file.
Result submission	online via my DLA participant's portal (https://my.dla-pt.com) you will receive further information about the access by e-mail
Last Deadline	the latest August 2nd 2024
Evaluation report	The evaluation report is expected to be completed 6 weeks after deadline of result submission and sent as PDF file by e-mail.
Coordinator and contact person of PT	Alexandra Scharf, PhD

* 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.