

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

DLA ptALM1 (2022) - ALM-Verification Hazelnut: 5 Samples containing roasted Hazelnuts in Chocolate-Matrix (levels: 0,50 / 2,5 / 5,0 / 12,5 / 25 mg/kg)

Test material* :

For the Action Level Matrix Verification Test (ALM) a set of **5 samples with specified contents of Hazelnut** as well as a „blank sample“ are provided for determination in the **matrix of Dark Chocolate**. The gluten level of the middle sample (appr. 5 mg/kg) corresponds to the Action Level 1 (VITAL concept 3.0) and judgement value of the German Commission ALTS/ALS, 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 by its recovery rates. From 5 quantitative results one 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 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.
Registration deadline is **16th November 2022**.

Shipment + number of participants:

Required minimum number of participants is 10.
The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 47** 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 **20th January 2023**.

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

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