

## Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

### **DLA ptAU11 (2025) Vegan Compliance Check – 2 Samples qualitative (with known contents): Animal ingredients in Vegan Burger Powder**

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

**Two different samples** (positive sample and negative sample) with possible contents of animal components are provided for qualitative determination. The positive sample contains at least two animal components > 0.1% (e.g. **Vertebrates DNA, Egg Protein / Chicken DNA, Fish Protein / DNA, Meat or Gelatine Protein / DNA, Milk Protein / DNA from Cow, Goat or Sheep**). The parameters are present in the matrix of **vegan burger powder**.

**Sample weight:** 2 Samples 50 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 quantitative determinations are optional.

There is a 6 weeks period for performing the analysis. The results are transmitted online via our customer portal.

#### **Evaluation report:**

A **qualitative evaluation** (positive/negative) with indication of the obtained agreements with the consensus values of the participants and the spiking of samples A and B is carried out separately for all available parameters and for the following groups of methods: protein-based methods (e.g. ELISA, IEF, MALDI-TOF) and DNA-based methods (e.g. PCR-techniques, NGS, Microarrays). Additionally, all available results (from DNA-based as well as protein-based methods) should be considered to assess whether the final decision for the samples is "vegan compliant" or not (animal ingredients < 0,1% or > 0,1%). 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 placed via our webshop at my DLA | participant's portal (<https://my.dla-pt.com/>) or by sending the PDF-form available on our website [www.dla-lvu.de](http://www.dla-lvu.de) to DLA or our authorized sales partner.

Registration deadline is August **2025-08-13**.

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

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants on **2025-08-20** 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 **2025-10-03**.

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

Costs for **double sample material** € 90,00.

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 € 30,00, North America € 60,00 - 80,00, other countries approx. € 80,00 (e.g. South America, Asia), all shipping prices are provisional and subject to change. For cold shipping, additional costs of up to € 20,00 may be charged.

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

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