

Dear participants,

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

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

Two different samples: One negative sample (< 0.1%) and one positive sample with 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) are provided for qualitative determination. The parameters are present in the matrix of vegan burger powder. The analysis method is optional.

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 October 2025-10-03.
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,

Matthias Besler-Scharf & Alexandra Scharf

On behalf of the DLA-Team

Information on the Proficiency Test (PT)

PT number	DLA ptAU11 (2025)
PT name	DLA ptAU11 (2025) Vegan Compliance Check – 2 Samples qualitative (with known contents): Animal ingredients in Vegan Burger Powder
Sample matrix*	Samples I + II: vegan burger powder / ingredients: Soy protein, pea protein, potato powder, methyl cellulose, flavours (containing yeast extract), faba bean protein, potato fibre, linseed meal, tapioca starch, beetroot juice powder, salt, paprika, ground flea seed hulls, barley malt extract, sunflower oil.
Number of samples and sample amount	2 identical samples I + II, 50 g each.
Storage	Samples I + II: room temperature (PT period), cooled 2 - 10°C (long term)
Intentional use	Laboratory use only (quality control samples)
Parameter	qualitative: e.g. Vertebrates DNA, Egg Protein / Chicken DNA, Fish Protein / DNA, Meat or Gelatine Protein / DNA, Milk Protein / DNA from Cow, Goat or Sheep
Methods of analysis	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 is to be determined for sample I and II. The individual results and further information are to be entered. The qualitative results should be entered for all available parameters separately 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). 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%).
Units	positive / negative (limit of detection %)
Number of significant digits	at least 2
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 October 2025-10-03
Evaluation report	The evaluation report is expected to be completed 6 weeks after deadline of result submission and will be provided as a PDF file in the DLA Participant Portal (https://my.dla-pt.com/).
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.