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Dear participants,

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

DLA ptGMS1 (2025) - GMO-Screening I qualitative: 5 Samples with positive and negative amounts of p-35S, t-NOS, p-FMV, CTP2:CP4 EPSPS, PAT, BAR / Maize + GMO-Maize (MIR604 and Bt176) and Soya + GMO-Soya (RR GTS 40-3-2, RR2 MON89788, DAS-44406)

There are 5 *different* test samples which possibly contain the above mentioned parameters. The indication of results and evaluation will be done exclusively qualitative (positive/negative). Results for specific sequences, screening sequences and other events can be analyzed.

Please note the attached information on the proficiency test.

New: 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 May 2025-05-23.
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

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Information on the Proficiency Test (PT)

PT number	***DLA ptGMS1 (2025)***
PT name	***GMO-Screening I (qualitative): 5 Samples with positive and negative amounts of p-35S, t-NOS, p-FMV, CTP2:CP4 EPSPS, PAT, BAR / Maize + GMO-Maize (MIR604 and Bt176) and Soya + GMO-Soya (RR GTS 40-3-2, RR2 MON89788, DAS-44406)***
*Sample matrix**	*5 different Samples: possible ingredients: Products of soybean, maize and wheat flour*
Number of samples and sample amount	*5 different samples, 10 g each.*
Storage	*Samples: dry and dark at room temperature (long term cooled 2 - 10°C)*
Intentional use	*Laboratory use only (quality control samples)*
Parameter	***qualitative: p-35S, t-NOS, p-FMV, CTP2:CP4 EPSPS, PAT, BAR / Maize + GMO-Maize (MIR604 and Bt176) and Soya + GMO-Soya (RR GTS 40-3-2, RR2 MON89788, DAS-44406)***
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 should be determined for Samples 1-5 per parameter and filled in the result entry table.*
Units	*positive / negative (limit of detection: copies or percentage)*
Number of significant digits	*only qualitative*
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 May 2025-05-23***
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.*