



ANNOUNCEMENT/INVITATION

EUPT – SRM9

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Dear Colleagues,

We herewith cordially invite you to participate in the upcoming European Proficiency Test on pesticide residue analysis using single residue methods (EUPT-SRM9) organised by the EU Reference Laboratory for pesticides requiring Single Residue Methods (EURL-SRM).

The EUPT-SRM9 is scheduled to run from 28 April till 26 May, 2014 using cow's milk (3.5 % – 4 % fat) as matrix.

AIMS

Participation in proficiency tests is part of the QA/QC system of laboratories and provides them with an assessment of their analytical performance as well as a comparison with the performance of other laboratories. The general aim is to help laboratories demonstrate adequate analytical performance and, in case of underperformance, to help them identify sources of errors so that the necessary measures for quality improvement can be taken.

TEST ITEM and BLANK MATERIAL

The Test Item will be cow's milk (3.5 % – 4 % fat) spiked with pesticides on the Target Pesticides List.

Ca. 250 ml of treated Test Item and ca. 250 ml of a Blank Material will be delivered to each participating lab. The Blank Material is intended to be used for recovery experiments and, if necessary, for the preparation of matrix-matched calibration standard solutions.

As the amount of available material is limited, additional material will be delivered only if sufficient explanations are given by the requesting laboratory. To request double amount of material (500 ml Test Item and 500 ml Blank) please contact eurl-srm@cvuas.bwl.de or via the **Registration Website**.

TARGET ANALYTES

The list of analytes potentially contained in the Test Item is shown in the **Target Pesticides List**. For each of the analytes a specific minimum required reporting level (MRRL) is given.

The names of the pesticides contained in the Test Item and their assigned concentrations will be undisclosed to the participants after the test.

SHIPMENT AND RECEIPT OF TEST ITEM AND BLANK MATERIAL:

The shipment of the Test Item is planned to start on **28 April 2014**. If any laboratory will be on in the week holiday of the shipment (except 1 May), please inform the organizer to rearrange shipment.

Participants must check the integrity and condition of the materials upon receipt and to report **within 48 h** if they accept the materials or not. For this please use the "**EUPT-SRM9 Result Submission website** (sub-page 0). In case of no reaction the organizers will assume that the materials have been accepted.

OBLIGED AND ELIGIBLE LABS

Participation in the EUPT-SRM9 is mandatory for:

- all NRLs for pesticides requiring Single Residue Methods (NRL-SRMs); according to Art. 33 of Reg. 882/2004/EC,
- all Official Laboratories (OfLs) undertaking pesticide residue analyses in food of animal origin (milk) within the frame of National and EU official controls (see Art. 28 of EC Reg. 396/2005).
- Laboratories analyzing pesticide residues within the frame of import controls according to Reg. 669/2009/EC are also considered as performing official controls and thus also obliged to take part in EUPTs

Based on the information stored in the Lab-Network Database about the commodity scope and the status of each lab, **a tentative list of the labs obliged to participate in the EUPT-SRM9** was prepared.

- **OfLs** should check the information concerning their own lab and report any errors to their NRLs
- **NRLs** are ultimately responsible for the correctness and comprehensiveness of the data concerning labs within their network. Errors should be reported to eurl-srm@cvuas.bwl.de

This EUPT is furthermore open to all national reference laboratories (NRLs) and Official laboratories (OfLs) in from **EU-candidate countries** and **EFTA countries**.

The PT is also open to labs from **Third Countries** (countries outside EU) as long as test material is available and provided that DG-SANCO gives its consent.

REGISTRATION

To register for this PT:

- **EU, EFTA and EU-Candidate Country Labs:** Please access the "**EUPT-Registration Website**" (accessible from **18 Feb., 2014**).
Should your lab be missing from the drop-down list please contact us ASAP:
eupt-srm@cvuas.bwl.de
- **Laboratories from Third Countries:** Please also register via "**EUPT-Registration Website**"

OBLIGED LABS NOT PARTICIPATING:

DG-SANCO expects from all obliged labs that do not intend to participate in this EUPT to give an explanation. This explanation should be given in the **EUPT-Registration Website** during the period for the registration.

All obliged labs should thus access the Registration Website irrespective if they intend to participate or not!

Laboratories that have given explanation for their non-participation during the EUPT-SRM9 pre-questionnaire in December 2013 do not have to submit their reasons again.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- The "EUPT-Registration Website" will be accessible from **18 Feb. to 12 Mar., 2013**.
- The **shipment** of the Test Items is planned on **28 Apr., 2014**.
- **Submission of results and method information** should be done by **26 May** by 16:00 CET on the "EUPT-SRM9 Result Submission website" (sub-pages 1-3).

PARTICIPATION FEE and PAYMENT

A general fee of **175 €** will be charged to each participating laboratory **from EU Member States, EU-candidate countries or EFTA countries**, to cover the costs of handling and shipment. The fee for labs from **third countries** is set at **350 €**.

The fee for the laboratories requiring **double amount** of material will be double, i.e., **350 € for EU-, EFTA- and EU-Candidate County labs and 700 € for Third Country**.

An invoice issued for the "invoice address" stated in the registration form will be sent as a hardcopy enclosed in the shipment. Details of payment will be given in the invoices.

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

All documents relating to EUPT-SRM9 will be uploaded onto the **CIRCA-platform** and linked to the **EUPT-SRM9-Website**.

The schedule for all activities and deadlines within this PT can be found in the **Calendar** for the EUPT-SRM9.

The pesticides potentially present in the Test Item can be found in **Target Pesticides List**.

In due time before the start of the EUPT-SRM9, the **EUPT-SRM9 Specific Protocol** will be published.

Please also refer to the valid version **General EUPT Protocol, 4th Edition**, which entails the general evaluation rules of EUPTs.

GENERAL INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIALITY, DISCLAIMER

The EUPT-SRM9 is organized by the EURL-SRM on behalf of DG-SANCO. DG-SANCO is the proprietor of all EUPT data and has thus access to all information.

- In each EUPT, the laboratories are given a unique **code**, initially only known to themselves and the organisers. In the final EUPT-Report, the list of participating laboratories will not be linked to their laboratory codes.
- **The Organizers are allowed to provide NRLs with the EUPT-SRM9 codes of all OfLs in their respective networks.**
- The Organizer further reserves the right to share EUPT results and codes with other EURLs.
- The Organisers may further present the EUPT-results on a country-by-country basis. For those **countries where only one laboratory has participated**, the identity of certain labs could thus be indirectly revealed.
- **The participating laboratories are not allowed to communicate with each other on matters concerning the EUPT from the start of the EUPT until the publication of the preliminary report.**
- All laboratories are requested to **provide information on analytical methods used**. If no sufficient information on the methodology used is provided, the Organisers reserve the right not to accept the analytical results reported by the participants concerned.
- Please note that all documents mentioned above may be subject to minor **changes**. In the case of important changes, participants will be informed by e-mail. But still **please check periodically the website for EUPT-SRM9 for possible updates** in case the email does not get through to you.

SUPPORT

The EUPT- SRM9 Organizing Team is always at your disposal to answer any questions and give you technical support. For any further questions about the EUPT-SRM8, please mail to eurl-srm@cvas.bwl.de.

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Best regards,

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