



## ANNOUNCEMENT/INVITATION LETTER for the EUPT – SRM5

Dear Colleagues,

We herewith cordially invite you to participate in the upcoming European Proficiency Test on the determination of pesticide residues using single residue methods (EUPT– SRM5). This test is organised by the EU Reference Laboratory for pesticides using Single Residue Methods (EURL– SRM) in collaboration with the EURL for pesticides in Fruit and Vegetables (EURL– FV).

The test material for EUPT– SRM5 is **apple sauce** (apple purée).

The aim of this exercise is to provide laboratories with an assessment of their analytical performance and to allow comparison with the other official laboratories within the EU. This will hopefully result in quality improvements in each of the participating laboratories.

**Eligible labs** for this test are all Official Laboratories (OLs) analysing pesticide residues in fruits and vegetables as well as all National Reference Laboratories (NRLs) for pesticide residues using single residue methods.

Please note that **participation is mandatory for eligible labs** (see Art. 28 Regulation (EC) No 396/2005).

Eligible labs that do not intend to participate in this test (e.g. because none of the pesticides in the target list is within the lab's scope, or for other reasons) are expected by the Commission, on behalf of which this proficiency test is undertaken, to **state the reasons for non-participation**. These reasons should be reported on the "[EUPT-Registration Website](#)".

**To register for this PT please access the "[EUPT-Registration Website](#)".** This website will be accessible from **15 May until 30 June 2010**.

**The shipment of the test materials is planned for 13 September 2010.** Approximately 400 g of both spiked and non-spiked test materials will be supplied to each participating laboratory. If any laboratories are planning to be on holiday in the week of the shipment, please inform the organizer to rearrange shipment. Within 48 hours of receipt of the test material, participants must **acknowledge acceptance / non-acceptance** of the test material. This can be reported on the "[EUPT-SRM5 Result Submission Website](#)".

Participating laboratories will have to fully, or partly, test for the pesticides shown in the "[Target Pesticide List](#)" and report to the organiser, by **15 October 2010**, the concentrations of the pesticides they have detected in the test materials, as well as providing details of the analytical methodologies that they used. This can be reported on the "[EUPT-SRM5 Result Submission Website](#)".

The schedule for all activities and deadlines within this PT can be found on the [Calendar](#) for the EUPT– SRM5.

The **statistical evaluation** of the PT will treat each compound individually. However, a cumulative evaluation of certain results, allowing a ranking of the labs according to their overall performance, is also envisaged. For the cumulative evaluation only the pesticides marked with an asterisk in the 'Pesticide Target List' will be included.

All documents relating to EUPT– SRM5, i.e:

- I) **Calendar**
- II) **Target Pesticide List**
- III) **Specific Protocol**
- IV) Instructions of Results Submission (available in September)
- V) **General EUPT Protocol**

will be uploaded onto the **CIRCA-platform** and linked to the **EUPT-SRM5–Website**. Therefore please first register on **CIRCA/FIS-VL**, if you have not already done so. **CIRCA/FIS-VL** can be reached via a link under "Quicklinks" (right navigation bar) on the **CRL-SRM-Website**.

Please note that all documents mentioned above may be subject to minor changes with new versions being uploaded in the CIRCA platform and linked to the **EUPT-SRM5–Website**. **Participants should periodically check the website for possible updates**. In the case of major changes, participants will be informed by e-mail.

A general **fee of 150 €** will be charged to each participating laboratory, including NRLs, to cover the costs of test material handling and shipment.

**Double amount of material can be requested via e-mail (Address: [EUPT-SRM@cvuas.bwl.de](mailto:EUPT-SRM@cvuas.bwl.de)). The additional material will be sent in a separate package containing 2 containers with either 400 g spiked test material in one container and 400 g blank material in the other container or both two containers with a 400 g spiked material as specified in request e-mail.**

**The fee for the laboratories requiring double amount of material will be 300 €.**

Upon Registration an invoice will be sent to the "invoice address" stated in the registration form. Payment is expected to be made completely prior to the scheduled shipment date. **No test material will be sent to labs from which no payment has been received by the shipment date**. Details of payment will be given in the invoices.

NRLs wishing to evaluate the performances of official labs in their country are welcome to ask for their results after 18 October 2010.

For any further question about EUPT– SRM5, please mail to [EUPT-SRM@cvuas.bwl.de](mailto:EUPT-SRM@cvuas.bwl.de).

Best regards,

The EUPT– SRM5 Organising-Team