

EUPT-CF8 - Announcement

Hereby, the EU Reference Laboratory for pesticide residues in Cereals and Feeding stuff (EURL-CF) announce the European Proficiency Test on for pesticides in cereals and feedingstuff requiring multi residue methods (MRMs) EUPT-CF8.

The aim of the test is to provide laboratories with an assessment, both of their analytical performance and the reliability of their data - in comparison to other laboratories. This will hopefully result in positive changes and quality improvements at each of the laboratories.

Test Items

The Test Material will be **wheat flour with incurred and spiked pesticides**. You will receive approximately 125 g of a treated and approximately 125 g of a blank test material.

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.

Registration

The **Registration Website will open from 18 February - 30 April 2014**. More information will be published on www.eurl-pesticide.eu

Shipment and deadline for result submission

The **shipment of Test Items is planned to 19 May 2014** and the **deadline for result submission are 13 June 2014**. If any laboratories have holidays during the shipment period, please inform us so that we can rearrange shipment.

Obligated and eligible laboratories

Participation is mandatory for:

1. All EU National Reference Laboratories for pesticides in cereals and feeding stuff (NRL-CFs)
2. All EU Official Laboratories (OfLs) undertaking pesticide residue analyses of cereals (also cereals for feed) within the frame of National controls and EU official controls (see Art. 28 of EC Reg. 396/2005).
3. 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

A list of the labs that are obliged to participate at the EUPT-CF8 will be published on the EURL website www.eurl-pesticides.eu. If participation of obliged laboratories in this EUPT is not possible, DG-SANCO expects from all laboratories listed in the list to give an explanation. This explanation can be given in the Registration Website (accessible from 18/2- 31/3 2014). All labs should thus access the Registration Website.

This EUPT is furthermore open for all national reference laboratories (NRLs) and official laboratories (OfLs) in the EU-candidate states and the EFTA countries.

The PT is also open for Official laboratories in third countries (countries outside EU) as long as test material is available and provided that DG-SANCO gives its consent. The

Fee

For participating **laboratories from the EU, EU-candidate states and EFTA states** the participation fee will be:

175 €

The participation fees for **laboratories from third countries**:

350 €

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