



ANNOUNCEMENT/INVITATION

EUPT – SRM10

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Dear Colleagues,

The European Union Reference Laboratory for Pesticides Residues requiring Single Residue Methods (EURL-SRM¹) herewith cordially invites you to participate in the upcoming tenth European Proficiency Test on pesticide residue analysis using single residue methods (EUPT-SRM10), which is organized on behalf of DG-SANTE and in collaboration with the EU Reference Laboratory for pesticides in Cereals and Feeding Stuff (EURL-CF).

The EUPT-SRM10 is scheduled to run from 18 May till 19 June, 2015 using maize flour 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 maize flour with incurred and spiked pesticides.

Ca. 350 g of treated material (Test Item) and ca. 350 g 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 and as long as materials are available. To request double amount of material (700 g Test Item and 700 g Blank) please use the [EUPT-SRM10 Registration Website](#) or contact us via email: eurl-srm@cvas.bwl.de

¹ The EURL-SRM is accredited by the DAkkS according to EN ISO/IEC 17043.
The accreditation is valid for the proficiency testing programs listed in the certificate.

TARGET ANALYTES

The list of analytes potentially contained in the Test Item is shown in the [EUPT-SRM10-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.

REGISTRATION

The "[EUPT-SRM10 Registration Website](#)" will be accessible from 25 March till 17 April, 2015 (please also refer to the [EUPT-SRM10-Website](#) for any changes).

- **EU, EFTA and EU-Candidate Country Labs**: If your lab is missing from the drop-down list please contact us ASAP: eupt-srm@cvas.bwl.de .

If participation in the EUPT-SRM10 is **mandatory** (see below) but for whatever reasons your laboratory is unable to participate, DG-SANTE expects to receive an explanation. Please use the [EUPT-SRM10 Registration Website](#) to give this explanation.

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

- **Laboratories from Third Countries**: Please enter your Country and Lab-name as well as all other requested information by hand

OBLIGED AND ELIGIBLE LABORATORIES

Based on the information stored within the joint EURL-Network Database about the commodity scope and the status of each OfL, a tentative [list of the labs obliged to participate in the EUPT-SRM10](#) was distributed via the EURL-Website. The pesticide scope of the laboratories was not considered in this list. In case of errors please inform your responsible NRL and contact us under eurl-srm@cvas.bwl.de

The following labs are considered **obliged** to participate in the EUPT-SRM10:

- All EU National Reference Laboratories for pesticides requiring Single Residue Methods (NRL-SRMs); see Art. 33 of Reg. 882/2004/EC,
- All EU Official Laboratories (OfLs) undertaking pesticide residue analyses in Cereals or feeding stuff within the frame of EU official controls or National official controls on behalf of EU member states; see Art. 28 of EC Reg. 396/2005.

The following labs are considered **eligible** to participate in the EUPT-SRM10:

- All NRLs and OfLs in EU member states that are not obliged to participate,
- Laboratories analyzing pesticide residues within the frame of official import controls food and feed of plant origin according to Reg. 669/2009/EC,
- All NRLs and OfLs in EFTA Countries and EU-Candidate Countries

The PT is also open to a limited number of laboratories from Third Countries (countries outside EU) as long as test material is available and DG-SANTE gives its consent. Laboratories actively involved on controls of goods exported to the EU are given priority.

SHIPMENT AND RECEIPT OF TEST ITEM AND BLANK MATERIAL:

The shipment of the Test Item is planned to start on **18 May 2015**. If any laboratory will be on holiday in the week of the shipment, 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-SRM10 Result Submission website** (sub-page 0). In case of no reaction the organizers will assume that the materials have been accepted.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- The "**EUPT-Registration Website**" will be accessible from **25 Mar. - 17 Apr. 2015**.
- The **shipment** of the Test Items is planned on **18 May 2015**.
- **Submission of results and method information** should be done by **19 June** by 16:00 CET on the "**EUPT-SRM10 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 laboratories**.

An **invoice** issued for the "invoice address" stated in the registration form will be sent to the persons responsible for the PT via e-mail. Participants must forward the invoice to their financial department for the remittance. Details of payment will be given in the invoices. The invoice number therein must be quoted in the transfer as identification text.

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

All documents relating to EUPT-SRM10 will be uploaded onto the **CIRCA-platform** and linked to the **EUPT-SRM10-Website**.

The schedule for all activities and deadlines within this PT can be found in the **EUPT-SRM10-Calendar**.

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

In due time before the start of this exercise, the **EUPT-SRM10 Specific Protocol** will be published.

Please also refer to the valid version **General EUPT Protocol, 5th Edition** (released on 5 March, 2015), which entails the general evaluation rules of EUPTs.

GENERAL INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIALITY, DISCLAIMER

The EUPT-SRM10 is organized by the EURL-SRM on behalf of DG-SANTE. DG-SANTE 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-SRM10 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-SRM10 for possible updates** in case the email does not get through to you.

SUPPORT

The EUPT- SRM10 Organizing Team is always at your disposal to answer any questions and give you technical support. For any further questions about the EUPT-SRM10, please mail to eurl-srm@cvuas.bwl.de.

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Best regards,

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