



ANNOUNCEMENT/INVITATION

for the EUPT – SRM7

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Dear Colleagues,

The EU reference Laboratory for pesticides requiring Single Residue Methods (EURL-SRM) herewith announces the 7th EU Proficiency Test on the determination of pesticide residues requiring single residue methods (**EUPT– SRM7**).

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 MATERIAL AND ANALYTES

The Test Material for EUPT– SRM7 is **lentils** with spiked and incurred pesticides among those listed in the **Target Pesticide List**. For each of the analytes a specific minimum required reporting level (MRRL) is given.

Approximately 400 g of both spiked and non-spiked Test Materials will be supplied to each participating laboratory.

As the amount of available material is limited, additional material can be delivered to the laboratories only in exceptional cases and only if sufficient explanations are given by the requesting laboratory. No additional material will be provided to be used for purposes not relevant to the current EUPT.

For request of double amount of material (800 g Test Material and 800 g Blank) please contact <mailto:EURL-SRM@cvas.bwl.de>.

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

The shipment of the test materials is planned to start on **23 April 2012**. If any laboratories are planning to 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 sample upon receipt and to report within 48 hours of receipt of the test material any observation or complaints and **whether they would accept the Test Material**. For this the "**EUPT-SRM7 Result Submission website**" can be used.

DOCUMENTS

The schedule for all activities and deadlines within this PT can be found on the **Calendar** for the EUPT– SRM7.

All documents relating to EUPT– SRM7, e.g. **Calendar**, **Specific Protocol**, will be uploaded onto the **CIRCA-platform** and linked to the **EUPT-SRM7–Website**.

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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-SRM7–Website](#). **Participants should periodically check the website for possible updates.** In the case of major changes, participants will be informed by e-mail.

In addition to these specific documents please also refer to the General Protocol for EUPTs, which entails the general rules followed by all EUPTs.

PARTICIPATION

Mandatory Participation

Participation in the EUPT-SRM7 is mandatory for:

1. all NRLs for pesticides requiring Single Residue Methods (NRL-SRMs); according to Art. 33 of Reg. 882/2004/EC,
2. all Official Laboratories (OfLs) undertaking pesticide residue analyses in vegetables cereals or feed¹ within the frame of National and EU official controls (see Art. 28 of EC Reg. 396/2005).

The four EURLs will be annually issuing and distributing via the EURL website, a joint list of all OfLs that shall participate in all EUPTs to be conducted within a given year.

- Art. 28 of Reg. 396/2005/EC (for all OfLs analyzing for pesticide residues within the framework of official controls in food or feed)

A list of labs that are obliged to participate in the EUPT-SRM7 has been distributed via our website. The “**List of Obligated Labs**” is to be considered as tentative as it will be only based on information submitted by OfLs concerning their commodity scope and status. The legal obligation of NRLs and OfLs to participate in EUPTs arises from the above legislations.

NRLs are responsible for checking whether all relevant OfLs within their network are included in the list of obliged laboratories and whether the contact information is correct. The NRLs should further make arrangements to urge all relevant OfLs within their network to participate in this EUPT.

OfLs are urged to keep their own profiles within the EURL-DataPool up-to-date, especially their commodity and pesticide scopes and their contact information.

Please report any errors to Hubert.Zipper@cvas.bwl.de.

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

¹ Note that In a broader sense leguminous crops are considered as vegetables. Furthermore, dry pulses are also widely used as feed. From an analytical point of view (Document No. SANCO/10684/2009) dry pulses are also representative for cereals. **Thus all OfLs covering Vegetables, Cereals or Feed are considered as obliged to participate in the EUPT-SRM7.**

What to do in case of non-participation?

DG-SANCO, on behalf of which EUPTs are conducted, expects from all obliged labs to give an explanation in case they do not intend to attend an EUPT (e.g. because none of the pesticides in the target list is within the lab's scope, or for other reasons). This explanation can be given in the "**EUPT-Registration Website**" (accessible from February 6 till February 25, 2011).

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

REGISTRATION

To register for this PT please...

access the "**EUPT-Registration Website**" (for labs from **EU-, EFTA-, and EU-candidate countries**); or

Contact **EUPT-SRM@cvas.bwl.de**. (for Third Country labs)

ANALYSIS AND REPORTING

Participating laboratories will have to fully, or partly, test for the pesticides shown in the "**Target Pesticide List**" for EUPT-SRM7 and report to the organiser, by **29 May 2012**, the concentrations of the pesticides detected in the test materials, as well as to provide details of the analytical methodologies applied to the analysis via the "**EUPT-SRM7 Result Submission**".

Further instructions on reporting will be given in the **EUPT-SRM7 Specific Protocol** and the Results Submission Website.

RESULT EVALUATION

The statistical evaluation of the PT will treat each compound individually. Additionally, a summed evaluation/ranking of the overall lab performance is also envisaged. A Preliminary Report will be dispatched within 2 months from the deadline of the EUPT. The Final Report will be published towards the end of 2012 following the annual meeting of the EUPT-Advisory Group.

PAYMENT DETAILS

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 Test Material handling and shipment.

The participation fees of labs from third countries are set at 250 €.

The fee for the laboratories requiring **double amount** of material will be also double as two identical parcels will be sent (i.e. **350 € for EU-, EFTA- and EU-Candidate County labs and 500 € for Third Country labs**).

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.

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SUPPORT

The EUPT– SRM7 Organizing Team is always at your disposal to answer any questions and give you technical support. For any further question about EUPT–SRM7, please mail to EUPT-SRM@cvas.bwl.de.

Best regards,

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