

ANNOUNCEMENT/INVITATION

EUPT-FV22 (onion)

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to participate in the **European Proficiency Test in Fruits and Vegetables 22 (EUPT-FV-22)**, organised by the European Union Reference Laboratory for Residues of Pesticides in Fruits and Vegetables on behalf of the European Commission, Directorate-General of Health and Food Safety (DG-SANTE). The aim of this exercise is to ensure the quality, accuracy and comparability of the residue data reported by EU Member States to the European Union as well as other Member States within the framework of coordinated and national monitoring and surveillance programs.

The test material, 200 g of onion homogenate containing pesticide will be shipped to participants on March 2nd, 2020

This EUPT is open for all National Reference Laboratories (**NRLs**) and all Official Laboratories (**OfLs**) of the EU, and furthermore it is also open for the NRLs and OfLs of the EU-candidate states and the EFTA countries. The PT is also open for Official Laboratories in third countries (countries outside the EU) as long as test material is available and provided that DG-SANTE gives its consent.

Participation is mandatory for:

- All National Reference Laboratories for pesticides in fruits and vegetables (NRL-FVs)
- All Official Laboratories undertaking pesticide residue analyses within the frame of National and EU official controls, as long as their analytical scope (commodity/pesticide-combinations) fully or partly overlaps with the scope of this EUPT (see Art. 28 of EC Reg. 396/2005).

The following labs are welcome to register for the EUPT-FV22 (participation will, however, depend on the availability of PT-Material):

1. NRLs and OfLs from EFTA Countries and EU-Candidate Countries
2. OfLs in EU member states not obliged to participate
3. Laboratories from non-EU/EFTA countries (countries outside EU) provided that they are actively involved on controls of goods exported to the EU.
4. Laboratories officially analyzing for pesticide residues in fruits and vegetables of organic production according to regulation 889/2008/EC ("889 Labs")

All the potential labs that according to the information stored in our Lab-Network Database are obliged to participate at the EUPT-FV-22 will be contacted and invited via e-mail. If participation in this EUPT is not possible, DG-SANTE expects from all the obliged laboratories to give an explanation. This explanation can be given by e-mail to: cferrer@ual.es or in the registration link (www.eupt-registration.eu)

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TEST ITEM

The test item for EUPT-FV-22 will be **ONION** homogenate containing both incurred and spiked pesticides. **NO Blank material will be sent to the participants.**

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The laboratories have to determine the residue levels and report the concentrations for each of the pesticides that they detect (and also include the method used for each pesticide analysed but not detected to allow us to carry out a deeper analysis of the results). There is a pesticide target list of mandatory compounds and a "voluntary target list" containing pesticides which might be present in the test item. Those voluntary pesticides will not be used for the evaluation of the laboratories into Category A or B, and a separate statistical evaluation will be made for them.

Please note that in some cases the documents or the dates could change, new versions updated. In this case, it will be published in our webpage and additionally an e-mail will be sent to the participants for notification. **Please, check periodically our website in case the email does not get through to you.**

The Organisers will not take the responsibility for a parcel if it is retained at customs.

PARTICIPATION FEE and PAYMENT

The participation fee will be **250 euros for EU/EFTA laboratories and 350 euros for other participants**, in order to cover the costs of handling and shipment. Spanish laboratories and those ones not registered in VIES (http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/vies/?locale=en) will have to pay the corresponding taxes. Regarding payment procedures, each laboratory can specify their details and invoice requests when applying for the test.

An invoice issued for the "invoice address" stated in the registration form will be sent after the shipment to the e-mail address(es) of the person(s) responsible for the PT and, if stated during registration, also to the person responsible for the payment. **Please, do not pay for this EUPT before receiving the invoice, and remember to include the invoice number in the subject of the bank transfer.**

Account details:

BANK NAME: CAJAMAR - Caja Rural Sociedad Corporativa de Crédito

BANK ACCOUNT HOLDER: Universidad de Almeria

BANK ADDRESS: Universidad de Almeria. Spain

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CALENDAR

EUPT-FV22 CALENDAR (updated 13/03/2020)	
Activity	Date
Registration period at www.eupt-registration.eu	16 th December 2019 - 24 th January 2020
Specific Protocol published on the Web site.	17 th February 2020 at the latest
Selection of the scope	17 th – 28 th February 2020
Sample distribution.	2 nd March 2020
Deadline for receiving sample acceptance	10 th March 2020
Deadline for receiving results	13th April 2020
Filling in additional information, if necessary.	14th April – 20th April 2020
Preliminary Report: (containing preliminary assigned values and z scores)	May 2020
Final Report distributed to the Laboratories.	August 2020

***New dates**

For any further question about EUPT-FV-22, please contact:

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Best Regards,

The EUPT-FV Organising-Team

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