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#### Dear Madam/Sir,

RIKILT will organize a proficiency test (PT) on the mycotoxin citrinin in the matrix red yeast rice (Regulation (EU) No 212/2014). This study will focus on the quantification of the compound.

The primary goal of this PT is to give laboratories the opportunity to evaluate or demonstrate their performance regarding the analysis of citrinin in red yeast rice. The number of participants is limited to 50; if the number of participants is insufficient, the proficiency test cannot proceed.

I would like to invite you to participate in this proficiency test.

Please forward this invitation to your contacts at laboratories that might be interested in participating. The following issues are important for participation in the PT:

### 1. Samples

- Three red yeast rice samples (approximately 10 gram) will be supplied for the quantitative analysis of citrinin.
- Samples will be sent in February 2018. The distribution of the samples will be announced by e-mail.
- The participant should arrange the necessary import permits for the sample materials (if necessary).

#### 2. Quantitative analysis

 The results have to be reported within 6 weeks after shipment of the samples.

## 3. Report

- A report of the proficiency test will be presented in August/September 2018.
- Results of the proficiency test will be presented anonymously.

## 4. Additional information

- RIKILT is allowed to use the anonymous results of the proficiency test in presentations, seminars and publications.
- RIKILT will never inform third parties (e.g. accreditation bodies) on specific laboratory results without informing the laboratory first.

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Proficiency test for citrinin in red yeast rice

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# 5. Costs

- For the participation, we request a fee of €500,- (ex. VAT) as compensation for the preparation and transportation of the samples.
- If an extra batch of samples is needed after the first shipping, the courier costs will be charged.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the enclosed participation form (preferably digitally) and send it to me before 5 December 2017 by e-mail (pt.rikilt@wur.nl).

Hoping to welcome you for this proficiency test,

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