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Dear colleague,

RIKILT is planning to organize a proficiency test regarding antibiotics, anthelmintics and coccidiostats at carry-over level in compound feed. This study will focus on the screening and/or quantification of the detected compounds. This test will be organised according to ISO 17043, for which RIKILT is accredited in the field of residues in products of animal origin. However, this specific test is not part of the accreditation. 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 test.

Please forward this invitation to other laboratories in your country or other contacts that could be interested in participating. The following issues are important for participation in the proficiency test:

1. Samples

- Three compound feed samples (approximately 75 grams) will be supplied for the screening and/or quantitative analysis of antibiotics, anthelmintics and coccidiostats.
- The samples may contain one or more compounds.
- Samples will be sent in November 2016. The distribution of the samples will be announced by e-mail.
- The participant should arrange the necessary import permits for the sample materials.

2. Screening and/or quantitative analysis

- Please indicate in the participation form which compounds are included in your analytical method(s).
- The results have to be reported within 6 weeks after shipment of the samples

DATE

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SUBJECT

Proficiency test for antibiotics, anthelmintics and coccidiostats in compound feed

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Wageningen UR (Wageningen University and various research institutes) is specialised in the domain of healthy food and living environment.

RIKILT, part of Wageningen UR, carries out research into the safety, quality and health of food and feed and provides consultancy services to (inter)national governmental authorities. RIKILT is ISO 17025 and ISO 17043 accredited (the accredited tests are described on www.rva.nl (no. L014 and R013)).

3. Report

- A report of the proficiency test will be dispatched in March/April 2017.
- 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.

5. Costs

- For the participation, we request a fee of € 500,- (ex. VAT) as a 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 20 September 2016 by e-mail (pt.rikilt@wur.nl) or by fax (+31 317 417 717).

Hoping to welcome you for this proficiency test,



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