

Dear colleague,

RIKILT is accredited for the organization of proficiency studies in the field of residues in products of animal origin according to ISO 17043. Based on this accreditation RIKILT is planning to organize a proficiency test regarding corticosteroids in milk. The primary goal of this proficiency test is to give laboratories the opportunity to evaluate or demonstrate their performance regarding the analysis of the compounds in milk. The number of participants is limited to 50. 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 to five milk samples (5 ml milk each) will be supplied for the analysis of corticosteroids.
- Samples will be sent in April 2017. The distribution of the samples will be announced by e-mail. The deadline for reporting will be six weeks after the shipment of the samples.
- The participant should arrange the necessary import permits for the sample materials (if necessary).

#### **2. Report**

- A report of the proficiency test will be dispatched in September 2017.
- Results of the proficiency test will be presented anonymously.

#### **3. 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.

#### **4. Costs**

- For the participation, we request a fee of € 500,- (ex. VAT) as a compensation for the preparation and transportation of the samples.
- For NRLs in the European network there is no fee involved.
- If an extra batch of samples is needed after the first shipping, the courier costs will be charged.

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If you would like to participate, please fill out the registration form (preferably digitally) and send it to me before 28 December 2016 by e-mail (pt.rikilt@wur.nl).

Hoping to welcome you for this test,



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