

Dear colleague,

RIKILT is planning to organize a research study regarding **steroid esters in bovine serum**. The primary goal of this research study is to give laboratories the opportunity to evaluate or demonstrate their performance regarding the screening and/or confirmatory quantitative analysis of the compounds in bovine serum. 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 research study:

#### 1. Samples

- Three bovine serum samples (approximately 700 µl serum each) will be supplied for the analysis of:  
Testosterone-decanoate  
Testosterone-phenylpropionate  
Testosterone-isocaproate  
Testosterone-propionate
- Samples will be sent in June/July 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 research study will be dispatched in December 2017.
- Results of the research study will be presented anonymously.

#### 3. Additional information

- RIKILT is allowed to use the anonymous results of the research study 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 participation form (preferably digitally) and send it to me before May 9 2017 by e-mail ([pt.rikilt@wur.nl](mailto:pt.rikilt@wur.nl)).

Hoping to welcome you for this test,



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