

Dear colleague,

RIKILT is planning to organize a research study regarding A3 and A4 compounds (Council Directive 96/23/EC) in bovine muscle. This study will be organised according to ISO 17043, but not under accreditation. 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 these compounds in bovine muscle. The number of participants is limited to 50. I would like to invite you to participate in this study.

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

- Four bovine muscle samples (approximately 20 grams) will be supplied for the analysis of A3 and A4 compounds.
- Samples will be sent in November/December 2018. The distribution of the samples will be announced by e-mail. The deadline for reporting will be at least six weeks after the shipment of the samples.
- The participant should arrange the necessary import permits for the sample materials (if necessary).

#### 2. Results and report

- A report of the research study will be dispatched in April/May 2019.
- Results of the research study will be presented anonymously in the report. Disclosure of the results of the NRLs to the EURL-director is foreseen after the report is published. This is needed to apply the follow-up protocol on Research studies from DG Santé by the EURL.

#### 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 € 600,- (ex. VAT) as a compensation for the preparation and transportation of the samples.
- For NRLs in the European network there is no fee involved.

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- 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 participation form and send it to me before 22 October 2018 by e-mail ([pt.rikilt@wur.nl](mailto:pt.rikilt@wur.nl)).

Hoping to welcome you for this study,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Beld', is centered on the page. The signature is stylized and written in a cursive script.

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