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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 (R13) RIKILT is planning to organize a proficiency test regarding steroids from the A3 group (Council Directive 96/23/EC) in bovine urine. The primary goal of this proficiency test 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 urine. 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

- Four bovine urine samples (5 ml urine each) will be supplied for the analysis of A3 steroids.
- Samples will be sent in December 2017/January 2018. 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 May 2018.
- 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.

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SUBJECT
Proficiency test A3 steroids in bovine urine

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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 provizeranol and metabolites consultancy services to (inter)national governmental authorities. RIKILT is ISO 17025 and ISO 17043 accredited (the accredited tests are zeranol and metabolitescribed on www.rva.nl (no. L014 and R013).

- 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.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the 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 test,



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