

Dear colleague,

RIKILT is planning to organize a proficiency test regarding hydrocyanic acid (HCN) in compound feed and feed material. This test will focus on the quantification of the compound and will be organised according to ISO 17043, but not under accreditation. The primary goal of this proficiency test is to give laboratories the opportunity to evaluate or demonstrate their performance regarding the analysis of hydrocyanic acid (HCN) in linseed and almonds. 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

- Two unprocessed linseed samples and one sweet almond sample will be sent to you. Approximately 50 grams of each sample will be supplied for the quantitative analysis of hydrocyanic acid.
- Samples will be sent in September/October 2018. The distribution of the samples will be announced by e-mail.
- The participant should arrange the necessary import permits for the sample materials.

2. Quantitative analysis

- The results have to be reported within 7 weeks after shipment of the samples

3. Report

- A report of the proficiency test will be dispatched in January 2019.
- 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.

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June 13, 2018

SUBJECT
Proficiency test for
hydrocyanic acid in compound
feed and feed materials

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RIKILT, part of Wageningen University & Research, carries out research into the safety and reliability of food and feed. RIKILT is ISO 17025 and ISO 17043 accredited (the accredited tests are described on www.rva.nl (no. L014 and R013)).

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June 15, 2018

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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 participation form (preferably digitally) and send it to me before July 15 2018 by e-mail (pt.rikilt@wur.nl). Please print the document, sign it and e-mail a scan of the signed document.

Hoping to welcome you for this proficiency test,

Yours sincerely,



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