

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

**DLA ptALR2 (2022) Response PT Celery: Processed samples Celery Seeds (ground), Celery Leaves (ground), Celery Root (ground), Celery Seed in Vegetarian Spread (heated) and in Spice Crackers (baked) in potato powder matrix (levels: 25 - 150 mg/kg)**

**Test material\* :**

There are **5 differently processed samples** of the food allergen **Celery (Celery Seeds (ground), Celery Leaves (ground), Celery Root (ground), Celery Seed in Vegetarian Spread (heated) and in Spice Crackers (baked))** as well as the “**blank**”-sample (matrix) for determination. The allergens are contained in a simple carrier matrix (potato powder / maltodextrin) in the range of 25 - 150 mg/kg. The individually processed allergenic ingredients were mixed from at least 4 different common in commerce products.

**Sample weight:** 6 samples 20 g each.

\* Note: Control of mixture homogeneity and qualitative testings are carried out by DLA. Any testing of the content, homogeneity and stability of PT parameters is subcontracted by DLA.

**Methods + realisation time:**

Analytical methods for qualitative and quantitative determinations are optional.

There is a 8 weeks period for performing the analysis. The results are transmitted by e-mail via the provided results file.

**Evaluation report:**

The **evaluation** is carried out **qualitatively** (inscores of 1-5) and quantitatively by **recovery rates** indicating the **response** of the processed allergens. The target values are the respective spiked amounts. Results, limits of detection and/or quantification and remarks to the methods will be documented. DLA intends to finish the evaluation report within 6 weeks after deadline of results submission. Each participant receives an anonymized, complete evaluation report as a PDF-file, identifying the own results by individual code in case payment was done and can object in writing to the evaluation within 6 weeks.

**Registration :**

The reliable order can be sent to DLA or our authorized sales partner.

Further information and an online registration form can be found at [www.dla-lvu.de](http://www.dla-lvu.de).

Registration deadline is **21<sup>st</sup> September 2022**.

**Shipment + number of participants:**

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants in the **week 39** by package service with tracking (delivery time 2-5 days within Europe, 2-10 days worldwide).

**Deadline of result submission:**

Last date for submission of results **25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**.

**Invoice + price :**

Invoicing will be done by DLA along with the sample shipment or by our authorized partner in parallel to the sample shipment.

The price of the proficiency test is 375,-- € per participant plus shipping and possible tax.

Costs for **double sample material** € 85,00.

Please note: there can be a handling charge of approx. € 30,00 for payments from non-EU countries.

**Shipping costs:** within Germany € 12,50, EU-countries and Europe € 20,00, North America € 28,00, other countries € 80,00 (e.g. South America, Asia).

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