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DLA 13/2014 - Fumonisins in Corn

terms

Test material :

The material is a corn powder with determinable fumonisins. The material is tested for homogeneity.

Order :

Registration deadline is 25^{th} April 2014.

The reliable order can be sent to our partner Coring System Diagnostix, can be faxed to us, DLA, using attached order form, or using the order form available from www.dla-lvu.de. The minimum number of participants is 10.

Sample shipment :

The samples will be sent to participating laboratories in the week 18. Each participant receives two identical sample portions 40 gram each.

Invoicing / Price :

The price for the proficiency test is $160,--\in$ / participant plus shipping and tax. Shipping and invoicing to other countries than Germany are done by our partner Coring System Diagnostix. Invoices are payable within 2 weeks, for participants from Non-

European countries pre-payment is required.

Realisation :

There is a 6 weeks time for performing the analysis. The method of analysis is optional. Deadline for results submission is 13th June 2014. Submission should be done by e-mail with a prepared excel-file, available from DLA.

DLA intends to finish statistics and interpretation within 8 weeks after deadline for the results. Statistics imply test for outliers, robust mean, median, robust standard deviation and z-score.

Statistics will be performed with laboratory-mean-value of fumonisin B1 and fumonisin B2, if at least 8 quantitative results are submitted. Single-results for fumonisin B1, B2, recovery and details about the method of analysis will be documented as submitted.

Each participant receives an anonymised, complete analysis report, identifying the own results by individual code in case payment was done.