

Terms of the proficiency test (PT)

DLA ptAUS4 (2026) Seafood-Screening – 6 Samples qualitative (with known contents): **Black halibut** (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*), **Pangasius** (*Pangasianodon hypophthalmus*), **Pilgrim's Scallop** (*Pecten jacobaeus*, *Pecten maximus*), **White Tiger Prawn** (*Penaeus vannamei*), and **one of the fish: Bluefin Tuna** (*Thunnus thynnus*) or **Bigeye Tuna** (*Thunnus obesus*)

Test material*:

There are **6 different samples** possibly containing the parameters **Black halibut** (*Reinhardtius hippoglossoides*), **Pangasius** (*Pangasianodon hypophthalmus*), **Pilgrim's Scallop** (*Pecten jacobaeus*, *Pecten maximus*), **White Tiger Prawn** (*Penaeus vannamei*), and **one of the fish: Bluefin Tuna** (*Thunnus thynnus*) or **Bigeye Tuna** (*Thunnus obesus*) for qualitative determination. The parameters are present in the matrix of freeze-dried fish/crustaceae/mollusc product. Samples 1-5 contain only one fish-/crustaceae-/mollusc species, each. The 6th sample contains 2-4 mixed fish-/ crustaceae-/ mollusc species.

Sample weight: 6 Samples 10 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 quantitative determinations are optional. There is a 8 weeks period for performing the analysis. The results are transmitted online via our customer portal.

Evaluation report:

The **evaluation** is carried out **strictly qualitatively** (positive/negative) with indication of the obtained agreements with the consensus values of the participants and the spiking of samples 1-6. All results including quantitative 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. Individual participant data will only be shared with third parties with the participant's prior consent or due to legal require-

ments. When sharing or publishing PT data or evaluations for scientific, educational or promotional purposes, all information will be anonymized to ensure the participant's confidentiality.

Registration:

The reliable order can be placed via our webshop at my DLA | participant's portal (<https://my.dla-pt.com/>) or by sending the PDF-form available on our website www.dla-lvu.de to DLA or our authorized sales partner.

Registration deadline is November **2026-11-25**.

Shipment + number of participants:

Required minimum number of participants is 10.

The samples will be sent to participants on **2026-12-02**, by parcel service with tracking (delivery time 2-5 days within Europe, 2-10 days worldwide).

Deadline of result submission:

Last date for submission of results **2027-01-29**.

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 460,- € per participant plus shipping and possible tax.

Costs for **double sample material** € 90,00.

Please note: there can be a handling charge of approx. € 35,00 for payments from non-EU countries.

Shipping costs: within Germany € 12,50, EU-countries and Europe € 30,00, North America € 60,00 - 80,00, other countries approx. € 80,00 (e.g. South America, Asia), all shipping prices are provisional and subject to change. For cold shipping, additional costs of up to € 20,00 may be charged.

Our General Terms and Conditions GTC apply: www.dla-lvu.de/AGB.html

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