



Invitation Letter to EURL-HM-20

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APLAC PT Committee Secretary
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Dear PT Committee members and APLAC PT Contacts,

IMEP will be running a PT of " EURL-HM-20: Determination of total As, Cd, Pb, Hg and iAs in chocolate ". EURL-HM-20 information as the following,

Test materials and analytes

The test item to be analysed is chocolate. Each participant will receive one test item. The measurands are total As, Cd, Pb, Hg and iAs in chocolate.

General outline of the exercise

Participants are requested to perform one to three independent analyses using the method of their choice, and to report the mean of their measurement results, the associated expanded measurement uncertainty and coverage factor k. Detailed instructions will be sent together with the test item.

Schedule

Registration	Sample dispatch	Reporting of results	Report to participants
Deadline 10/04/2015	First half of May 2015	Deadline 12/06/2015	November 2015

Due to the special nature of this exercise, APLAC could nominate **10** laboratories to participant this scheme for free of charge. There is a limited number of samples at your disposal and the number of nominees that under the accreditation condition with capacities for the determination of total As, Cd, Pb, Hg and iAs in chocolate (or be in the process of obtaining) should not exceed **one laboratory per AB**.

The Chairing team will pick up the nominated laboratories from the top priority meeting the criteria and notify AB before **30 March** on the confirmation of the participation.

The nomination for participation will be accepted until 27 March, 2015.