

The Cosmetics, Toiletries & Detergents (COSMETICS) proficiency testing scheme includes chemical and microbiological samples in cosmetic and related products. The following form contains the calendar of rounds followed by descriptions of the samples and prices.

Please complete all sections below and return to LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing: axiopt@lgcgroup.com

Returning customer Lab ID:

Purchase order no.:
(compulsory)

YOUR ORDER

If you would like to renew your order for the same samples/rounds as per previous year, please tick this box:

RENEW ME AS LAST YEAR

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We will copy over the samples/rounds purchased by you in the previous year and send you an order confirmation for your review. If you would like to add any other samples to your order, please mark them accordingly on the subsequent pages.

If you would prefer to place a different/new order for this scheme year, please review the samples available on subsequent pages and indicate the number of samples required for each sample/round accordingly.

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Month & Round	Despatch Date	Reporting Deadline	Chemistry	Microbiology
JAN CS061	26 Jan 2026	02 Mar 2026	21,22,27,29,35	
APR CS062	20 Apr 2026	26 May 2026	19,23,34,36	10A,10B,13A,13B,16A,16B,30
AUG CS063	17 Aug 2026	21 Sep 2026	20,22,24,28,31,32,33,38	
OCT CS064	26 Oct 2026	30 Nov 2026	19,23,25,36,39	10A,10B,13A,13B,16A,16B,30,37

Please ensure that LGC receive your order as soon as possible in order to avoid stock shortages. Please note that orders received the week prior to the despatch date may be subject to a despatch delay.

The despatch date shown above is the date the sample will leave our site in the UK. Please note, this is not the date the samples will arrive at your laboratory. Delivery times vary based on country, if you require further information, please contact LGC.

SAMPLE AVAILABILITY – PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR SPECIFIC DESPATCH AND REPORTING DATES

Please indicate the number of samples required per round in the grid. If you require a sample in all available rounds, please complete the **All Rounds** column.

Please note: Where a footnote symbol (* | # | ^ | †) appears in a column, the footnote description text may appear at the end of a table that may span across multiple pages. Please scroll to the end of the table for these details.

MICROBIOLOGY

Microbiological Testing				Round and Month (CS)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 061	APR 062	AUG 063	OCT 064
PT-CS-10A	Vial + 10g matrix	Powder	Detection and/or enumeration of aerobic mesophilic bacteria; <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ; Enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae; Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-10B	Vial + 10g matrix	Powder	Enumeration of yeast and mould (total count); Detection of <i>Candida albicans</i> ; <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> ; Detection and/or enumeration of <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-13A	Vial + 10g matrix	Cream	Detection and/or enumeration of aerobic mesophilic bacteria; <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ; Enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae; Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-13B	Vial + 10g matrix	Cream	Enumeration of yeast and mould (total count); Detection of <i>Candida albicans</i> ; <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> ; Detection and/or enumeration of <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-16A	Vial + 10mL matrix	Liquid	Detection and/or enumeration of aerobic mesophilic bacteria; <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ; Enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae; Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-16B	Vial + 10mL matrix	Liquid	Enumeration of yeast and mould (total count); Detection of <i>Candida albicans</i> ; <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> ; Detection and/or enumeration of <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Microbiological Testing				Round and Month (CS)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 061	APR 062	AUG 063	OCT 064
PT-CS-30 *	Vial + 10mL matrix	Cream	Microbial challenge test (Preservative efficacy testing); Microbial enumeration; Log ₁₀ reduction in microbial load April (CS062): <i>Aspergillus brasiliensis</i> November (CS064): <i>Candida albicans</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-37 *	10mL	Vial	Identification of unknown organism	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>

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CHEMISTRY

Elements				Round and Month (CS)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 061	APR 062	AUG 063	OCT 064
PT-CS-19	5g	Lipstick	Cadmium; Chromium; Lead; Nickel; Arsenic; Mercury#	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-20	5g	Lip gloss	Cadmium; Chromium; Lead; Nickel; Arsenic; Mercury	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
PT-CS-21	5g	Powder sample	Cadmium; Chromium; Lead; Nickel; Arsenic#; Mercury#	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
PT-CS-24	125mL	Mouthwash sample	Antimony#; Arsenic; Barium#; Copper; Fluoride#; Mercury#; Selenium#; Zinc	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
PT-CS-25 *	25g	Toothpaste sample	Antimony; Arsenic; Barium; Copper; Fluoride; Mercury; Selenium; Zinc	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>

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Additives and Preservatives				Round and Month (CS)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 061	APR 062	AUG 063	OCT 064
PT-CS-22	5mL	Cream sample	Hydroquinone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-27 *	25mL	Cream sample	Methylparaben; Propylparaben; Butylparaben; Benzoic acid; Sorbic acid; Benzyl alcohol NEW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-31 *	5g	Mascara sample	Methylparaben; Propylparaben; Butylparaben; Benzoic acid; Sorbic acid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Product Quality and Essential characteristics				Round and Month (CS)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 061	APR 062	AUG 063	OCT 064
PT-CS-23	500mL	Liquid cosmetic sample	pH; Viscosity; Density	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-28 *	100g	Liquid or solid soap	Chlorides (as Cl ⁻); Free caustic alkali (as NaOH); Free fatty acids (as oleic acid); Matter insoluble in ethanol; Moisture and volatile matter; Total fatty matter content	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-29 *	100g	Powder detergent	Water insoluble matter; pH (1% aqueous solution at 25°C); Moisture and volatile matter; Anionic-active matter; Chlorides (as Cl ⁻)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-32 *	100mL	Liquid detergent	Water insoluble matter; pH (1% aqueous solution at 25°C); Moisture and volatile matter; Anionic-active matter; Chlorides (as Cl ⁻); Phosphates (as PO ₄ ³⁻)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-33	3 x 20mL	Hand sanitiser	Ethanol#; Methanol#; 1-Propanol#; 2-Propanol#; Total Alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Product Quality and Essential characteristics				Round and Month (CS)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 061	APR 062	AUG 063	OCT 064
PT-CS-34 *	50 x Face masks	Face masks	Bacterial filtration efficiency (BFE); Differential pressure (Breathability); Microbial cleanliness (Bioburden); Fluid resistance to synthetic blood	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
PT-CS-39 * NEW	2 x 10g	Lip care or skincare product	Presence/absence of animal DNA	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>

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Allergens				Round and Month (CS)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 061	APR 062	AUG 063	OCT 064
PT-CS-35 *	30mL	Liquid in an amber glass bottle [^]	Allergenic compounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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[^]Allergens in cosmetics e.g. fragrances. Please note that this format is subject to change.

Banned/restricted compounds				Round and Month (CS)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 061	APR 062	AUG 063	OCT 064
PT-CS-36 *	10mL	Sunscreen oil/lotion	Benzene	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
PT-CS-38 * NEW	10g	Shampoo/conditioner	1,4-dioxane	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Please note that all accredited samples are accredited within the boundaries of LGC's fixed and flexible scope of UKAS accreditation. For further details and the full technical specification of the scheme, please refer to the [Scheme Description](#)

To access our General Protocol, covering our scheme organisation and operation, test materials, reporting of results, data analysis/performance assessment and information provided to participants, please click on the following link: [GENERAL PROTOCOL – PT Schemes](#)

YOUR DETAILS

Returning customers, if you would like to keep your contact/address details as per previous year, please tick here:

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If changes are required or you are a new customer, please complete your details below:

Send Test Materials to:	Send Invoices to:
Contact name: <input type="text"/>	Contact name: <input type="text"/>
Department: <input type="text"/>	Department: <input type="text"/>
Company: <input type="text"/>	Company: <input type="text"/>
Address: <input type="text"/>	Address: <input type="text"/>
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Existing customers

If you would like to change your marketing preferences, please visit our [preference centre](#) or contact axiopt@lgcgroup.com

New customers

LGC would like to contact you by email, phone or post about its products, services and related areas or research. LGC does not sell contact details to external parties. You may unsubscribe at any time.

- ☐ Yes, I am happy to be contacted about LGC's products, services and research
- ☐ No, I do not require marketing information about LGC's products and services at this time

By submitting this application form, you are agreeing to comply by LGC's Standard Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Laboratory Quality Products and Services and are agreeing that you have read and agree to the 'General Notes' at the end of this document.

Name

Date

REPEAT/ADDITIONAL SAMPLES PRICES

Repeat and duplicate samples will be charged at 50% of the main sample cost. Please contact LGC for a quotation.

CARRIAGE CHARGES

Participants will pay an additional fee to cover courier charges. Please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for up-to-date charges.

CHANGES AND OTHER SCHEMES/SAMPLES OF INTEREST

CHANGES

We have introduced new samples as follows:

- PT-CS-38 (1,4 dioxane in shampoo/conditioner). This will be available in round CS063 (August 2026).
- PT-CS-39 (Animal DNA in cosmetics (vegan verification)). This will be available in round CS064 (October 2026).

We have added a new analyte as follows:

- Benzyl alcohol added to PT-CS-27 (Preservatives in cream)

OTHER SCHEMES/SAMPLES OF INTEREST

We have a number of other Consumer Safety schemes available which may be of interest to you. Further details can be found on our [Consumer Safety schemes webpage](#)

GENERAL NOTES

Please note:

- All prices stated are exclusive of VAT and carriage charges.
- VAT (charged at the prevailing rate) is payable by all participants based in the UK.
- Participants will pay an additional fee to cover courier charges. Please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for up-to-date charges (where not specified previously in the application form).
- All courier charges set by LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing do not include local import charges, taxes (etc.), which will be covered by the participant.
- Do not send remittance with this form, you will be invoiced subsequently after the despatch of each round.
- No refunds will be given for failure to take part in any round of the PT scheme.
- LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing reserves the right to not send samples or the report for previous samples to any participant that has not paid their subscriptions within the terms stated on the invoice.
- LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing cannot guarantee the number of participants that will return results for any particular parameter in each round.
- The prices stated are for reporting results and receiving reports electronically via PORTAL (internet reporting).
- Surplus PT samples (Quality Control Material) are available; please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for further information.
- By submitting this application form, you are agreeing to comply by [LGC's Standard Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Laboratory Quality Products and Services](#). Furthermore, for test samples containing microorganisms with a bio safety level (BSL) of 1 or 2, you are confirming that you are complying with applicable laws and regulations when using such materials.

LGC AXIO PT FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

Name	
Customer	
Site	
Currency	
Address ID	
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