Proficiency Testing - Chocolate & Cocoa (QCS)
APPLICATION FORM - 2027

UKAS PROFICIENCY TESTING 29821

The Chocolate & Cocoa (QCS) proficiency testing scheme includes chemical and microbiological samples in chocolate and cocoa. 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 ☐

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 CT369	25 Jan 2027	01 Mar 2027	715,716	710,713,714,717
JUN CT374	01 Jun 2027	05 Jul 2027	715,716,718,719	710,714,720,721,722,725
SEP CT377	27 Sep 2027	01 Nov 2027	715,716,723	710,713,714,717,724,726

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.

CHEMISTRY

Samples Available				Round and Month (CT)			
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 369	JUN 374	SEP 377
PT-CT-715	150g	CT369: Dark chocolate (min 75%) CT374: Milk chocolate CT377: Flavoured Chocolate	Water activity; Moisture; Energy; Fat; Saturates; Total nitrogen; Carbohydrate; Total sugars; Fructose; Glucose; Sucrose; Salt (from sodium); Sodium; Butyric acid; Theobromine; Total dietary fibre; Lactose#	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CT-716	150g	Cocoa Powder	Energy; Fat; Saturates; Total nitrogen; Carbohydrate; Total sugars; Fructose; Glucose; Sucrose; Salt (from sodium); Sodium; Ash; Moisture; Theobromine; Caffeine; pH	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CT-718	30g	Cocoa Powder	Total Arsenic#; Cadmium; Lead; Nickel#	☐		☐	
PT-CT-719 *	20g	Dark chocolate	Cadmium; Lead; Iron; Calcium; Chromium; Nickel	☐		☐	
PT-CT-723 *	100g	Cocoa liquor	Moisture; Free fatty acids; Total Fat; Carbohydrate; Protein; Fineness NEW	☐			☐

*Please note that this sample is not currently within the scope of LGC's UKAS accreditation.
#Please note that these analytes are not currently included in LGC's UKAS scope of accreditation.

MICROBIOLOGY

Samples Available				Round and Month (CT)			
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 369	JUN 374	SEP 377
PT-CT-710.	2 x 25g	Chocolate	Detection of *Salmonella* species	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CT-713	10g	Cocoa Powder	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of Enterococci; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms; Yeast; Mould	☐	☐		☐
PT-CT-714.	2 x 25g	Cocoa Powder	Detection of *Salmonella* species	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CT-717	10g	Chocolate	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of Enterococci; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms; Yeast; Mould	☐	☐		☐
PT-CT-720.	Vial + minimum 375g	Cocoa Powder	Detection of *Salmonella* species	☐		☐	
PT-CT-721	25g	Cocoa liquor	Detection of *Salmonella* species	☐		☐	
PT-CT-722 *	Vial + 10g	Cocoa liquor	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of Enterococci; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms; Yeast; Mould	☐		☐	
PT-CT-724 *	Vial + minimum 375g	Chocolate	Detection of *Salmonella* species	☐			☐
PT-CT-725 * NEW	Vial + minimum 375g	Cocoa liquor	Detection of *Salmonella* species	☐		☐	
PT-CT-726 * NEW	2 x Vial + minimum 50g	Cocoa powder	Detection of Enterobacteriaceae	☐			☐

*Please note that this sample is not currently within the scope of LGC's UKAS accreditation.

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 in the Scheme Information section on the Chocolate and Cocoa (QCS) webpage.

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: ☐

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

Send Test Materials to:		Send Invoices to:	
Contact name:		Contact name:	
Department:		Department:	
Company:		Company:	
Address:		Address:	
Town/City:		Town/City:	
County/State:		County/State:	
Post/Zip Code:		Post/Zip Code:	
Country:		Country:	
Tel:		Tel:	
E-mail:		E-mail:	
		VAT no:	

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.

The maximum number of repeat samples available is 10 per sample per round. If you require a larger quantity, please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for further information.

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 a number of new samples as follows:

- Sample PT-CT-725 (Presence/absence of *Salmonella* in Cocoa liquor). This will be available in round CT374 (June 2027).
- Sample PT-CT-726 (Presence/absence of Enterobacteriaceae in Cocoa Powder). This will be available in round CT377 (September 2027).

We have added a new analyte as follows:

- Fineness added to PT-CT-723 (Cocoa liquor analysis)

We have added PT-CT-721 for Presence/absence of Salmonella in cocoa liquor as accredited under LGC's fixed scope of UKAS accreditation.

OTHER SCHEMES/SAMPLES OF INTEREST

We have a number of other Food and Feed schemes available which may be of interest to you. Further details can be found on our Food and Feed 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	
PO no	
Carriage	
Renew ALY	
Year for PY	

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