

The Dairy Chemistry (QDCS) proficiency testing scheme includes chemical samples in dairy 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	Samples Available
JAN	CH357	26 Jan 2026	02 Mar 2026	27, 28, 29, 31, 32A, 32B, 36, 37, 38A, 38B, 39, 40, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 65, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75
APR	CH360	13 Apr 2026	18 May 2026	27, 28, 29, 31, 32A, 32B, 36, 37, 38A, 38B, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 62, 63, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77
JUL	CH363	27 Jul 2026	01 Sep 2026	27, 28, 29, 31, 32A, 32B, 36, 37, 38A, 38B, 39, 40, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 65, 70, 71, 72, 74
OCT	CH366	12 Oct 2026	16 Nov 2026	27, 28, 29, 31, 32A, 32B, 36, 37, 38A, 38B, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 63, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 76, 78

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.

Samples PT-CH-60, PT-CH-62, PT-CH-68 are subject to UK export control and as such, we require a licence to ship. Please ensure your order is placed 6 weeks prior to the despatch date to allow sufficient time to apply for a license. LGC will contact you with further information once the order is placed.

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.

Nutritional Information				Round and Month (CH)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	APR 360	JUL 363	OCT 366
PT-CH-36	250g	Butter	Energy; Fat; Saturates; Salt; Sodium; Moisture; pH; Solids-non-fat (SNF)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-37	100g	CH357: Cheshire CH360: Manchego CH363: Red Leicester CH366: Goat's milk cheese	Energy; Fat; Saturates; Protein; Salt; Sodium; Moisture; pH; Cholesterol; Calcium; Lactose; Ash	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-38B	120g	Whey powder	Moisture; Scorched particles; Fat; Protein; Ash; Lactose; Galactose; pH	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-43	120g	Whey protein concentrate	Fat; Protein; Moisture; Ash; pH; Bulk Density; Lactose; Insolubility Index	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-58	100g	CH357: Dairy free yogurt CH360: Low fat yogurt CH363: Full fat yogurt CH366: Fat free yogurt	Energy; Fat; Protein; Salt; Sodium; Total solids; pH; Calcium	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-59	100g	CH357: Low fat soft cheese CH360: Cheese spread CH363: Full fat soft cheese CH366: Mascarpone	Energy; Fat; Saturates; Protein; Salt; Sodium; Moisture; pH; Calcium; Lactose; Ash; Total dietary fibre	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Nutritional Information				Round and Month (CH)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	APR 360	JUL 363	OCT 366
PT-CH-63	100g	Cheese powder	Salt; Moisture; pH; Fat; Protein; Ash; Sodium; Colour#	☐				
PT-CH-66	100g	Condensed milk	Energy; Fat; Saturates; Carbohydrate; Total sugars; Protein; Salt; Sodium; pH	☐				
PT-CH-67	100g	Processed cheese	Energy; Fat; Saturates; Cholesterol; Carbohydrate; Total sugars; Protein; Salt; Sodium; Moisture; Sorbic acid; Lactose; Calcium; Phosphorus, pH	☐				
PT-CH-76 *	150g	Infant formula	Fat; Saturates; Carbohydrate; Total sugars; Protein; Salt; Fibre; Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA); Arachidonic acid (ARA); β-galactooligosaccharides (GOS); Chloride NEW ; Nitrogen (total) NEW ; Choline NEW ; Vitamin K1 (cis + trans) NEW ; Iodine NEW ; Non-protein nitrogen NEW	☐				

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Additives				Round and Month (CH)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	APR 360	JUL 363	OCT 366
PT-CH-44	20g	Infant milk powder	Vitamins A; B12; C; D; E; B1 NEW ; B2 NEW ; B6 NEW	☐				
PT-CH-65 *	50g	Milk powder	Nitrate; Nitrite	☐				
PT-CH-73 *	25g	Grated cheese	Natamycin	☐				

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Toxins				Round and Month (CH)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	APR 360	JUL 363	OCT 366
PT-CH-60 *	25ml	Freeze-dried milk	Aflatoxin M1	☐			☐	
PT-CH-62	70g	Soft cheese	Aflatoxin M1	☐		☐		
PT-CH-68.	2 x 50g	Freeze-dried cheese	Staphylococcal enterotoxins	☐		☐		☐

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Veterinary residues				Round and Month (CH)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	APR 360	JUL 363	OCT 366
PT-CH-70.	2 x 5ml	Freeze-dried milk	Presence/Absence of antibiotics (beta lactams)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-71.	2 x 5ml	Freeze-dried milk	Presence/Absence of antibiotics (sulphonamides)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-72.	2 x 5ml	Freeze-dried milk	Presence/Absence of antibiotics (tetracyclines)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Elements				Round and Month (CH)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	APR 360	JUL 363	OCT 366
PT-CH-42	20g	Infant milk powder	Calcium; Potassium; Copper; Sodium; Chloride; Iron; Magnesium; Manganese; Phosphorus; Zinc; Selenium# NEW	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-74 *	10g	Infant formula	Lead; Cadmium; Arsenic; Mercury; Nickel	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Composition/Quality				Round and Month (CH)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	APR 360	JUL 363	OCT 366
PT-CH-27	250ml	Skimmed/non-fat milk	Fat 0.10% to 0.50%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-28	250ml	Whole milk	Protein 3.0% to 4.0%; Calcium; Total Solids; Lactose	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-29	125ml	HCl solution	Titrateable Acidity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-31	2 x 10ml	Freeze-dried milk	Phosphatase	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-32A	250ml	Whole milk	pH	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-32B	250ml	Buffer solution	pH	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	APR 360	JUL 363	OCT 366
PT-CH-38A	120g	Skimmed milk powder	Moisture; Ash; Scorched Particles; pH	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-39	240g	Whipping cream	Fat 30% to 40%; Titratable Acidity; Protein; Dry Matter; pH	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-40	250ml	Semi-skimmed milk	Fat 1.2% to 2.0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-51	120g	Skimmed milk powder	Fat; Protein; WPNI; Titratable Acidity (rehydrated); Titratable acidity (milk powder); Insolubility Index; pH	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-52	120g	Whole milk powder	Fat; Protein; Moisture; WPNI; Titratable acidity (rehydrated); Titratable acidity (milk powder); Insolubility Index; pH	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-53	240g	Single/light cream	Fat 12% to 25%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-54	240g	Double/heavy cream	Fat 40% to 50%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-55	250ml	Whole milk	Fat 2.8% to 5.0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-56	250ml	Whole milk	Titratable Acidity; FPD	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-CH-75 *	150-200ml	Liquid infant formula	Density	☐	☐			

Composition/Quality				Round and Month (CH)				
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 357	APR 360	JUL 363	OCT 366
PT-CH-77 *	250ml	Skimmed/non-fat milk	Protein; Calcium; Total solids; Lactose	☐		☐		
PT-CH-78 *	50g	Butter	2,3 butanedione (diacetyl)	☐				☐

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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:	Contact name:
Department:	Department:
Company:	Company:
Address:	Address:
Town/City:	Town/City:
County:	County:
Post/Zip Code:	Post/Zip Code:
Country:	Country:
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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

VOLUME QUANTITY DISCOUNT

Please note that any additional/duplicate samples ordered will not contribute to the calculation of volume discount, but will be charged at a lower rate (see Repeat/Additional samples section).

Samples purchased per order	Volume Discount
1-5	0.0%
6-9	10.0%
10-19	17.0%
20-29	27.0%
30-49	30.0%
50+	33.0%

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 added a number of new analytes as follows:

- Chloride, Nitrogen, Choline, Vitamin K1 (cis + trans), Iodine, Non-protein Nitrogen added to PT-CH-76 (Powdered infant formula for nutritional analysis)
- Selenium added to PT-CH-42 (Infant Milk Formula for element analysis)
- Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2 and Vitamin B6 added to PT-CH-44 (Infant Milk Formula for vitamin analysis)

We have changed the frequency of the following samples:

- PT-CH-74 (Infant Milk Formula for heavy metals analysis) has been increased from 1 round to 2 rounds
- PT-CH-76 (Powdered infant formula for nutritional analysis) has been increased from 1 round to 2 rounds

We have removed the analyte Net carbohydrate from sample PT-CH-76 (Powdered infant formula for nutritional analysis)

Due to low participation numbers, we have removed the below sample:

- PT-CH-35 (Potassium hydrogen phthalate)

OTHER SCHEMES/SAMPLES OF INTEREST

We have a number of other samples which may be of interest to you:

- PT-FC-774 (Water activity in cheese) Further information can be found on our [PT-FC-774 web page](#)

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](#).

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