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**TestQual 159 PROTOCOL**  
***Pesticides residues (QuPPe & QuEChERS)***  
***in Strawberry***

## Summary of changes

Changes marked with *blue* or **highlighted blue**.

Rev01 →

- Acceptance deadline of applications updated.
- Text added regarding LOQs and applications acceptance.
- More info added about subcontracting done.
- If z'-score is issued, it will be accredited and the difference against z-score will be included in the report.
- Other minor changes

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## 0. GLOSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

Text	Abbreviation
TestQual	TQ
Proficiency test	PT / P.T.
Limit Of Quantification	LOQ
Not Analysed	NA

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document describes the **protocol** of the **TestQual 159** Proficiency Test (P.T.), belonging to the analysis of **Pesticides residues (QuPpe & QuEChERS)** in **Strawberry**.

In the present document is detailed how to start working with TestQual, send your application to participate, the statistic that will be applied and information about the evaluation report.

TestQual, S.L. is committed to maintaining confidentiality with the information of each laboratory from the beginning of the proficiency test.

## 2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the **TestQual 159** Proficiency Test is to evaluate the quality and accuracy of the results sent by the participating laboratories. Because of this, proficiency testing is an essential element of laboratory quality assurance. It will help to control and detect errors in their results or methods of analysis.

## 3. CALENDAR

The following table shows the program for this proficiency test:

Date	Activity	Carried out by
Week 12 (21/Mar/22)	<i>Deadline to reserve PT sample. Ensured reviewing* of application.</i>	Participants
<i>Week 15 (13/Apr/22)</i>	<i>Deadline to send application (acceptance depends on availability)</i>	<i>Participants</i>
Week 16 (18/Apr & 19/Apr/22)	Sample delivery	TestQual
Week 19 (13/May/22)	Final date to submit results	Participants
Week 22 (03/Jun/22)	Final report (Email and/or client area)	TestQual

*\*Participants are requested in the application to submit their LOQ/LOQs, for PTs with multiple possible analytes, if participants analyse above a certain percentage (as described in our internal procedure) of present/planned analytes the participation is accepted, a laboratory code*

*is granted and sent by email to confirm the participation acceptance to the user of the TestQual's account.*

The dates of this calendar might be slightly changed according to the development of the proficiency test during the year. However, any change would be notified to all participants announcing it on our website [www.TestQual.com](http://www.TestQual.com).

The **coordinator** of this proficiency test will be Jose Pedro Navarro. *Vicente*. Any question regarding the development of the proficiency test, *the application status or any other query* can be consulted by email to [jpnavarro@testqual.com](mailto:jpnavarro@testqual.com).

#### **4. REGISTER AND PARTICIPATION REQUEST (APPLICATION FORM)**

##### **NEW CLIENT**

If your laboratory has not participated before in one of our proficiency tests you will have to register on the [REGISTER](#) form.

Once you have completed and sent the form you will have to wait until the activation of the account from the website administrator. If some more information is needed someone from our team will get in contact with you through the phone or email you used during your registration.

You can find our contact data at the end of this protocol.

For those laboratories that require more than one contact per account or are in a situation not contemplated in this protocol will have to contact the organizer using the Contact tab to be instructed how to proceed.

##### **APPLICATION FOR THE PROFICIENCY TEST**

To participate in this proficiency test or be updated via email of any changes regarding this proficiency test is required to have a laboratory code. To get your laboratory code is needed to apply through the website or have it arranged by the coordinator at least 24h before the shipping of the samples.

In the Proficiency Tests Tab on our website, you will have to select the proficiency test you want to participate, by clicking its name or the shopping cart you will enter the page with general information and a summary of that proficiency test, there you can find the present document (the protocol) and the button to start the application.

If you did not log in before you will be requested to do so and then the website will require you to submit your Limit Of Quantification (LOQ) for the parameters you will study. The compounds left as NA (NOT ANALYSED) will NOT appear in the Results form and therefore will not be able to send results for those parameters through the website.

Once the application has been sent, as soon as possible, it will be checked by the website administrator, and you will be sent an email with the participation code. This code will be just known only by the organizer and the participant and will be always kept confidential, even after the proficiency test finishes.

You can check on the dashboard of your client area if an application you sent has been accepted or is still pending.

Just one application per exercise can be sent by each laboratory, being not allowed for a laboratory to participate with two different codes.

The applications of the laboratories will be studied and accepted in base of the quantification limits of the analytes of the proficiency test and if the logistics allow the sample shipping without risk of deterioration.

According to the experience, TestQual can anticipate that the number of participants of this proficiency test will be around **15-27**, being 11 the minimum participants for the proficiency test to take place.

## 5. PREPARATION. *DISTRIBUTION AND CONTROL*

**TestQual 159** scheme is a proficiency test based in the analysis of **Pesticides residues (QuPpe & QuEChERS)** in **Strawberry** that has been spiked with **standards**.

The material will be bought in an specialized shop in Spain and analysed by a subcontracted laboratory that holds the standard UNE-EN ISO/IEC 17025 into force.

The material is spiked with a solution with the analytes of the P.T., submerged into liquid nitrogen and once frozen its triturated at a controlled temperature until the texture is a puree or snow-like. Then samples are stored in a freezer until distribution to participants.

*The distribution of samples was subcontracted to a courier previously homologated by TestQual.*

*The main criteria being the courier's delivery time to ensure the receival of the sample is correct in the participant's facilities.*

*In addition to this, TestQual stablished other characteristics important for a courier like shipping management (tracking, notifications, exceptions), and ensuring the delivery conditions are proper (low breakage/lost ratio, keeping of cold chain, required documentation), always checking and evaluating they are complying with TestQual's requirements.*

Before the samples are distributed, for the assessment of the homogeneity of the lot of samples prepared, ten samples from the lot will be selected randomly and analysed in duplicate by TestQual's collaborator laboratory under repeatability conditions. If the mean concentration obtained from this study is not within the planned range, the participants will be informed and a new distribution day might be scheduled if another spiking is deemed as necessary.

For stability assessment purpose, three samples are analysed, in duplicate, before, during and at the end (once all laboratories have sent the results) of the proficiency test.

*The quality controls subcontracted by TestQual, including verification of adequacy of the matrix, homogeneity/stability quality controls and any other analytical study required by TestQual will be subcontracted to an accredited laboratory in ISO/IEC 17025 into force.*

*In the evaluation report will be included the conclusions and if applies, any comment regarding homogeneity &/or stability. Additionally, the results of these tests and the spiking evaluation is available to all participants of this proficiency test upon request*

## **6. TEST MATERIAL AND SAMPLE SHIPMENT**

The shipment of the test materials will take place on the date shown in the calendar, to the address provided by each laboratory in the application. Specific delivery dates can change from the scheduled dates of the calendar, but all changes will be announced both in the website and by mail to the registered laboratories.

This PT will consist in a single round in which will be sent a sample of approximately **100-150 g** of test material. The samples will be sent by courier service (MRW, FedEx, DHL or TNT, depending on the destination).

The material will be sent with materials and package that ensures the samples arrives correctly. The transit will be 1, 2 or 3 days to the destination country, depending on the location of the receiving laboratory.

The shipping conditions for this PT are:

FROZEN, isothermal boxes will be used and filled with cold packs to keep the temperature controlled.

The shipping costs are not included in the price displayed on the website, which can only be seen if you are registered and logged in. To get an approximation of the shipping costs you can get your quotation by using the contact data at the end of this protocol.

A second test material can be requested date if necessary. If the package and/or the sample arrived damaged, defective, or not valid the participating laboratory will have to notify of this to the coordinator before two working days to get another sample.

Before the shipment, TestQual will send the instructions for storage and analysis via email and confirm the distribution date. You can request a paper copy to be attached to the package and/or TestQual might decide to include it in addition to have it sent by email.

From TestQual we encourage our participants to read it carefully and follow its instructions, as it can help to correctly conserve the sample and increase the reproducibility of the analysis.

You can request a digital copy of this document by letting us know through any communication channel.

## 7. CONCENTRATION RANGES, SIGMA OBJECTIVE AND ANALYTES

For this proficiency tests the range of concentration for the target analytes might be between **10** and **300 µg/Kg approximately**. This range is not absolute and depending on the various factors some or no analyte might be within this range. This range is given to provide participants a sense of the concentration ranges we usually work and expect in these kind of proficiency tests (combination of analyte/matrix).

The **sigma objective ( $\hat{\sigma}$ )** which works in this scheme can be checked on section 9 of this protocol.

**Before the shipping of the samples you would receive through email the sample instructions, please, it is really important that you read them carefully and if you have any doubt or if you have not received them the week before the sample distribution, let us know before starting the analysis.**

The **possible pesticides** in the Strawberry are from the list below:

2-Phenylphenol	Butoxycarboxim	Cyanophos	Endosulfan-beta
3,5-Dichloroaniline	Butralin	Cycloxydim	Endosulfan-sulfate
3-Hydroxy-carbofuran	Buturon	Cyprodinil	Endrin
4,4-Dichlorobenzophenone	Cadusafos	Deltamethrin	EPN
Abamectin	Captan	Demeton-S-methyl	Epoxiconazole
Acephate	Carbaryl	Demeton-S-methyl sulfone	Etaconazole
Acetamiprid	Carbendazim	Desmetryn	Ethion
Acetochlor	Carbophenothion	Dialifos	Ethoprophos
Acionifen	Carbofuran	Diazinon	Etoxazole
Acrinathrin	Chlorantraniliprole	Dicaphthion	Ethiofencarb
Alachlor	Chlorbromuron	Dichlofenthion	Ethiofencarb -sulfone
Aldicarb	Chlorfenapyr	Dichlormid	Ethiofencarb -sulfoxide
Aldicarb sulfone	Chlorfenvinphos	Dichlobenil	Etofenprox
Aldicarb sulfoxide	Chlormephos	Diclobutrazol	Ethofumesate
Aldrin	Chloroneb	Dichlofluanid	Etrifos
Anthraquinone	Chloropropylate	Diclofop-methyl	Famoxadone
Atrazine	Chlorpyrifos	Dicloran	Famphur (Famophos)
Azaconazole	Chlorpyrifos Methyl	Dicrotophos	Fenarimol
Azinphos-ethyl	Chlorthion	Dieldrin	Fenazaquin
Azinphos-methyl	Chlorthiophos	Diethofencarb	Fenbuconazole
Azoxystrobin	Cyanazine	Difenoconazole	Fenbutatin oxide
Benalaxyl	Cyazofamid	Difenoconazole	Fenchlorphos
Bendiocarb	Cyfluthrin	Diflubenzuron	Fenhexamid
Benfluralin	Cymoxanil	Diflufenican	Fenitrothion
Benfuresate	Cypermethrin	Dimethenamid	Fenoxycarb
Bentazone	Cyproconazole	Dimethoate	Fenpropathrin
Bifenthrin	Clethodim	Dimethomorph	Fenpropimorph
Bitertanol	Clofentezine	Dimoxystrobin	Fenpyroximate
Boscalid	Clomazone	Diniconazole	Fensulfthion
Brodifacoum	Cloquintocet-mexyl	Dioxacarb	Fenthion
Bromacil	Chlorfenson	Dioxathion	Phenthoate
Bromocyclen	Chlorotoluron	Diphenylamine	Fenuron
Bromophos-ethyl	Chloroxuron	Dipropetryn	Fenvalerate
Bromophos	Chlorpropham	Disulfoton	Fipronil
Bromopropylate	Chlorsulfuron	Ditalimfos	Flonicamid
Bromuconazole	Chlorthal-dimethyl	Diuron	Fluazifop-P-butyl
Bupirimate	Clothianidin	Dodine	Fluchloralin
Buprofezin	Coumaphos	Emamectin benzoate	Flucythrinate
Butafenacil	Kresoxim-methyl	B1a	Fludioxinil
Butamifos	Crimidine	Endosulfan-alpha	Flufenoxuron
	Cyanofenphos		

Flumetralin	Malathion	Pendimethalin	Quintozene
Fluometuron	Mecarbam	Pentachloroanisole	Rotenone
Fluotrimazole	Mefenpyr-diethyl	Permethrin	Simazine
Fluquinconazole	Mepanipyrim		Simetryn
Flusilazole	Mepronil	1,1-(2,2-	Spinosad A+D
Flutolanil	Metalaxyl	dichloroethylidene)	Spirodiclofen
Flutriafol	Metamitron	bis(4-	Spiromesifen
Folpet	Metazachlor	methoxybenzene)	Spiroxamine
Fonofos	Methacrifos		Sulfotep
Formothion	Methamidophos	(methoxychlor	Sulprofos
Phosalone	Methidathion	metabolite)	Tebuconazole
Phosphamidon	Methomyl	Phenmedipham	Tebufenozide
Phosmet	Methoxychlor	Picoxystrobin	Tebufenpyrad
Furalaxyl	Methoxyfenozide	Piperonyl butoxide	Tebupirimfos
Furathiocarb	Metobromuron	Pyraclostrobin	Tecnazene
HCH-Alpha	Metolachlor	Pyrazphos	Teflubenzuron
HCH-Beta	Methoprotryne	Pyridaben	Tefluthrin
HCH-Delta	Metoxuron	Pyrifeno	Terbacil
HCH-Gamma (lindane)	Metribuzin	Pirimicarb	Terbufos
Heptachlor	Mevinphos	Pirimicarb-desmethyl	Terbumeton
Heptachlor-epoxide	Myclobutanil	Pirimiphos-ethyl	Terbuthylazine
Heptenophos	Molinate	Pirimiphos-methyl	Terbutryn
Hexachlorobenzene	Monocrotophos	Pyriproxyfen	Tetraconazole
Hexaconazole	Monolinuron	pp-DDE	Tetradifon
Hexaflumuron	Monuron	pp-TDE(DDD)	Tetramethrin
Hexazinone	Napropamide	Prochloraz	Tetrasul
Hexythiazox	Neburon	Procymidone	Thiabendazole
Imazalil	Nitenpyram	Propham	Thiacloprid
Imazamethabenz-	Nitrofen	Profenofos	Thiamethoxam
methyl	Nitrothal-isopropyl	Profluralin	Thiodicarb
Imidacloprid	Norflurazon	Promecarb	Thiobencarb
Indoxacarb	Nuarimol	Prometryn	Thiometon
Iprobenfos	Ofurace	Propachlor	Tolclofos-methyl
Iprodione	Omethoate	Propamocarb	Triadimefon
Iprovalicarb	op-TDE (DDD)	Propanil	Triadimenol
Isazofos	Oxadiazon	Propargite	Triazophos
Isocarbophos	Oxadixyl	Propetamphos	Trichloronate
Isofenphos	Oxamyl	Propiconazole	Tridemorph
Isofenphos-methyl	Oxamyl-oxime	Propyzamide	Trifloxystrobin
Isoproturon	Oxydemeton-methyl	Propoxur	Triflumuron
Lambda-Cyhalothrin	Oxyfluorfen	Prosulfocarb	Trifluralin
Lenacil	Paclobutrazol	Prothiofos	Vinclozolin
Leptophos	Parathion	Pyridafenthion	Yodofenfos
Linuron	Parathion-methyl	Pirimethanil	Zoxamide
Lufenuron	Pebulate	Quinalpho	
Malaonox	Penconazole	Quinoxyfen	

**Additionally, some of the following** pesticides that are reported as sum will be **present/spiked** in the proficiency test:

2,4-D (Might be present in its acid form, as an ester, conjugate, or a combination of these).

Fluazifop-P (Might be present in its acid form, as an ester, conjugate, or a combination of these).

Haloxifop-P (Might be present in its acid form, as an ester, conjugate, or a combination of these).

Ioxinil (Might be present in its acid form, as a salt, as an ester, conjugate, or a combination of these).

MCPA-MCPB (Might be present in its acid form, as a salt, as an ester, conjugate, or a combination of these).

Quizalofop (Might be present in its acid form, as a salt, as an ester, conjugate, or a combination of these).

Results will be reported as follows:

- 2,4-D (sum of 2,4-D, its salts, its esters and its conjugates, expressed as 2,4-D)
- MCPA and MCPB (MCPA, MCPB including their salts, esters and conjugates expressed as MCPA)
- Fluazifop-P (sum of all the constituent isomers of fluazifop, its esters and its conjugates, expressed as fluazifop)
- Ioxynil (sum of ioxynil and its salts, expressed as ioxynil)
- Quizalofop (sum of quizalofop, its salts, its esters (including propaquizafop) and its conjugates, expressed as quizalofop (any ratio of constituent isomers))
- Haloxyfop (Sum of haloxyfop, its esters, salts and conjugates expressed as haloxyfop (sum of the R- and S- isomers at any ratio))

In addition to a confidential number of pesticides from the previous list of possible pesticides this PT will include the analysis of **Fosetyl-Al** and **Glyphosate (\*)**.

In this regard each participant shall report his results as the European legislation 2016/75 (...) amending Annex III from No 396/2005 (...) levels for fosetyl (...):

- “Fosetyl\_Al (Sum)” will be evaluated as “Fosetyl-Al (sum of fosetyl, phosphonic acid and their salts, expressed as fosetyl)”.

The lot of samples will be spiked/present with at least one or both of the following analytes:

- “Phosphonic Acid” as “Phosphonic acid and their salts”.
- “Fosetyl” as only “Fosetyl” (Molecular Weight=109.04 g/mol).

The results for Glyphosate (\*) will have to be reported as EU applicable legislation No 293/2013 of 20 March 2013 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 (..), Glyphosate (\*) (..)

- “Glyphosate (\*)” as “Glyphosate (\*)” (MW=169.07 g/mol).

## 8. RESULTS EXPRESSION

Each participant laboratory must analyse the sample received according to their routine procedure and fill up the RESULTS form of its client are of the website [www.TestQual.com](http://www.TestQual.com) with just one value per analyte/parameter.

The results should be expressed in **µg/Kg**. The number of significant figures and the units are to be chosen by laboratories and will be displayed in the report as received through the website.

The method used for the analysis of each compound informed should be sent when filling up the results form.

The organizer should get the results before the fixed data of the scheme.

If you have any problem logging in to your client area or submitting your results you can contact the coordinator of the PT for guidance or help.

Once the results are sent you can check if they were correctly recorded by accessing the detailed information of this proficiency test, which can be accessed in your client area.

## 9. STATISTICAL EVALUATION

TestQual will develop the following statistical evaluation:

TestQual considers as an **extreme outlier** any data which differs more than **50 %** of the average of all results reported by the laboratories, according to the Harmonize Protocol of the IUPAC. These extreme values will not be included in the calculation of the assigned value.

Once received all the results, TestQual evaluates the unimodality of all the values by Kernel test, being explained in the final report which is the followed procedure in case there is more than one distribution.

The **assigned value ( $X$ )** is determined using the robust average of the results considered valid for statistical computing (after eliminating the extreme outliers), according to the standard ISO 13528 into force.

The **standard uncertainty ( $u_x$ )** is calculated using robust statistics from the following formula:

$$u_x = s^*/\sqrt{p}$$

Being  $s^*$  the robust standard deviation of the data and  $p$  the number of results considered.

The following condition must be fulfilled in order to discard the contribution of the uncertainty:

$$u_x \leq 0,3 \hat{\sigma}$$

The **standard deviation for proficiency assessment**, also named **target standard deviation, ( $\hat{\sigma}$ )**, comes from this formula:

$$\hat{\sigma} = b_i \cdot X$$

Being  $b_i = \%_{DSRA} / 100$ , and  $\%_{DSRA}$  is the assigned relative standard deviation.

In this case, the assigned relative standard deviation is **25 %**.

This value is fixed previously by the organizer based in the experience of TestQual organizing this and similar proficiency tests.

**Proficiency assessment (z-score):** This parameter shows the competence and accuracy of the laboratory. It is calculated using the following formula:

$$z = (x_i - X) / \hat{\sigma}$$

Where  $x_i$  is the value reported by the laboratories,  $X$  is the assigned value, and  $\hat{\sigma}$  is the target standard deviation for each analyte.

The criteria for defining the z-score values are:

	$ z $	$\leq 2$	Satisfactory
2 <	$ z $	$\leq 3$	Questionable
	$ z $	$> 3$	Unsatisfactory

In case the inequation  $u_x \leq 0,3 \hat{\sigma}$  is not fulfilled, the participants of the scheme will be informed in the report that the uncertainty is not negligible. For the parameters/analytes in which this situation occurs, **the following calculation will be made:**

$$z'\text{-score} = (x_i - X) / \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 + U_x^2}$$

Where  $x_i$  is the value reported by the laboratories,  $X$  is the assigned value,  $\hat{\sigma}$  is the target standard deviation for each analyte and  $U_x$  is the uncertainty of the assigned value.

The criteria for defining the  $z'$ -score values are:

	$ z' $	$\leq 2$	Satisfactory
2 <	$ z' $	$\leq 3$	Questionable
	$ z' $	$> 3$	Unsatisfactory

***The  $z'$ -score is a subestimation of the  $z$ -score, for this reason, for those analytes in which the uncertainty of the assigned value cannot be neglected and a  $z'$ -score is issued, it will be accompanied by the percentual difference against  $z$ -score, this way participants should be able to complete evaluate their performance.***

***The evaluation could be informative if the difference between scores surpasses the limit contemplated in our procedure. If any analyte or evaluation is informative it will be indicated in the report through marking and a legend.***

**False negatives:** Any analyte not reported in the results that is in the sample above the limit of quantification previously established for this proficiency test by the organization and above the LOQ of the participant laboratory (**10  $\mu\text{g/Kg}$** ). TestQual assigns to all false negatives a result equal to half the laboratory limit of quantitation (LOQ/2).

**False positives:** Those analytes reported in the results, which is not present in the test material, and is reported by the participant at concentrations higher than the limit of quantification of the P.T. (**10  $\mu\text{g/Kg}$** ).

#### **Testing for sufficient homogeneity:**

Once the samples are prepared ten of them will be chosen at random and sent to be analysed by TestQual's collaborator laboratory. Once received the results, a statistical evaluation will be performed, according to the IUPAC Harmonic Protocol.

The acceptance criterion to ensure that the randomly chosen samples are homogeneous is that the square of the estimated sampling standard deviation is below the critical value for accepting proper homogeneity:

$$S_{sam}^2 < c$$

In the first place to check the criterion,  $S_{sam}^2$  which is the estimated sampling standard deviation, was calculated from:

$$S_{sam} = \left( \frac{V_s}{2} - S_{an} \right)$$

Firstly  $V_s$  is the variance of the sums  $S_i$ :

$$V_s = \sum \frac{(S_i - \bar{S})^2}{m - 1}$$

Where  $S_i$  was obtained from the addition of each duplicate result from the homogeneity;  $\bar{S}$  is the mean of all  $S_i$  and  $m$  is the number of samples (10 samples).

And secondly  $S_{an}^2$ , which is the experimental estimate of analytical standard deviation, is obtained following the next formula:

$$S_{an}^2 = \frac{\sum D_i}{2m}$$

where  $D_i$  is the result of the subtraction of each pair of replicates from the homogeneity and  $m$  is the number of samples.

In second place to check the criterion for sufficient homogeneity the critical value  $c$  was obtained from:

$$c = F_1 \cdot \sigma_{all}^2 + F_2 \cdot S_{an}^2$$

Being  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  constants with values equal to 1.88 and 1.01 respectively for 10 samples.  $S_{an}^2$  has already been calculated and  $\sigma_{all}^2$  is obtained from:

$$\sigma_{all}^2 = (0.3 \cdot \hat{\sigma})^2$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}$  is the target standard deviation, which is calculated with the formula:

$$\hat{\sigma} = 0.25 \cdot \bar{X}$$

Being  $\bar{X}$ , the mean of the 20 values from the homogeneity.

#### **Testing for sufficient stability:**

Three samples will be analysed, in duplicate, before, during and at the end (once all laboratories have sent the results) of the proficiency test.

With these values, a study is performed according to the up to date SANTE guide (SANTE/12682/2019 Guidance document on analytical quality control), referred to analysis under repeatability conditions.

The acceptance criteria to ensure the samples have been stable during the whole proficiency test are the following:

$$\begin{aligned} |(X_{t1} - X_{t2}) / X_{t1}| \cdot 100 &\leq 10\% \\ |(X_{t1} - X_{t3}) / X_{t1}| \cdot 100 &\leq 10\% \end{aligned}$$

Being  $| (X_{t1} - X_{tn}) / X_{t1} |$  the difference between the average of the samples analysed before, during and at the end of the proficiency test.

## 10. EVALUATION REPORT

Once received and statistically evaluated all of the participating laboratories results, TestQual will send a final report that summarizes the participation of each laboratory.

This final report will be received by the laboratories via e-mail in PDF format or an email notifying that the report is now available to be downloaded from the private area of each participant in [www.TestQual.com](http://www.TestQual.com).

If desired, the laboratory may request the report in paper, and it will be sent to its laboratory by mail.

In the event that a participant wishes to appeal against the assessment program performance, a written appellation must be sent by e-mail to [jpnavarro@testqual.com](mailto:jpnavarro@testqual.com) explaining the reasons for it.

## 11. CONTACT

TestQual puts at your disposal any of the following means to contact our team:

Website:	<a href="#">Contact</a>
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## 12. REFERENCES

TestQual Proficiency Testing Schemes are based on the following standards:

UNE-EN ISO/IEC 17043, first edition 2010-02-01. Conformity assessment- General requirements for proficiency testing.

ISO13528:2015, second edition 2015-08-01. Statistical methods for use in proficiency testing by interlaboratory comparison.

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EU Pesticides database (v.2.2) Search Pesticides residues

SANTE/12682/2019, 1st January 2020, Guidance document on analytical quality control and method validation procedures for pesticides residues analysis in food and feed.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/75 of 21 January 2016 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for FOSETYL in or on certain products

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Commission Regulation (EU) No 293/2013 of 20 March 2013 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for emamectin benzoate, etofenprox, etoxazole, flutriafol, GLYPHOSATE (\*), phosmet, pyraclostrobin, spinosad and spirotetramat in or on certain products

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COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/1016 of 14 June 2017 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for benzovindiflupyr, chlorantraniliprole, deltamethrin, ethofumesate, haloxyfop, Mild Pepino Mosaic Virus isolate VC1, Mild Pepino Mosaic Virus isolate VX1, oxathiapiprolin, penthiopyrad, pyraclostrobin, spirotetramat, sunflower oil, tolclofos-methyl and trinexapac in or on certain products

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COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2019/973 of 13 June 2019 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for bispyribac, denatonium benzoate, fenoxycarb, flurochloridone, quizalofop-P-ethyl, quizalofop-P-tefuryl, propaquizafop, tebufenozide in or on certain products

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COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2019/91 of 18 January 2019 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for buprofezin, diflubenzuron, ethoxysulfuron, ioxynil, molinate, picoxystrobin and tepraloxydim in or on certain products

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COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2018/1514 of 10 October 2018 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for abamectin, acibenzolar-S-methyl, clopyralid, emamectin, fenhexamid,

fenpyrazamine, fluazifop-P, isofetamid, Pasteuria nishizawae Pn1, talc E553B and tebuconazole in or on certain products

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COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 491/2014 of 5 May 2014 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for ametoctradin, azoxystrobin, cycloxydim, cyfluthrin, dinotefuran, fenbuconazole, fenvalerate, fludioxonil, fluopyram, flutriafol, fluxapyroxad, glufosinateammonium, imidacloprid, indoxacarb, MCPA, methoxyfenozide, penthiopyrad, spinetoram and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products.

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COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2019/1791 of 17 October 2019 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1-decanol, 2,4-D, ABE-IT 56, cyprodinil, dimethenamid, fatty alcohols, florpyrauxifen-benzyl, fludioxonil, fluopyram, mepiquat, pendimethalin, picolinafen, pyraflufen-ethyl, pyridaben, S-abscisic acid and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products

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