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Note to the European Customs Laboratories and their respective Customs 2020 National Coordinators

Customs 2020 programme: Invitation to the CLEN discussion meeting of the proficiency test on mineral oils and study on aromatics to be held in Budapest, Hungary on 17 & 18 March 2015 (commencing at 10:00 - ending at 17:00)

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Or one of their colleagues

A proficiency test on mineral oils has been performed in 2010-2011 as part of the GCL (now CLEN) Action 2 activities. During the 5th Customs Laboratories Steering Group meeting in March 2013, it was decided to carry out a new proficiency test in 2014,

combined with a test on the determination of the content of aromatic constituents in petroleum products.

In December 2013, a group of volunteers met in Budapest, Hungary, in order to define and prepare this new test. During this meeting, it was finally decided to have two separate tests carried out:

- **A proficiency test on mineral oils**, with the determination of several parameters on mineral oil products (colour number, sulphated ash, saponification number, flash point, sulphur content, etc.) and the determination of the content of aromatic constituents in products with a distillation end point exceeding 315 °C (comparaison of the method of Annex A CNEN Chapter 27 and a method developed by the Polish Customs Laboratories).
- **A study on aromatics**, to assess the existing analytical methods (ASTM methods D2549 and D2007, method of Annex A CNEN Chapter 27, etc.) for the determination of the aromatics content.

These tests have been performed by 33 and 6 laboratories respectively, between September and November 2014.

A meeting to discuss the results of these tests is organised with the participants.

Please note that **the meeting is organised at the Leonardo Hotel Budapest** (H-1094, Budapest Tompa utca 30-34), in **Budapest, Hungary, on 17&18 March 2015** (1st day: 10:00-17:00, 2nd day: 09:30-17:00). The meeting will be held in English.

One delegate per Member State having taken part in the above mentioned test (in addition to the Hungarian coordinator and the French Action leader) **can be reimbursed from the Customs 2020 budget** under the conditions specified in the financial guide.

The financial code is CPG/010/005.

The delegates should **confirm their participation by 9 March 2015** at the latest, to CLEN-TAS@eurofins.com.

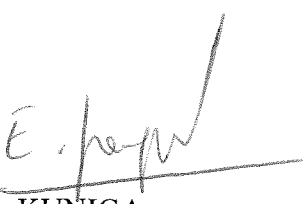
In addition, National Coordinators are requested to register their participants in the Activity Reporting Tool by the same deadline.

For the accommodation at the Leonardo Hotel Budapest, delegates are invited to fill in the **Hotel Registration Form** annexed to this invitation and send it **by 9 March 2015** to reservations.budapest@leonardo-hotels.com, with a copy to Customs2020@nav.gov.hu.

Delegates should contact their Customs 2020 National Coordinator before making any travel arrangements.

Note: the Republic of Moldova and Switzerland are most welcome to send delegates, however these delegates will not be covered by the Customs 2020 budget.

The proposed agenda is annexed to this invitation.


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DRAFT AGENDA

17 March 2015 (10:00-17:00) and 18 March 2015 (09:30-17:00)

Budapest, Hungary

**Meeting of the participants to the CLEN proficiency test
on mineral oils and study on aromatics**

- 1/ Welcome and adoption of the agenda.
- 2/ Presentation of the proficiency test on mineral oils and the study on aromatics: backgrounds, samples, parameters, etc.
- 3/ Discussion and interpretation of the analytical results of the proficiency test on mineral oils: results, comments, draft report and preliminary conclusions.
- 4/ Discussion and interpretation of the analytical results of the study on aromatics: results, comments, draft report and preliminary conclusions.
- 5/ Conclusion on the proficiency test and study and eventual recommendations.
- 6/ Discussion on an official definition of the term “aromatics”.
- 7/ Discussion on the possible amendment of method of Annex A CNEN Chapter 27.
- 8/ Any other questions.