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

**Customs 2020 programme: CLEN – Meetings of the participants in proficiency tests
Invitation to the CLEN preparatory meeting of the
third proficiency test on sugars and sugar containing products
to be held in Brussels,
on 30th March 2016 (09:30 - 17:30)**

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Or one of their colleagues

During the 18th CLEN Plenary meeting in February 2016, it was confirmed that a third CLEN proficiency test on sugars and sugar containing products should be organised.

The aim of this proficiency test is to provide and compare the analytical results obtained from many Customs Laboratories for the analyses of sugar in various products as well as the degree of polarisation in sugars.

The proficiency test will concentrate on parameters or products for which there are no commercial proficiency test available.

It will also take into account the evolution of the legislation resulting from the end of sugar market quotas scheduled in 2017.

This meeting will aim at defining the proficiency test: choice of matrices and analytical methods, number of replicates, presentation of the results, etc.

Please note that **the meeting will take place at the European Commission DG TAXUD premises, 40 rue du Luxembourg (meeting room SDR4), in Brussels, Belgium, on Wednesday 30th March 2016 (09:30-17:30).** The meeting will be held in English.

One delegate per invited Member State can be reimbursed from the Customs 2020 budget under the conditions specified in the financial guide.

The financial code is CPG/010/009.

The delegates should **confirm their participation by 21th March 2016** at the latest, to CLEN-TAS@eurofins.com, and Aliz.KOVACS-NEGYELICZKY@ec.europa.eu.

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

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

Officials attending events organized under the programmes have to **respect the reporting obligation** under the Performance Measurement Framework (PMF) of the programme by providing feedback through **Event Assessment Forms** when requested. Programme Coordinators should encourage participants to respect this obligation.

The proposed agenda is annexed to this invitation.



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ANNEX 1

DRAFT AGENDA

30th March 2016 (09:00-18:00)

Brussels, European Commission DG TAXUD LX40

**Meeting of the group of volunteers to define the
CLEN Proficiency Test on sugars and sugar containing products**

- 1/ Welcome and adoption of the agenda
- 2/ Results and conclusions of both previous proficiency tests (2008-2009 and 2012-2013) and presentation of the suggestions received with the 2015 'CLEN survey of future activities'
- 3/ Information on the foreseen evolution of the legislation resulting from the end of sugar market quotas scheduled in 2017; in particular the possible amendments of Additional notes 4 and 5 to Chapter 17 as well as Additional notes 3 and 4 to Chapter 21.
- 4/ Discussion and definition of the proficiency test: agreement on the objectives of the test, samples suggestions, choice of parameters, choice of methods, recommendations, call for participation, test design and tentative time schedule
- 5/ Allotment of tasks for the proficiency test organisation
- 6/ Conclusion of the meeting
- 7/ Any other questions

ANNEX 2

REGISTRATION FORM

for the
CLEN preparatory meeting of the participants in proficiency tests
on sugars and sugar containing products

Date & Venue: **30th March 2016**
European Commission DG TAXUD, LX40
Brussels

Please complete this form and send it by **21th March 2016 to:**

CLEN-TAS@eurofins.com; Aliz.KOVACS-NEGYELICZKY@ec.europa.eu

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Participant's NAME and first name Mr/Ms	
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