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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 discussion meeting of the third proficiency test  
on sugars and sugar containing products  
to be held in Brussels on 15 December 2016 (9:30 - 17:00)**

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\* Participation of the Commission officials will not be covered under the Customs 2020 programme budget

During the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 test was defined during a preparatory meeting which took place in May 2016. The proficiency test focused on products of chapters 17 and 21 to help modifying the amendment of Additional notes 4 and 5 to Chapter 17 as well as Additional notes 3 and 4 to Chapter 21. This proficiency test will help comparing the results of the Lane & Eynon method, dry matter according to method 2 of Directive 79/796/EEC, refractometry according to the method of Regulation (EU) 974/2014 and HPLC (this will help to replace the Lane & Eynon method by the method or technique producing the closest results and propose a method for the determination of the dry matter).

This meeting is organised for the participants to discuss the results of the test.

Please note that **the meeting will take place at the European Commission DG TAXUD premises (building J-79), 79 Rue Joseph II, (access from 80 Rue de la Loi) (floor 2, meeting room no. 02), Brussels, Belgium, on Thursday 15 December 2016 (9:30-17:00).** The meeting will be held in English.

**One delegate per invited Member State**, the Portuguese coordinator and the Action 2 Leader **can be reimbursed from the Customs 2020 budget** under the conditions specified in the financial guide. *The financial code is CPG/010/013.*

The delegates should **confirm their participation by 8 December 2016** at the latest, to [CLEN-TAS@eurofins.com](mailto:CLEN-TAS@eurofins.com) and to [Aliz.KOVACS-NEGYELICZKY@ec.europa.eu](mailto: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.

***Note: Switzerland and Norway are very welcome to send one delegate each, however the expenses of their delegate will not be covered by the Customs 2020 budget.***

The proposed agenda is annexed to this invitation.

(e-signed)  
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## **ANNEX 1**

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

**15 December 2016 (9:30-17:00)**

**Brussels**

**Meeting of the group of participants to discuss the results of the third  
CLEN proficiency test on sugars and sugar containing products**

- 1/ Welcome and adoption of the agenda.
- 2/ Presentation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the proficiency test on sugars and sugar containing products: background, objectives, samples, results, comments, draft report and preliminary conclusions.
- 3/ Discussion and interpretation of the analytical results.
- 4/ Discussion about the possible amendment of Additional notes 4 and 5 to Chapter 17 and of Additional notes 3 and 4 to Chapter 21.
- 5/ Discussion for the preparation of the final report.
- 6/ Conclusions and possible recommendations.
- 7/ Any other questions.