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

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Customs 2020 programme: CLEN – Meetings of the participants in proficiency tests
Invitation to the CLEN preparatory meeting of the
third proficiency test on mineral oils and the second study on aromatics in mineral oils
to be held in Budapest, Hungary,
on 20-21 April 2017 (09:00 – 16:00)

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France *Action 2 Leader*	Nadine Varra		*DG TAXUD*	Hervé Schepers
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Or one of their colleagues

During the 19th CLEN Plenary meeting in February 2017, it was confirmed that a third proficiency test on mineral oils and second study on aromatics in mineral oils should be organised.

The aim of this proficiency test is to meet the needs of Customs Laboratories regarding analytical determinations on mineral oil products, taking into account suggestions from the previous tests and from the Project Group on HS/CN chemical chapters.

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

The study on aromatics will include working with the methods in Annex A of Chapter 27 (estimating precision data) and trying to find effective, simple and reproducible analytical method(s) to determine aromatic constituents.

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

Please note that **the meeting will take place at the Central Management of the National Tax and Customs Administration, Budapest, 1054 Széchenyi utca 2., on 20-21 April 2017** (**09:00 -17:30 on 20 April and 09:00 -16:00 on 21 April**). The meeting will be held in English.

The group is composed of volunteer Customs Laboratories.
One delegate per invited Member State (in addition to the Hungarian coordinator and to the French Action 2 Leader) **can be reimbursed from the Customs 2020 budget** under the conditions specified in the financial guide.
The financial code is CPG/010/015.

The delegates should **confirm their participation by 3 April 2017** at the latest, to CLEN-TAS@eurofins.com, gyani.zsofia@nav.gov.hu and kapillerne.rita@nav.gov.hu.

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: Russia and Moldova *are welcome to send an expert delegate. However their expenses* *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

Thursday 20 (09:00 – 17:30) **and Friday 21** (09:00 – 16:00) **April 2017, Budapest, Hungary**

Meeting of the group of volunteers to define the 3rd CLEN proficiency test on mineral oils and the 2nd study on aromatics in mineral oils

1/ Welcome and adoption of the agenda.

2/ Results and conclusions of previous proficiency test on mineral oils (2014). Presentation of the suggestions/requests made by the HS/CN chemical chapters' project group in October 2016.

3/ 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.

4/ Results and conclusions of previous study on aromatics in mineral oils (2014). Presentation of analytical methods related to aromatics in mineral oils.

5/ Discussion and definition of the study: agreement on the objectives, samples suggestions, choice of parameters, choice of methods, recommendations, call for participation, study design and tentative time schedule.

6/ Allotment of tasks for the organisation of the proficiency test and study.

7/ Conclusion of the meeting.

8/ Any other questions.

ANNEX 2

REGISTRATION FORM

for the

CLEN preparatory meeting
of the 3rd proficiency test on mineral oils
and the 2nd study on aromatics in mineral oils

Date & Venue:
20-21 April 2017
Central Management of the National Tax and Customs Administration
Budapest, Hungary

Please complete this form and send it by **3 April 2017 to:**

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