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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 on the proficiency test on rice
to be held in Berlin, Germany
on 19 October 2017 (09:00 - 17:00)

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| Switzerland | Pierre-Alain MARIONI |
| United Kingdom | David MILES or Louise GEAREY |
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Or one of their colleagues

The organisation of a CLEN test on rice was decided during the 18th CLEN Plenary Meeting held in February 2016. The test was defined during a preparatory meeting which took place in October 2016. It concentrated on parameters or products for which there are no commercial proficiency test available. This meeting is organised for the participants to discuss the test results.

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

Please note that **the meeting will take place at the Berlin Customs Laboratory** (Generalzolldirektion, Wissenschaftliches Referat Berlin), **Grellstraße 18-24, 10409 Berlin, Germany, on Thursday 19 October 2017** (09:00-17:00).

The meeting will be held in English.

One delegate per invited Member State (in addition to the German coordinators and the CLEN Action 2 Leaders) **can be reimbursed from the Customs 2020 budget** under the conditions specified in the financial guide. *The financial code is CPG/010/016.*

The delegates should **confirm their participation by 14 September 2017** at the latest to CLEN-TAS@eurofins.com, Uwe.Schlick@bwz.bund.de and Dirk.Meyer@bwz.bund.de. 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:** Norway and Switzerland are very welcome to send one delegate, however the expenses of their delegate will not be covered by the Customs 2020 budget.*

The proposed agenda is annexed to this invitation, together with the registration form and practical information about the pre-booked hotel.

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ANNEX 1

DRAFT AGENDA

19 October 2017 (09:00-17:00)

Berlin, Germany

**Meeting of the participants (one per country) to discuss the results of the
CLEN proficiency test on rice**

- 1/ Welcome and adoption of the agenda.
- 2/ Presentation of the CLEN proficiency test on rice: background, objectives, samples, results, comments and first draft report.
- 3/ Discussion and interpretation of the analytical results for the parameters: biometrics (length and width, and their ratio), content of broken rice, degree of milling, parboiled.
- 4/ Discussion and interpretation of the analytical results for the evaluation of the gelatinisation time during cooking.
- 5/ Discussion on methods and on tariff classification issues for rice from the test results.
- 6/ Presentation of the results obtained for the testing of a 'Rice Identification System', discussion and recommendations on this tool.
- 7/ Preparation of the final report of the test. Conclusions and recommendations.
- 8/ Any other questions. Conclusion of the meeting.

ANNEX 2

REGISTRATION FORM

for the CLEN discussion meeting
of the participants in the proficiency test on Rice

Date & Venue: **19 October 2017**
German Customs Laboratory
Berlin

Please complete this form and send it by **14 September 2017 to:**

CLEN-TAS@eurofins.com; Uwe.Schlick@bwz.bund.de ; Dirk.Meyer@bwz.bund.de

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| Country: | |
| Participant's NAME and first name: | Mr/Ms |
| Laboratory (name of the laboratory): Participant's job title: | |
| E-mail address: | |
| Hotel booked | YES/NO |
| Date and time of arrival | |
| Date and time of departure | |
| Individual requirements: | |

ANNEX 3

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

HOTEL

25 single rooms have been pre-booked at the **Hotel Holiday Inn Berlin City Center East** Prenzlauer Allee 169, 10409 Berlin

For reservation please contact:

Phone: +4930446610

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Code (Password): „EU-Zolllabore“. Do not forget to mention it when you book the hotel

Please confirm the **reservation by 14th September 2017**.

Price/night/person: 68,40 Euro plus tax (breakfast included).

MEETING

We will **pick-up all participants at the lobby of the hotel at 8.30** and we will walk together to the Berlin Customs laboratory. The hotel is only a 15 minutes' walk to the laboratory.

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Hotel Holiday Inn Berlin City Center East, Prenzlauer Allee 169
Only 15 minutes' walk to the German Customs Laboratory, Berlin



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