



Press Release

BIPEA EXPANDS ITS AGRI-FOOD PROFICIENCY TESTING PORTFOLIO WITH TWO NEW INTERLABORATORY SCHEMES

| 51M DETECTION OF *STAPHYLOCOCCUS* IN MILK POWDER |

| 74A DETECTION OF *CEREULIDE* IN INFANT MILK FORMULA |

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BIPEA announces the launch of two new proficiency testing schemes, **PTS 51M** and **PTS 74A**, further strengthening its comprehensive agri-food analytical offer.

These new programs provide laboratories with a valuable opportunity to assess and enhance their analytical performance in the detection of *Staphylococcus aureus* and cereulide toxin in milk powder matrices.

The **PTS 51M**, scheduled for June 2026, is a qualitative proficiency test. Participants will receive three 30 g milk powder samples and will determine the presence or absence of *Staphylococcus aureus*. The reference method is ISO 6888-3, although alternative validated methods suitable for this analyte may also be applied.

Scheduled for April 2026, the **PTS 74A program** is designed as a qualitative and/or quantitative proficiency test. Participants will analyse three 10 g samples of infant milk powder formula for the detection of cereulide toxin, with optional quantification. Testing may be performed according to ISO 18465:2017 or any other comparable and appropriate method.

For over 50 years, BIPEA has supported laboratories worldwide with a wide range of proficiency tests, reference materials, and quality control solutions across multiple sectors, including food, environment, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals. The introduction of PTS 51M and PTS 74A further demonstrates BIPEA's commitment to addressing emerging analytical challenges in food safety.

To learn more about Bipea's Proficiency Tests "51M" and "74A" as well as the diverse selection of BIPEA proficiency testing schemes, please reach out to BIPEA at:

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