



Certificate # AP – 2139

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATUS

The AAFCO PT Program recognizes there are disruptions in participants’ lab operations in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Some labs are closed down, some are short staffed, and some are still fully operational. At this time we are adhering to our shipping and reporting deadlines as scheduled in order to limit negative impacts to those labs that are still fully or partially operational (see schedules at <http://pt.aafco.org>). If you are unable to submit results by the reporting deadlines, your lab may run the analyses at your discretion and perform an internal assessment of performance once the final reports are issued. Information on how Z-scores are calculated for the Lab’s Report Cards is available in the document named “AAFCO PTP Statistics Documentation” located on the AAFCO PT Program webpage: <http://www.aafco.org/check-sample/CSPStatsDocs/CSPStatsDocs.html>.

More detailed information regarding our COVID-19 status may now be found on last page of each lab’s Report Cards, named the “Report Card Message Board”, as well as viewed &/or downloaded at: <https://www.aafco.org/proficiency-testing-Program/application/files/instructional/ReportCardMessageBoard.pdf>

Dear AAFCO PT Program Participants,

Thank you for your continued participation in the AAFCO Proficiency Testing Program. The final reports have been reviewed and authorized for release. The included reports are:

- Analyte Proficiency Testing Report
- Analyte Summary Report
- Individual Participant’s Group Methods Report Cards

The reports shall not be reproduced except in full, without written approval of the AAFCO PT Program. The full set of reports includes this Report Authorization Letter. The data and results reported in this document are the property of the participating laboratories and are confidential.

This PT Round was prepared, shipped, reported by participants, evaluated by statistical treatment for assigned consensus mean, robust standard deviation, and % Threshold RSD, graded (z-scores) and final reports issued. Any concerns or errors should immediately be communicated to pt@aafco.org. A timely investigation will occur in accordance with the AAFCO PTP Quality Management System. You will be advised of the outcome. Errors made by the participant in data entry cannot be changed after the reporting deadline and such errors are not grounds for appeal.

Sincerely,

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AAFCO Proficiency Testing Program