

Instructions to participants for the interlaboratory study ORGANOTIN in Textile iis17A13

- * Please **confirm sample receipt** as soon as you have received this package and checked the contents, via www.kpmd.co.uk/sgs-iis-cts/. Please give date of receipt and press "save date" button. Please inform the Institute for Interlaboratory Studies (iis) immediately when something is wrong with the package and/or samples via iisnl@sgs.com.
- * This interlaboratory study concerns 2 different samples of Textile, labelled #17650 and #17651 for the determination of Organotin components. You have received for each sample approximate 3 grams. You can check the test scope for both samples in round iis17A13 via www.kpmd.co.uk/sgs-iis-cts/.
- * Please **treat the samples as they were routine samples** and analyse it in the way you normally do in day-to-day circumstances.
- * **Reporting of test results**
Within a time frame of five weeks test results can be entered or revised. Please **report your test results** via www.kpmd.co.uk/sgs-iis-cts/. It is not necessary to enter all test results in one session. Within the time frame you can add (or delete) test results and/or change test results or units. Please **do not forget** to hit the "Save/Submit" button after entering the test results. It is strongly recommended to login again and to verify if all your test results are present.
- * On the report page is a column, titled "reference method". In case a method is mentioned in this column, it will be used for the calculation of the z-scores. It is of utmost importance to know that it is **NOT mandatory** to use this 'reference method' as test method. When you normally (routinely) use a test method other than the reference method, please select the method that you used under "Actual Method Used". When your method is not mentioned under "Actual Method Used", please select "Other" and write the method that you used in the comments.
- * Please report the analytical results using the indicated units. It is possible to report in the last column the analytical results rounded in accordance with the standard method that was used and in the first result column the same analytical results but less rounded. Please note that it is not mandatory to report both 'rounded' and 'unrounded' test results. The 'unrounded' test results are preferably used for our statistical evaluations. However, the 'rounded' test results will be used in case the 'unrounded' test results are not reported. We suggest to report one extra significant figure in order to give more meaningful statistical calculations. For example, when you use ISO17353 for the determination of Monobutyltin (MBT) content and you found a result of 2.3456 mg/kg, we request you to report 2.35 mg/kg in accordance with ISO17353 and 2.346 or 2.3456 mg/kg as 'unrounded' result.
- * Please complete the additional questions.
- * **The official closing date for reporting test results for this PT is December 22, 2017.**
- * After the official closing date it is no longer possible to enter or correct test results via the data entry website www.kpmd.co.uk/sgs-iis-cts/. When you cannot report via the website or for unforeseen reasons cannot report before the closing date, please inform the Institute for Interlaboratory Studies (iis).
- * **For all communication (e.g. problems with the package/samples, login details for the data entry portal, not reporting in time) or any remarks/questions please contact:**
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