



Overview of Costs for Consumer Products Proficiency Tests organized by Institute for Interlaboratory Studies (iis)

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This overview of costs concerns the CRS proficiency tests (PTs), which are categorized under forbidden or suspect components in polymers, textiles (e.g. clothing, sleepwear), leather (e.g. footwear), dried paints, materials of toys, food contact materials, skin contact materials, personal care products (e.g. skin).

STANDARD COSTS

- **Participation fee.** The participation fee per proficiency test is given on the registration form(s). Please visit our general website <https://www.iisnl.com> for more information. The participation fee concerns: the registration of the PT(s), the preparation of the PT samples, the preparation of the Data Entry Portal, the evaluation of the PT test results, the preparation of the PT report, the preparation of the invoices and for all communication about the progress of registered proficiency test(s) via e-mail. The fee is based on a standardized process. Any request beyond this process will be considered per case. The extra requested workload will be charged as administration costs. For more details please see below the paragraph about additional costs.
- **Soft copy of the final PT report is included in the participation fee.** When the PT report is final all participants receive a PDF copy of the report by e-mail.
- **Performance Certificate is included in the participation fee.** A soft copy performance certificate will be sent by e-mail in full color pdf format. This pdf will yield an original certificate after printing on a color printer.
- **Dispatch costs.** The dispatch costs are a combination of packing and forwarding. The costs are €70 for packing and €70 for forwarding per dispatch. The samples will be sent by a courier only. When we use the courier account of a participant only packing costs will be charged.

ADDITIONAL COSTS (costs for additional services at the request of a participant)

- **Forwarding hardcopy invoice(s) or other hardcopy documents (e.g. tax documents).** Hardcopy invoices or other hardcopy documents can be sent to an address. This will be done by a courier only to avoid loss of documents. The costs are €70 for packing and €70 for forwarding per dispatch.
- **Crediting invoice.** A final invoice cannot be changed once the invoice is issued. However, for an additional fee of €70 per invoice the invoice can be credited and a new invoice with the changed details can be issued. No extra costs will be charged in case the final invoice contains an error caused by iis.
- **Client Portals.** Requests to use client portals will be denied by iis, iis will only send invoices per email.
- **Invoicing Adjustment.** The full invoice amount must be received within the payment term. When we receive less than invoiced this will be compensated with future invoices.
- **Third party costs.** These costs are charged by third parties such as governments or banks. Please note that these costs are not for the revenue for Institute for Interlaboratory Studies but are withheld charges by the government or bank transfers. For example:
 - **Bank Costs.** All bank costs should be paid by the participant. Split costs are not acceptable. When bank costs are deducted from the payment the missing amount will be compensated in next invoice as bank costs within a minimum of €40. Please consult your bank how to avoid these costs.
 - **Local Tax.** When regulatory Business Tax or Withholding Tax is deducted from the payment the missing amount will be compensated in next invoice as invoicing adjustment. Documents to reclaim retained Tax will not be accepted.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Invoicing.** By default, one invoice per dispatch date will be prepared. The invoice will be sent by e-mail in full color pdf format. This pdf will yield an original invoice after printing on a color printer. This means that we will not provide any other type of digital invoices (e.g. E-invoices).
- **Registration.** Please note that the sooner a participant registers for a proficiency test the better. After the final registration date your registration will not no longer be accepted. Please be aware that for some PTs the number of samples could be limited (e.g. Specific or Overall Migration for food contact materials).
- **Cancellation.** Withdrawal from a PT is never a problem when it is done in time. When a registration for a PT is cancelled after the final registration date (which is 8 working days before the start of the PT), the full PT participation costs will be charged. Force Majeure will be considered per case. However, budget reasons will not be accepted as Force Majeure for late cancellation.
- **Dispatch.** Where possible, sample dispatches will be combined to reduce transport costs. Sample transport is a matter of pushing by the sender and pulling by the recipient. Without the assistance of the recipient it is much more expensive or even impossible to deliver a sample. Therefore, the pro-active assistance of the receiving company (e.g. arranging import licenses prior to the sample dispatch date and providing correct delivery and/or clearance information, etc.) is of utmost importance. Please understand that iis cannot be held accountable for the late delivery of samples. **Therefore, all extra costs due to lack of or insufficient assistance in cases as mentioned above will be charged to the recipient!**
- **Delay in sample dispatch.** Please contact iis at nl.iis@sgs.com in case the samples are received late (even when received after the closure date for reporting). The PT samples are valuable and it would be a waste to be left unused. Depending on the circumstances, we will provide a solution to avoid an unnecessary loss of these samples.

Summary of the costs when enrolled for a PT of iis

Standard costs	
Participation Fee	Please see registration form(s) at https://www.iisnl.com
Packing PT samples	€70
Forwarding PT samples	€70
Additional costs for additional services at the request of a participant	
Crediting invoices on request of the participant	€70 per invoice
Additional costs for third parties	
Bank costs	€40 minimum
Local Tax; withholding tax	Percentage depending on tax

All other administrative requirements that are not mentioned above will be considered per case.

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