

**Instructions to participants for the interlaboratory study on:
Specific Migration on Food Contact Materials iis17P10SM**

- * 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 1 sample of a colourless Polycarbonate food cup labelled #17625 for the determination of the specific migration of Bisphenol A (BPA). The migration method for the food cup is by article filling. You can check the test scope in round iis17P10SM via www.kpmd.co.uk/sgs-iis-cts/.
- * The type of unit for specific migration may be dependent on local regulations. Therefore, it is possible to report the specific migration in different units; mg/dm² and mg/kg food simulant. Please note that it is not mandatory to report the test results in both units. However, we need to know the intermediate measured "Final concentration in mg/L in simulant" to be able to check the conversion of the test results of all participants into the same unit.
- * **Please take care to use the following fixed test conditions during this PT.**

Sample #17625	One Polycarbonate cup containing Bisphenol A (BPA)
Simulant	95% Ethanol
Exposure time and temp	2 hours at 70.0 °C
Migration method	Article filling, repeated use
Simulant volume	as per method used (please report volume in additional questions)

- * Please **treat the sample as it was a routine sample** and analyse it in the way you normally do in day-to-day circumstances with in mind the conditions mentioned in table above.
- * **Reporting of test results**

Within a time frame of five weeks the test results can be entered or revised. Please **report your test results** via www.kpmd.co.uk/sgs-iis-cts/. Within the time frame you can add (or delete) the test results and/or change test results or unit. Please **do not forget** to hit the "Save/Submit" button after entering the test results. Please note that you will get a pop up to say that you have submitted your test results. You can check if your test results have been saved by logging out and logging in again. When your test results are still present it means that everything is OK and that your test results are received in good order.
- * 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 EN13130-13 for the determination of Specific Migration of BPA and you found a result of 0.1887 mg/kg food simulant, we request you to report 0.19 mg/kg food simulant in accordance with EN13130-13 and 0.189 mg/kg food simulant as 'unrounded' result, but reporting 0.1887 mg/ kg food simulant will also be OK.
- * It was also requested not to report 'less than' results, which are above the detection limit, because such results cannot be used for meaningful statistical calculations.
- * Please enter also the requested test details under 'Additional Questions'. Please, complete these questions as much as possible. It will help us to evaluate the results of the proficiency test. Thank you in advance.
- * **The official closing date for reporting test results for this PT is October 13, 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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