

# Global Proficiency's NewsChek

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## WaterChek Microbiology Programme Updates

### **Clostridium perfringens (including spores) in the WaterChek Micro Potable Water Inter-Laboratory Comparison programme:**

After quite a bit of work behind the scenes Global Proficiency is pleased to announce that we will be offering the *Clostridium perfringens* spore test in all 6 rounds of Potable Water (WMP) in 2024.

Therefore, each Potable Water (WMP) round will include the following *Clostridium perfringens* tests in addition to the routine tests on offer:

- **Tot *C. perfringens* (cfu/100ml) Sum of Spore Count and Vegetative Cell Count**
- ***C. perfringens* spore (cfu/100mL) Spore Count (heat treatment step)**
- ***C. perfringens* veg (cfu/100mL) Vegetative Cells**

### ***Pseudomonas aeruginosa* test in the WaterChek Potable Water (WMX) and Pool Water (WMY) samples:**

The trial to offer *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* as a separate category under the Potable Water and Pool Water programmes was successful. We will continue to offer these as separate categories in 2024.

The 'WMX' category will only contain strains of *P. aeruginosa* and will be offered as a two-sample set of FDvials. For those labs participating in the Potable Water (WMP) category wishing to test for *P. aeruginosa*, you will receive the WMX sample set free of charge – April and August rounds.

The 'WMY' category will only contain strains of *P. aeruginosa* and will be offered as a two-sample set of FDvials. For those labs participating in the Pool Water (WML) category wishing to test for *P. aeruginosa*, you will receive the WMY sample set free of charge – February, June, and November rounds.

If you are interested in any further details, please contact us on: [mwpcf@global-proficiency.com](mailto:mwpcf@global-proficiency.com)

## Upcoming Rounds

Please see below our upcoming rounds and QC despatches.

### February

- MilkChek (Rd 2)
- LipidChek (Rd 2)
- VT AM (Rd 2)
- VT Cultured Products (Rd 2)
- VT UHT Products (Rd 2)
- WaterChek Chem (Rd 3)
- BeverageChek (Rd 3)
- VT Milk (Rd 3)
- NurtureChek (Rd 3)
- Raw Cream QC (15401)

### March

- DairyChek (Rd 3)
- MilkChek (Rd 3)
- VT UHT Products (Rd 3)
- VT Cream (Rd 3)
- HoneyChek (Rd 3)
- WaterChek Chem (Rd 4)
- MWPF (Rd 3)
- VeriTest Probiotics (Rd 3)
- NurtureChek (Rd 4)
- PlantChek (Rd 5)
- SoilChek (Rd 6)
- VeriCal (2705)
- Raw Cream QC (15402)

## Updated T & C's

It's a new year and with that comes updated terms and conditions. For the latest version of our terms and conditions please visit:

<https://www.global-proficiency.com/terms-conditions>

If you have any questions, please contact:

[enquiries@global-proficiency.com](mailto:enquiries@global-proficiency.com)

## Meet The Team



Stacey joined Global Proficiency back in 2015 as a Despatch Technician and also helped in the chemistry lab. Since then she has successfully worked in multiple roles including Programme Leader and Microbiology Laboratory Technician.

Stacey's new role is the Programme Leader for MilkChek and VeriTest UHT Products and she looks forward to interacting with her customers.

## UHT Milk QC

UHT Milk QC material comes in a 250mL carton, and is supplied with a Data Summary Sheet of assigned values.

The tests included on the summary are as follows:

- Fat (%m/m)
- Protein (%m/m)
- Total Solids (%m/m)
- Titratable Acidity (°T)
- Titratable Acidity (% lactic acid)

To view available QCMs, please visit our website at:

<https://www.globalproficiency.com/liquid-dairy-rms>

If you would like to place an order please email our sales team at: [sales@globalproficiency.com](mailto:sales@globalproficiency.com)



## Wrap Up of 2023

The Global Proficiency team hopes all our customers got an opportunity to take a break over the holiday season, to spend time with friends and family while recharging batteries. We would like to wish all of our customers the best for 2024.

The team ended 2023 on a high note by having a team based competition at the Hamilton Zoo where teams worked together to complete tasks.

We also had a shared lunch where the team's baking and cooking skills were put to the test! The team also had fun playing a range of games, including quizzes and a competition on who could build the best paper aeroplane.

Our team decided to give back to the local community and collected an impressive collection of goods to donate to Paws 4 Life. The mission of Paws 4 Life charity is to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome companion animals who have no one else to speak up for them.

## Customer Survey

We are preparing to undertake the annual customer survey of our proficiency testing programmes due for release in mid February. We would greatly appreciate your time to complete the survey and provide feedback on the services we offer. **There is a chance to win \$100 gift card of your choice for completing the survey!**

If you have any questions or require any assistance please contact us at:

[enquiries@global-proficiency.com](mailto:enquiries@global-proficiency.com)

We would like thank you in advance for your participation and we look forward to hearing your feedback.



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