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## PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

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## BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN DAIRYCHEK:

### ➤ Confidence in Results

Measurement of performance in comparison with other laboratories provides confidence that:

- Precision and Accuracy of test results and test methods are within acceptable limits
- Results from participating laboratories (or groups of laboratories) are equivalent
- In-house methods are equivalent to national or international standard methods

### ➤ Credibility

Performance can be demonstrated to:

- Customers
- Regulatory Authorities
- Accreditation Agencies

### ➤ Compliance with

- Laboratory Standards (e.g., ISO 17025)
- Regulatory and market access requirements

### ➤ Optimising Yields

Low levels of bias in simple tests (e.g. moisture) can add up to significant volumes of lost yield (and value) over time.

### ➤ Training

Test performance from individual analysts can be monitored and reported over time.

## PROGRAMME FEATURES

- Comprehensive range of sample types and tests, covering the major recognised chemistry and microbiological test methods
- Participation by numerous accredited laboratories gives high confidence for inter-lab comparisons
- Separation of data by method (where appropriate)
- High quality and cost-effective reference materials
- Technical direction from an independent Technical Advisory Group ensuring relevance to current industry needs
- Accredited to ISO/IEC 17043: Conformity Assessment - General Requirements for Proficiency Testing and ISO 17034: General requirements for the competence of Reference Material Producers

## SAMPLE TYPES

- Skim Milk Powder\*†
- Whole Milk Powder\*†

\* including micronutrients

- Butter Milk Powder

† including vitamins A, C, D

## AVAILABLE TESTS:

### WHOLE MILK POWDER (WMP)

Fat (RG)  
Moisture (102°C Oven)  
Moisture (KF)  
Moisture (Reference Dryer)  
pH  
WPNI  
Ash  
Free Fat - % in powder  
Titratable Acidity  
Insolubility Index 24°C  
Protein (Kjeldahl)  
Protein (Combustion)

*Protein Combustion offered in the June and October sample set*

### NITRITE / NITRATE

Nitrite  
Nitrate

### SKIM MILK POWDER (SMP)

Fat (RG)  
Moisture (102°C Oven)  
Moisture (Reference Dryer)  
pH  
WPNI  
Titratable Acidity  
Insolubility Index 24°C  
Protein (Kjeldahl)

### BUTTER MILK POWDER (BMP)

Fat (RG)  
Moisture (102°C Oven)  
Moisture (Reference Dryer)  
Titratable Acidity  
Insolubility Index 24°C  
Protein (Kjeldahl)

### BULK DENSITY

Bulk Density (100 taps)

Global Proficiency also offers other DairyChek proficiency products including **Fat Products**, **Cheese** and **Protein Products** – please request a copy of the Programme Description if you are interested.

## MICRONUTRIENTS

Calcium  
Chloride  
Copper  
Iodine  
Iron  
Magnesium  
Manganese  
Phosphorus  
Potassium  
Sodium  
Zinc

*Iodine offered in the February sample set*

## VITAMINS

Vitamin A  
Vitamin C  
Vitamin D

*Vitamin D offered in the February and August sample set*

## INSTANTISED WMP

### Functional Properties

Coffee Sediment  
Cold SDP  
Sediment 85  
Dispersibility (Grade 1-7)  
Wettability

## PURITY & SCORCHED PARTICLES

Recovery & Identification  
Scorched Particles (Grade A-D)

*Scorched Particles added to the April and October sample set*

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## SAMPLE TYPES

**Milk Powder:** Provided as a six-sample set. Samples consist of 6 freeze-dried vials containing microorganisms, with sachets of whole milk and skim milk powder to enable the preparation of a simulated powder sample homogenate.

## AVAILABLE TESTS:

### MILK POWDER (MP)

Aerobic Plate Count  
*Bacillus cereus* Count  
*Clostridium perfringens* (Count, Detection)  
 Coliforms (Count, Detection, MPN)  
*E. coli* (Count, Detection, MPN)  
*Enterobacteriaceae* (Count, Detection)  
 Coagulase-positive Staphylococci (Count, Detection)  
 Yeast & Mould Count  
 Mesophilic Aerobic Spore Count  
 Thermophilic Aerobic Spore Count (100°C)  
 Thermophiles Count

*Coliforms MPN* and *E. coli MPN* offered in the **August** sample set

*Clostridium perfringens* detection offered in the **February** sample set

### Notes:

- Sulphite-reducing *Clostridia* Spore (SRC) Count is no longer offered
- For *Cr. sakazakii* testing please refer to our PathoGens programme

## ALSO AVAILABLE

**Inhibitory Substances:** Samples with varying levels of Penicillin G in a milk matrix.

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