

# Global Proficiency's NewsChek

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## BeverageChek Update

The BeverageChek programme continues to be offered seven times per year, with Wine rounds available in Feb, July and October, Grape Juice in January, Apple and Orange Juice in March & Sept, and Carbonated Drinks in May.

Currently only chemistry tests are routinely offered in the BeverageChek programme, with a number of participants participating in the Food Micro programme to satisfy some of their microbiology testing needs (Total plate count, Yeast and Moulds etc.). We would like to develop further microbiology proficiency programmes for food spoilage organisms specific to the beverage industry and are seeking a technical advisor from the industry to advise on suitable ATCC strains of organisms to select for R&D on a freeze-dried matrix. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute.

The Global Proficiency team will continue to work on customising the programme to adapt to changing industry needs and would like to encourage our BeverageChek customers to please send your comments and suggestions to;

[beveragechek@globalproficiency.com](mailto:beveragechek@globalproficiency.com).

## RM/QCM Update

We offer a range of Reference Materials (RMs) and Quality Control Materials (QCMs) across our agricultural programmes.

FertChek – 125g of fertiliser offered as a QCM, with test lists covering most of the routine chemistry tests.

Timber – 10g of ground timber offered as a QCM with test lists covering all of the routine chemistry tests.

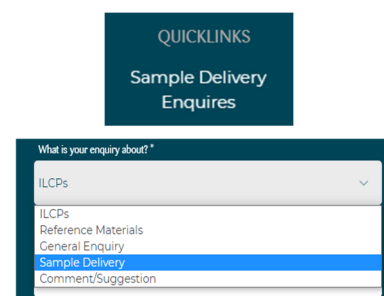
SoilChek – 150g of soil offered as both a RM and a QCM, with test lists covering most of the routine chemistry tests. If your lab requires a QCM for the other tests available in the SoilChek proficiency programme, please let us know, as we can create these on request.

PlantChek – 20g sample of plant material offered as a RM and a QCM with the full list of PlantChek tests available.

For a list of all current available RM and QCM, please visit our website.

## Sample Delivery Enquiries

Wondering where your samples are? Please visit [www.global-proficiency.com](http://www.global-proficiency.com), click on “Quick Links” and “Sample Delivery Enquiries”. This will take you to our “Contact Us” form where you can select “Sample Delivery” from the drop down list;



Or email us direct at;

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

## Upcoming Rounds

### Rounds 8 & 9

- FertChek (Round 8)
- BactoChek (Rounds 8 & 9)
- WaterChek—Disinfection By-products (Round 8)
- MilkChek (Rounds 8 & 9)
- Meat, Water, Pathogens, Food (Round 8)
- PlantChek (Round 8)
- VeriTest Milk (Round 8)
- VeriTest Antimicrobials (Round 8)
- DairyChek (Rounds 8 & 9)
- LipidChek—Oil (Round 8)
- VeriTest Cultured Products (Round 8)
- VeriTest UHT Products (Rounds 8 & 9)
- NurtureChek (Round 9)
- WaterChek – Effluent (Round 9)
- BeverageChek – Fruit Juice (Round 9)
- SoilChek (Round 9)
- VeriTest Cream (Round 9)

## Late Reports

Unfortunately we have many laboratories who are unable to report before the round deadline.

In consideration of other participants, we need to adhere to the result submission deadlines (advised in our **Timetables**, and on the **Round Test List** accompanying the samples) to allow adequate time to process and distribute reports within the service timelines. If exceptional circumstances arise where results cannot be submitted by the results due date, participants may request an extension prior to the results due deadline. A period of 24 hours will usually be granted but is programme-dependent and at the Programme Leader's discretion. Providing results are submitted prior to the extension deadline a late fee will not be incurred.

Where results are submitted **past the deadline** provided, Global Proficiency will process late results as a **Late Report (120)**, with the following criteria:

- A '**Late Report Processing fee**' will be applied based on the time taken to provide the report at our standard hourly rate, with a minimum fee of 0.5 hours. Prior to processing the results, the customer will be provided a Quotation with a request for a Purchase

## Meet The Team

Sandra Mott is our Technical & Quality Manager and has been working in the Proficiency Testing environment for over 21 years. Her background prior to PT involved working in a range of both commercial and research laboratories, mostly in the microbiology field. Sandra particularly enjoys working closely with our customers and developing our services to meet the everchanging needs of busy laboratories. In her spare time she likes to travel, garden, read and (try to) paint.



## Late Reports Cont.

Order which needs to be supplied before the request is initiated.

- Assessment and generation of Late Reports will be undertaken on a batch basis and not as and when received. Dependent on when the results are submitted, there may be a wait of up to **3 weeks** before the report can be provided.

Global Proficiency can provide urgently required reports, usually within 48 hours, however all urgent reports will incur a significant '**Urgent Report Processing fee**'. Prior to processing, the customer will be provided a Quotation with a request for a Purchase Order which needs to be supplied before the request is initiated.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please contact the Programme Leader.

## GP News

### Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

A SDS for any of Global Proficiency's products presenting a hazard may be obtained by accessing the Global Proficiency website ([www.global-proficiency.com](http://www.global-proficiency.com)) and going to "QUICKLINKS" on the home page. Here you will find a link to "Chemwatch Safety Data Sheets". Clicking on this link takes you to "OUTBACK" where you can select the appropriate folder in the left-hand panel to source the SDS applicable to the products you have ordered.

**Please note:** If you are not located in New Zealand, please select your country by clicking on the flag at the top of the OUTBACK page – this ensures the legislation relevant to your country appears in the SDS and also translates the document to the main language of your country. We strongly encourage you to download and read the SDS prior to commencing testing.

This information is now included in the appropriate Instructions for Testing available through our Customer portal.

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