

Recognised Laboratory Programme (formally known as LAS)

For those Laboratories registered with the Ministry of Primary Industries as "RLP Registered Laboratories", there are mandatory requirements for participation in designated Inter-laboratory Comparison Programmes for all products, tests and in some cases, test methods for which the laboratory holds approval for.

Official tests in each designated ILCP are detailed in the MPI Consolidated List of Tests for Animal Products: meat, poultry, honey, seafood, dairy, live animals and germplasm; Part 2 Designated ILCP. This section also lists the participation requirements that must be followed for all Official tests. A summary is included here, but it is recommended that Part 2 of the above-mentioned document is consulted for full details of requirements.

The Recognised Laboratory Programme (RLP) specifies the standards and requirements for Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) Approved Laboratories that carry out microbiological and chemical tests for market access assurances.

Designated RLP Inter-Laboratory Comparison Programmes

- **Potable Water Microbiology** - minimum number of rounds per year: 6

Labs can meet RLP requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's Water Microbiology PT scheme.

- **Potable Water Chemistry** - minimum number of rounds per year: 2

Labs can meet RLP requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's WaterChek PT scheme

- **Tallow and Fats Chemistry** - Minimum number of rounds per year for "routine" Tallow samples: 6

Labs can meet RLP requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's Tallow PT scheme.

- **Meat and Poultry Microbiology** - minimum number of rounds per year: 11

Labs can meet RLP requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's Meat Microbiology PT scheme.

- **Meat Chemistry** - minimum number of rounds per year: 6

Labs can meet RLP requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's Meat Chemistry PT scheme.

- **Seafood Microbiology** - minimum number of rounds per year: 4

Labs can meet RLP requirements by participating in one, or both, of Global Proficiency's Food Microbiology or Shellfish Microbiology PT schemes.

- **Pathogens Microbiology** - RLP requires labs to participate in 2 rounds per year for the following RLP Official tests:
 - *Salmonella & Listeria monocytogenes*
 - *E. coli* O157:H7
 - *Campylobacter* Enumeration
 - *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*

Labs can meet RLP requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's Pathogens PT schemes.

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