

### Recognised Laboratory Programme

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 (ILCP) for all products, tests and in many 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, fish, 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

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

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

Laboratories can meet RLP requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's WaterChek Chemistry Potable Water PT scheme

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

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

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

Laboratories 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 laboratories to participate in 2 rounds per year for the following RLP Official tests:
  - *Salmonella & Listeria monocytogenes*
  - STEC (including *E. coli* O157:H7)
  - *Campylobacter* Enumeration
  - *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*

Laboratories can meet RLP requirements by participating in Global Proficiency's PathoGens PT schemes.

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