



## EAST AFRICA COMMUNITY PROFICIENCY TESTING WORKING GROUP PROTOCOL FOR PROFICIENCY TESTING SCHEMES

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### Part 2 - Announcement and registration form

#### 1. Introduction

National Standards Bodies (NSBs) in the East African Community (EAC) region are mandated to organize and provide Proficiency Testing (PT) as part of the regional programme to strengthen conformity assessment.

Current PT Providers:

- a) Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS)
- b) Bureau Burundais de Normalisation et Contrôle de la Qualité (BBN)
- c) Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS)
- d) Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)
- e) Rwanda Standards Board (RSB)

EAC PT Scheme is operated in accordance with ISO/IEC 17043:2023. KEBS is accredited to provide PT services within the attached scope. The available schemes are described in the EAC PT Protocol (Part 1).

The EAC PT Working Group is pleased to announce the 21<sup>st</sup> Round of the EAC PT Scheme and invites interested laboratories to register for participation.

#### 2. Important dates:

The key activities and timelines for this round of the EAC PT Scheme are provided in the table below:

PT activity	Time
Announcement	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Registration deadline	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026
Sample dispatch	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
Result submission deadline	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2026
Final report release date	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2027

### 3. Fees

- a) The participation fee is USD 220 net per programme for each matrix, regardless of the number of parameters. Bank charges and any applicable taxes are not included and will be borne by the participant.
- b) Participants outside the East African Community (EAC) Bloc will be charged an additional USD 50 per matrix to cover international courier costs.
- c) All payments shall be made directly to the NSB providing the PT item.
- d) Payment details will be provided by each National PT Provider upon registration.
- e) The participation fee must be paid in advance for the laboratory's registration and participation in the PT round to be confirmed.

#### **3.1 German Development Cooperation, German Metrology Institute (PTB) Support on chemical parameters for Fruit juice matrices**

We are inviting you to recommend qualified peers to join our Proficiency Testing (PT) scheme for chemical parameters in fruit juice. Within German Development Cooperation, German Metrology Institute (PTB) is supporting a referral marketing scheme: If a new laboratory successfully registers and mentions your institution as the source of information and participates in a PT round, both your institution and the new participant will receive an immediate 50% discount on their participation fees. To ensure fair access across the region, this offer is limited to one public and one private laboratory per EAC Partner state. Should demand exceed these allocated slots, selections will be made through a transparent lottery system to determine eligible participants. We look forward to expanding our collaborative network while rewarding our valued partners for their trusted referrals.

### 4. Registration

Registration is required for each round, and only registered laboratories will receive PT samples.

If your laboratory wishes to participate, please complete the Registration Form (Appendix 1) below and send it by email to all the coordinators listed below.

Please copy **ALL** the following coordinators:

- [pt@tbs.go.tz](mailto:pt@tbs.go.tz)
- [Ashiembis@kebs.org](mailto:Ashiembis@kebs.org)
- [eva.namutebi@unbs.go.ug](mailto:eva.namutebi@unbs.go.ug)
- [renovatkany@gmail.com](mailto:renovatkany@gmail.com)
- [Gertrude.mamiya@rsb.gov.rw](mailto:Gertrude.mamiya@rsb.gov.rw)

Copying all coordinators will help to avoid delays and reduce the risk of omissions.

**APPENDIX 1: REGISTRATION FORM****Data protection notice:**

This registration form collects personal data, including names, email addresses, telephone numbers and addresses. The information provided will be used only for registration, coordination of participation, shipment of PT items, invoicing and related communication for the EAC PT Scheme. It may be shared only with authorized personnel for these purposes. You have the right to access, correct or request deletion of your personal data.

**Note:** Please enter the information in the spaces provided. Handwritten entries are not accepted.


**CONTACT INFORMATION**

<b>A. Participant information:</b>	
<b>Company name:</b>	
<b>Main contact name:</b>	
<b>Main contact email:</b>	
<b>Main contact phone:</b>	
<b>Alternate contact name:</b>	
<b>Alternate contact email:</b>	
<b>Alternate contact phone:</b>	
<b>Postal address:</b>	
<b>Physical address:</b>	
<b>B. Information for shipment:</b>	
<b>Delivery address:</b>	
<b>Address details (floor, unit, building, etc.):</b>	
<b>Postal code:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	
<b>Contact name:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Telephone number:</b>	
<b>C. Information for invoicing:</b>	
<b>Company name:</b>	
<b>VAT or registration number:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	

Postal code:	
City:	
Country:	
Invoice or PO reference:	
Invoice email:	

## REGISTRATION


Tick the checkbox next to the PT item your laboratory wants to participate in.

PT Provider/	Chemistry Programme	Microbiology Programme	Engineering Programme
Tanzania, TBS	<p><b>Matrices provided:</b> Fruit juice, Honey, Energy drinks, Salt, Rice grains, Maize grains, Peanut butter, Spices, Fertilizer, Lubricants, Electric cables, Solar Panel, Roofing sheets, Steel bars, Plastic pipes.</p> <p><b>Registration link:</b> <a href="#">EAC PT 21ST ROUND REGISTRATION FORM – Fill out form</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR SCAN QR CODE</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>		
Uganda, UNBS	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Edible vegetable oil</b> (Acid value, Peroxide value, Iodine Value, Refractive Index, Relative Density, Moisture and volatiles content, Vitamin A, Nickel content, Copper content) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alcoholic Beverage – Gin</b> (Alcohol content, Volatile acids as acetic acid, Esters as ethyl acetate, Aldehydes as	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fruit Juice</b> (Total Plate Count, Escherichia coli and Yeasts and Moulds)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cement</b> (Compressive strength at, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 2-Days</li> <li>ii. 7-Days</li> <li>iii. 28-Days,</li> </ol> Setting times, Soundness) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Electric lamps (</b> Lamp power consumption, Lamp luminous flux)

	<p>acetaldehyde, Methanol)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Instant and green Coffee</b> (Moisture content, Total ash, Caffeine content, Lead, Cadmium, Arsenic, Acid insoluble ash, Ochratoxin A)</p>		
Rwanda, RSB	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cosmetics</b> (Hydroquinone, Thermal stability, pH, Total fatty substance content, Lead, Arsenic, Mercury)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sugar</b> (Polarization, Conductivity ash, Moisture content, Colour, Sulphur dioxide, lead, iron, zinc, cadmium)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Laundry soap</b> (Free caustic alkali, as NaOH, Total free alkali, as NaOH, Moisture and volatile content, 105 °C, Ethanol insoluble matter, Matter insoluble in water, Chloride content as NaCl)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cosmetics</b> (Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Staphylococcus aureus, Candida albicans,)</p>	
Burundi, BBN	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ground and roasted coffee</b> (Moisture content, Total ash)</p>		

	Water-soluble ash, Acid insoluble ash, The alkalinity of water-soluble ash, Water extracts, Caffeine)		
Kenya, KEBS	<b>Registration link:</b> Click on the link to register [ <a href="#">Round 21 Registration form</a> ]		

**NEW MATRICES- FREE**

PT Provider/	Chemistry Programme	Microbiology Programme	Engineering Programme
Tanzania, TBS	<p><b>Matrices provided:</b> Edible dry beans, Tobacco and Tobacco products, Ceramic and Porcelain Tiles.</p> <p><b>Registration link:</b> Click here to register [<a href="#">EAC PT 21ST ROUND REGISTRATION FORM – Fill out form</a>]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR SCAN THE QR CODE</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>		
Kenya, KEBS	<b>Registration link:</b> Click on the link to register [ <a href="#">Round 21 Registration form</a> ]		

Participating laboratories are responsible for ensuring compliance with all local requirements for the importation of PT items. Where an import permit is required, please provide a copy to the PT Coordinators.

PT Coordinators will make every reasonable effort to provide information to support importation. However, the EAC PT Scheme is not responsible for delays in importation or failure to obtain the necessary approvals.

Feel free to contact us if you need any additional information.