

Proficiency testing program in milk and milk products microbiology: enumeration of Staphylococcus aureus and detection of staphylococcal enterotoxins

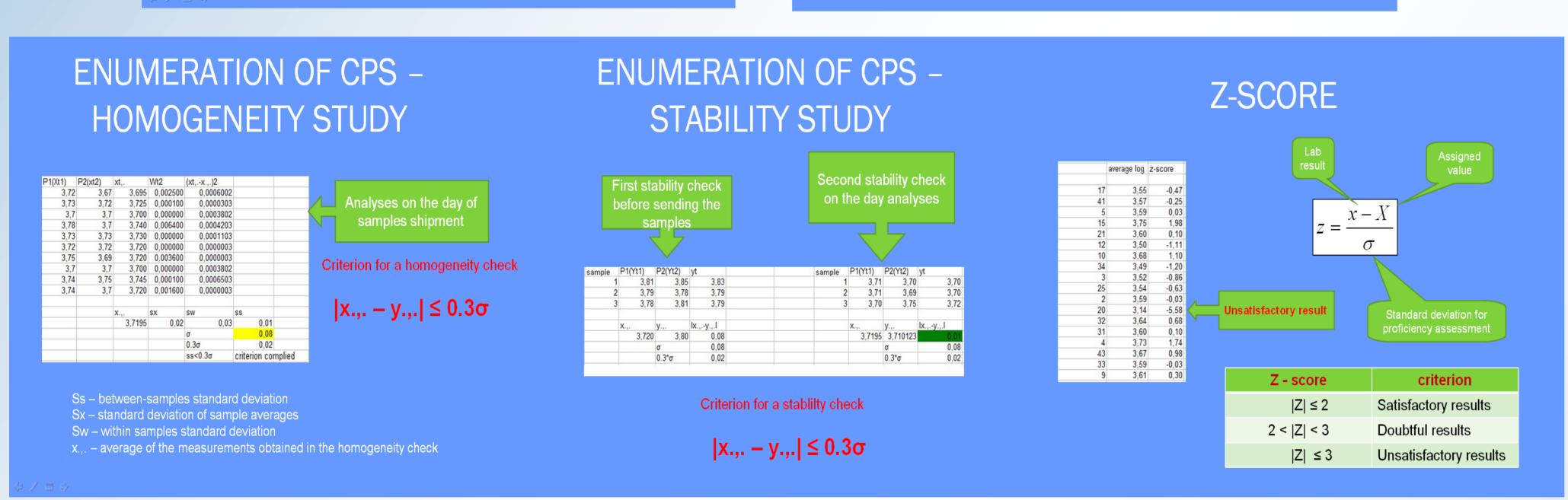
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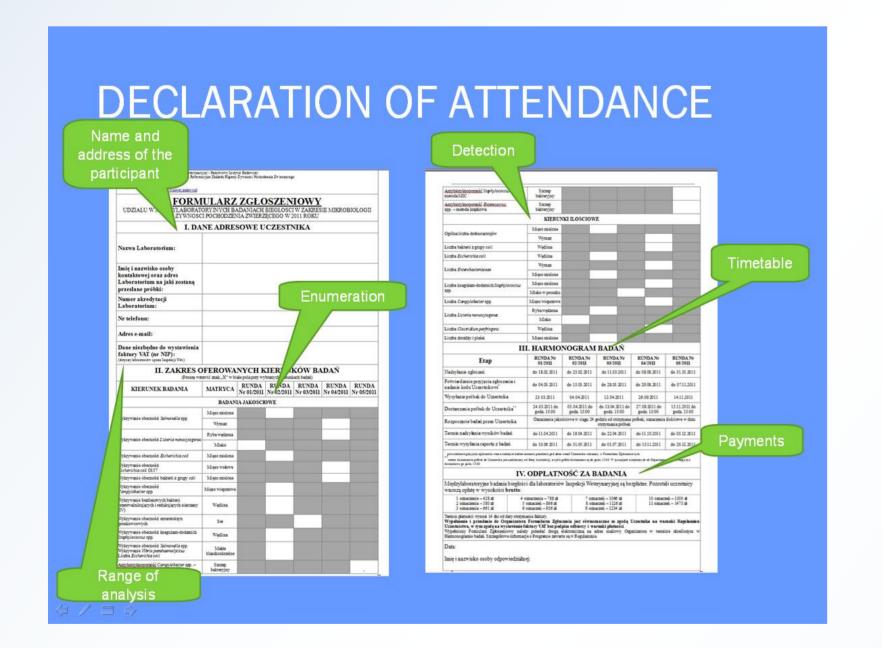
The National Veterinary Research Institute, Department of Hygiene of Food of Animal Origin as the National Reference Laboratory for staphylococci (NRL CPS) organized proficiency testing (PT) to evaluate the ability of official laboratories to perform enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (CPS) as well as detection of staphylococcal enterotoxins (SEs) types SEA – SEE. The PT was organized and performed according to the ISO/IEC 17043 and ISO/TS 22117 standards.

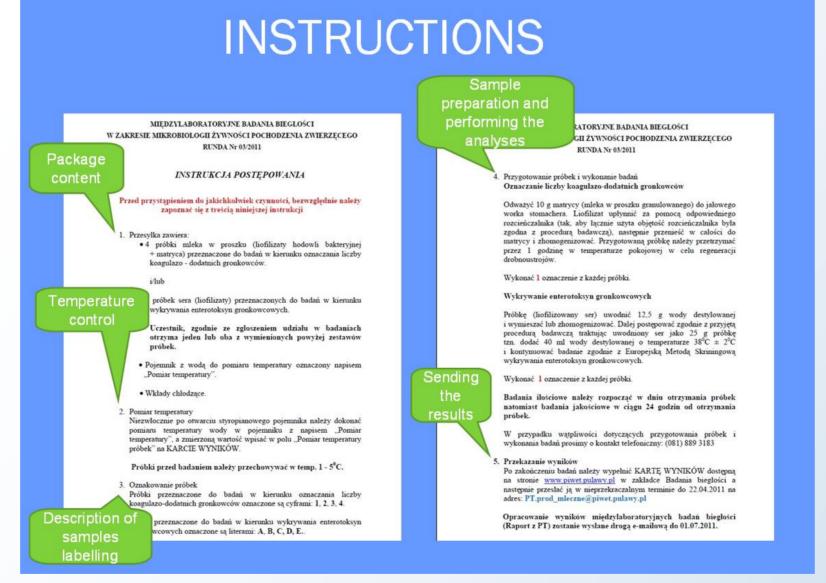
The presented results concern the PT on enumeration of CPS and detection of SEs in milk and milk products organized in the years 2008 – 2013.

| ENUMERATION OF CPS | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| YEARS | 2008 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | | | | | |
| NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS | 23 | 21 | 18 | 18 | 23 | | | | | |
| NUMBER OF SAMPLES | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | | | | |
| MATRIX | Soft cheese | Lyophillized soft cheese | Milk powder + lyophylisate of the bacterial culture | Milk powder + lyophylisate of the bacterial culture | Soft cheese + lyophylisate of the bacterial culture | | | | | |
| MICROORGANISM | S. aureus ATCC 6538P | S. aureus ATCC 29213 | S. aureus ATCC 25923 | S. aureus ATCC 25923 | S. aureus ATCC 25923 | | | | | |

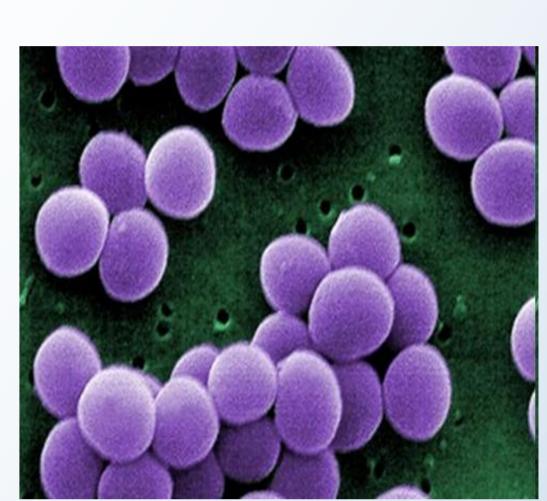
| DETECTION OF STAPHYLOCOCCAL ENTEROTOXINS | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | YEARS | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | | | |
| | NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | | | |
| | NUMBER OF SAMPLES | 6 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | | | |
| | MATRIX | Soft cheese | Soft cheese | Lyophillized soft cheese | Lyophillized soft cheese | Lyophillized soft cheese; Cooked pork ham | | | |
| | ANALYTE | Staphylococcal enterotoxin B | Staphylococcal enterotoxin A and B | Staphylococcal enterotoxin A | Staphylococcal enterotoxin A | Staphylococca enterotoxin A | | | |











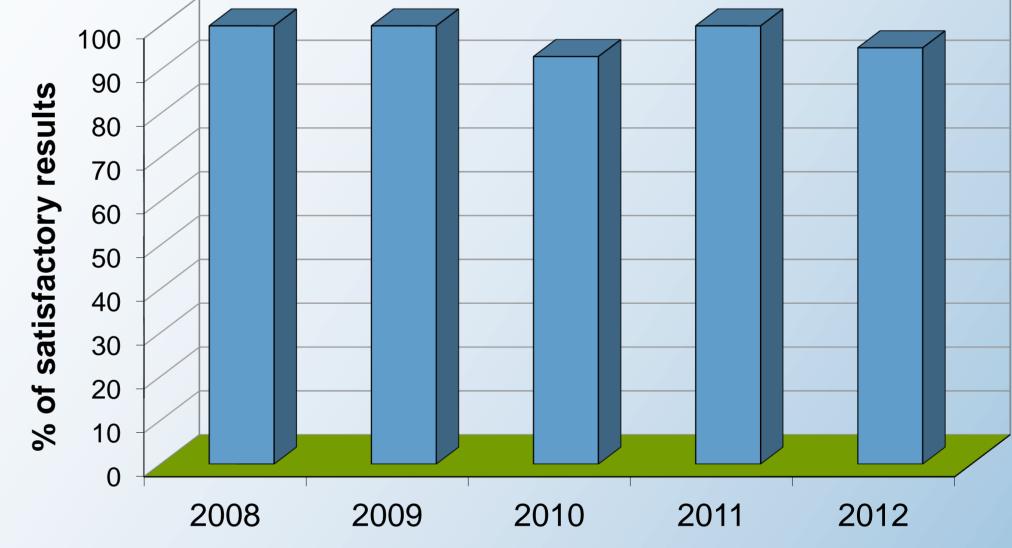


Figure 1. Qualitative test results

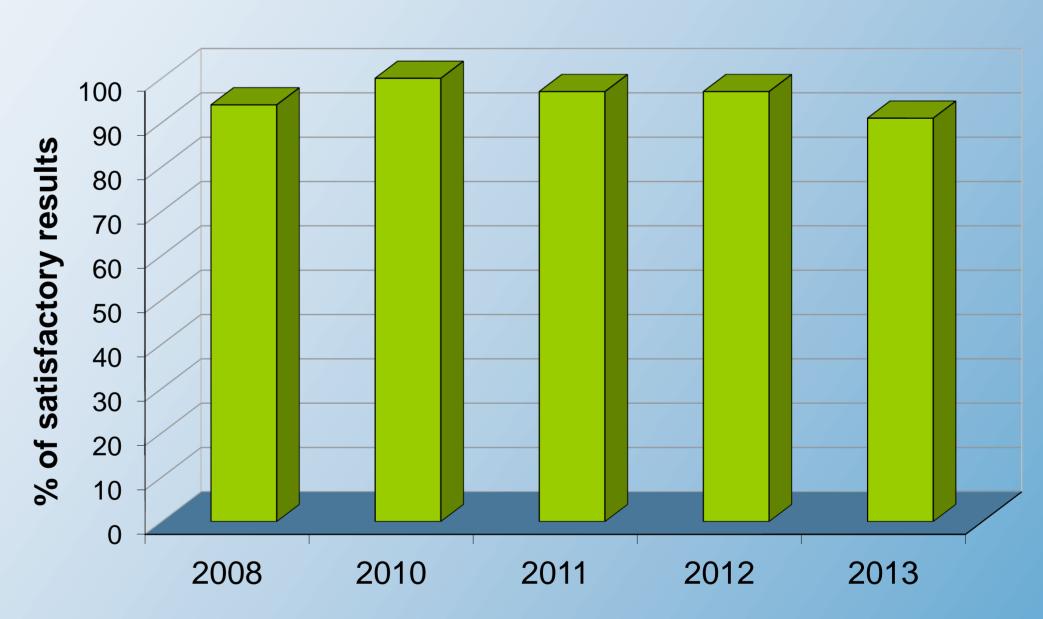


Figure 2. Quantitative test results



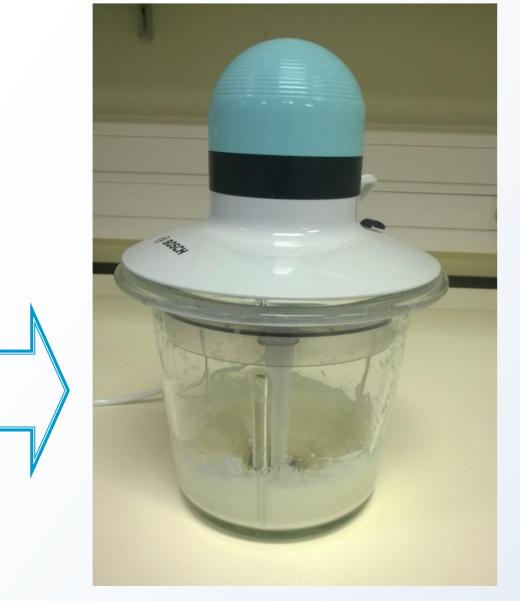












Figure 3. Stages of preparation of samples for PT for detection of staphylococcal enterotoxins