

SEILAPARFUM

THE FIRST MICROBIOLOGICAL INTERCOMPARATIVE TEST SCHEDULE FOR COSMETIC SAMPLES

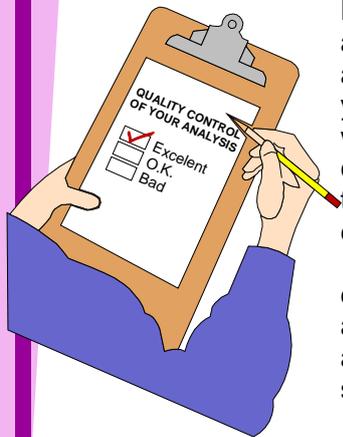
What is SEILAPARFUM?

It consists of cosmetic samples identical to one another, contaminated with various microorganisms at precise concentrations, which the participant does not know about, and which are equally distributed around a large number of laboratories for testing and subsequent pooling of results. But it is not just the samples: SEILAPARFUM is also an assessment service by a doctor of microbiology with extensive experience with cosmetics and with intercomparative studies, an extremely comprehensive report running to nearly 30-50 pages drawn up by him and reviewed by other experts, a shop window for the best methods and detection media; overall, a practical training course which enables you to review your techniques on an ongoing basis.



What is SEILAPARFUM for?

Like any comparative service, it is an outside verification tool to assess the quality of your analyses. It enables you to compare yourselves on a confidential basis (only each laboratory and the coordinator know your secret code) with other cosmetic microbiology laboratories like yours, showing you common critical points and how others deal with them. After each trial you will receive a report explaining clearly which microorganisms were in the sample and in what concentration, the failings in each case and improvements to be implemented. This assures the methods you use with your samples on a routine basis, constantly proving their effectiveness and allowing you to prove to auditors and inspectors that your microbiological laboratory is of excellent quality (or at least working towards it). You will no longer feel cut off due to the lack of checks which has existed up to now in the sector. You will no longer have any doubts as to whether you are doing the right thing. Thanks to SEILAPARFUM participants' average performance has improved by between 45% and 85%. Regular users are more than satisfied - they are enthusiastic about and grateful for this service!



Will taking part create a lot of work?

It's only 3 samples a year! You must analyse hundreds of them, so you know that one more sample every four months won't make a noticeable difference to your workload. However, it will make a difference in terms of a massive improvement in the quality and reliability of the results obtained from your microbiological tests. You'll stop wondering, "Am I going about it right, as I hardly ever find anything?" and you'll be able to answer, "Now I know what I'm doing right and what I'm doing wrong, now I know how to improve the efficiency and speed of my analyses, now I know how to cut out redundant work and do away with unproductive work." You can register for 1, 2 or 3 tests a year, though we recommend 3 so that you can check whether the corrective actions you take do in fact, stop errors recurring. The annual service will also be much more economical for you.





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What parameters does it measure?

All the microbiological parameters you might need for cosmetic samples; you can choose, for the same price, which you want to analyse among the list below which we always assess:

Aerobic total count at 20-25°C	Aerobic total count at 30-35°C
Fungi count (yeasts & moulds)	Detection of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
Detection of <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Detection <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>
Detection of <i>E.coli</i> & other Coliforms	Detection <i>Candida albicans</i>
Detection and/or count of Clostridia	Detection <i>Salmonella spp.</i>

What types of cosmetics will I analyse?

The matrices inoculated will always be varied, including all kinds of cosmetics: massage cream, anti-wrinkle cream, toothpaste, bath gel, lip balm, tanning milk, blusher, stick deodorant, baby wipes, mouthwash, face tonic, eye shadow, bath salts, shaving foam, nail polish, shower oil, depilatory wax, beauty mask, hair dye, styling lotion, mask, bar soap...

You can also take part in SEILAGUA® to monitor the quality of your microbiological water analyses.

What will I receive and what do I have to do with it?

You will receive your samples for analysis in the first/second week of February, May and/or November. In each delivery there will be 1 pot with 10g of sterile sample, 1 tube with the microbial inoculum, 1 tube with broth to revitalise this before adding it to the sample, the up to date leaflet with the working procedure and a table to submit the results. When all the participants have sent us this table (maximum 3 weeks), we will draw up the report which will settle all your doubts, as it contains the VALUES ASSIGNED to each parameter, the results according to the methods used (so that each laboratory can better identify the root of its problems), detection of non-conformities and proposals for corrective action, checklists for each parameter, conclusions for each parameter, grading of PERFORMANCE for each laboratory taking part, recommendations for improvement, updates to applicable regulations and so on.



How do I register? Is it expensive?



You will be surprised how little it costs you to clear up doubts over your results. Place your order (REFERENCE: SMT005) by e-mail or fax, giving your details (company, person, full address, telephone, fax, email, tax number, etc.) and the dates of the sample tests you are signing up for. Deadline for registration: 3 weeks before the next test. Orders received after this date will be processed for the following four-month period. The price per sample includes 10 positive + negative parameters per round!

Registering for all three rounds a year is 37% cheaper than registering for just one.

Please note: if you are a regular customer of MICROKIT media or kits this service can be almost free for you! Register for the next 3 at any time of year.

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