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Att. Mr. Poudelet, director of DG SANCO E

### **Work Programme for the EU-RL for Heavy Metals (EU-RL-HM) in Feed and Food, 2012**

Overview of the major objectives for the period January-December 2012:

The following activities will be carried out:

1. Organisation of a collaborative trial for validation of a method to determine methylmercury in fish (Deadline: July 2012), and report on the organisation and outcome of the mentioned collaborative trial (Deadline: September 2012).
2. Organisation of a proficiency test for the determination of heavy metals in feed premixes (Deadline: November 2012), and report on the organisation and outcome of the mentioned collaborative trial (Deadline: December 2012).
3. Organisation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop of the EU-RL-HM with participation of National Reference Laboratories and report on this activity and its outcome (Deadline October 2012).
4. Providing support to standardisation bodies such as CEN for the harmonisation of analytical methods for the determination of heavy metals in food and feed. This will require a regular participation in the meetings of CEN TC 275/WG 10 (Elements and

their Chemical Species in Food) and CEN TC 327/WG 4 (Heavy Metals, Trace Elements and Minerals in Feed) (Deadline: December 2012).

5. Providing support to DG SANCO on technical matters related to heavy metals analysis, which implies participation in the Working Groups on National Experts on Industrial Contaminants and on Analytical Methods (feed).

Yours Sincerely,



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Attached: estimated budget work programme