

The Environmental and Organic Farming Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as the “Ministry of Agriculture”), in accordance with Article 37(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation), as amended,

hereby designates, as Official Laboratory No 8,

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(hereinafter also referred to as the “laboratory”)

to carry out laboratory analyses, tests and diagnoses on samples taken during official controls and other official activities performed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Official Controls Regulation.

Tasks that the laboratory may carry out as an official laboratory:

1. Preparation of samples, performance of laboratory analyses, tests and diagnoses on and storage of samples taken by the Ministry of Agriculture and by control authorities and control bodies delegated by the Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as “delegated bodies”), including samples for second expert opinions and arbitration samples.
2. Expression of opinions and interpretations of test results.
3. The tasks referred to in points 1 and 2 shall be performed by a laboratory for the purposes of the analysis, testing and diagnosis of samples taken during official controls or other official activities of the Ministry of Agriculture and delegated bodies within the scope of accreditation issued by *Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH* to **GALAB Laboratories GmbH, Am Schleusengraben 7, 21029 Hamburg – Germany**, in the version thereof in force at the time the tasks are performed, as published on www.dakks.de.

Conditions under which tasks are carried out, and arrangements necessary to ensure efficient and effective coordination and collaboration:

1. The laboratory shall comply with the requirements and obligations laid down for official laboratories in the Official Controls Regulation, including but not limited to Article 37(2), (4) and (5) and Article 38.
2. The laboratory may be subject to a laboratory audit by the Ministry of Agriculture pursuant to Article 39(1) of the Official Controls Regulation to verify compliance with the requirements of this designation and the Official Controls Regulation. The laboratory shall provide cooperation in the event of such an audit.
3. If the period for which the laboratory has been granted an Accreditation Certificate under ČSN EN ISO/IEC 17025 expires, or if the effect of the Certificate of Accreditation is suspended or the validity thereof is revoked by the accreditation body, the laboratory shall immediately notify this to the Ministry of Agriculture.
4. If there is a change in the scope of the accreditation granted, i.e. in an appendix to the Accreditation Certificate (pursuant to ČSN EN ISO/IEC 17025), the laboratory shall notify the Ministry of Agriculture of the changes that have been made without undue delay.
5. On request, the laboratory shall submit accreditation body reports of assessments of conformity with ČSN EN ISO/IEC 17025 and reports of interlaboratory comparisons to the Ministry of Agriculture.
6. The Ministry of Agriculture may immediately withdraw the designation of official laboratory, either completely or for certain tasks, where the laboratory fails to take appropriate and timely remedial action following the results of an audit conducted pursuant to paragraph 2 that disclose findings referred to in Article 39(2) of the Official Controls Regulation.
7. The laboratory uses methods for laboratory analyses, tests and diagnoses in accordance with the requirements of Article 34 of the Official Controls Regulation.
8. The laboratory shall notify the unsatisfactory result of a laboratory test sample taken for the purposes of official control without undue delay.
9. This designation is issued indefinitely with effect from 18. 12. 2020, subject to continued compliance with the above conditions and arrangements.

Prague, dated 7. 12. 2020

For the Ministry of Agriculture



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Designation accepted on behalf of the laboratory by

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