



**Gafta Standard for Analysis and Testing 2019**  
**Responses to Questions Raised During Consultation Period**

**1. Who will carry out the audit, how long will it take, what will it cost?**

*The audit will be carried out by an independent, third party certification body approved and appointed by Gafta. Currently NSF International is the sole certification body.*

*The audit should take no more than one day, however this could be longer depending on the size and complexity of your organisation. This will be determined using information supplied in the 'pre-audit questionnaire' and will be agreed with you in advance.*

*The cost of the on-site audit is £1,900 and includes all auditor expenses and travel costs – there are no hidden fees, and all members pay the same fee regardless of location.*

*The second and third year audits will take place remotely i.e. via telephone, email, Skype etc and cost £900. The fourth year audit, and every third audit thereafter is on-site.*

*All members, regardless of which certification option is chosen, will also have to retain membership of Gafta in the Analysts Category, which costs £550 per annum, and continue to participate in the bi-annual ring test, which costs £420 for all available tests (plus courier charges).*

**2. Do we have to be certified to both ISO17025 and the Gafta Standard?**

*There are two options for certification – ISO17025 or the Gafta Standard.*

*The Gafta Standard for Analysis and Testing provides an alternative option for those laboratories for whom ISO17025 is not a viable option.*

*The Gafta Standard has been developed by an Expert Group of Analyst members, some of whom have ISO17025, and the requirements have been benchmarked against ISO17025 – we've adapted the parts which are most relevant/important to analysis of agricultural commodities.*

**3. Our accreditation certificate is issued in our local language – do we need to translate the scope?**

*It is important that we are able to check that your scope of accreditation meets the requirements of the Approved Register, therefore we would recommend that you provide an English translation of the scope.*

**4. What is the reason for the requirement to keep records for 7 years?**

*We ask members to retain records for 7 years because this is the maximum time period under Gafta rules, that evidence [from analysts, superintendents or fumigators] could be requested during an arbitration, in the event of a dispute.*



**5. Will it also be possible in the future to be approved Analyst Member only for the grain? Or is it necessary to analyse feed and grain?**

*The Gafta Ring Test Scheme enables members to participate in inter-laboratory comparison testing for 'Grains' and/or 'Feed'. The Approved Analysts' Profile on the Gafta website indicates what each laboratory is approved for:*

Analysts Profile	
Name	A.G.E.R Laboratorio Chimico Merceologico Microbiologico
Country	Italy
Website	<a href="http://www.agerborsamercl.it">http://www.agerborsamercl.it</a>
Approved for	Feed, Grain

Analysts Profile	
Name	Agrotest-Lab SRL
Country	Moldova
Approved for	Grain

**6. Which GAFTA Ring tests are compulsory/optional and what are the cost for this testing?**

*Changes to the Gafta Ring Test Scheme mean that the following tests are compulsory, although Members can opt to be tested for 'Animal Feed' or 'Grains' or both.*

**Animal Feed:**

Ash  
Fibre  
Moisture  
Oil  
Protein

**Cost: £250\***

**Grains:**

Moisture  
Protein

**Cost: £170\***

*\*plus courier fees*

*Optional samples are also offered for mycotoxin testing and are charged at £100 plus courier fees.*