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ALEX STEWART AGRICULTURE ACCREDITED BY UKAS TO ISO 17025 STANDARDS

Alex Stewart Agriculture is delighted to announce to the industry that its head office and principal laboratories in Liverpool, England, United Kingdom - Alex Stewart Agriculture - has been accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service - UKAS - to ISO 17025 Standards for an extension to scope to cover new pet food matrices for ash, fats/oil, crude fibre and moisture content and also an extended matrix scope to food, fats, oils and pet food for fatty acid methyl esters.

ANIMAL FEED, DRY & WET PET FOODS

Chemical Tests

Ash (Crude) Fibre (Crude)

Moisture and Volatile Matter

Oils and Fats (Crude)

Food, feed, fats, oils, dry pet foods and wet

pet foods

Documented in-house methods identified by

method number

07L.1.011based on ISO 5984:2002 07L.1.007 based on ISO 6865:2001 07L.1.002 based on ISO 6496:1999

07L.1.004 based on Commission Regulation

(EC) 152/2009

07L.1.006 based on ISO 12966-2:2011

Other methods which Alex Stewart Agriculture have been accredited to are as follows:

ANIMAL FEEDS **Chemical Tests**

Calcium 07L.1.005 based on ISO 6869:2000

Fatty Acid

Methyl Esters

Chloride (Total) 07L.1.009 based on Pearsons Chemical Analysis of Foods

using muffle oven and Titration

Magnesium 07L.1.005 based on ISO 6869:2000

Nitrogen 07L.1.003 based on

ISO 5983-1:2005

07L.1.010 based on ISO 7485:2000 Potassium

Sodium 07L.1.010 based on ISO 7485:2000 Oilseed (Rapeseed) Moisture 07L.1.012 based on ISO 665:2000

07L.1.013 based on ISO 659:2009

Animal feed, dry pet foods and wet pet Ash (crude) 07L.1.011 based on ISO 5984:2002

foods

Fibre (Crude) 07L.1.007 based on ISO 6865:2001

Moisutre and Volatile Matter 07L.1.002 based on ISO 6496:1999

07L1.004 based on Commission Regulation (EC) 152/2009 Oils and Fats (Crude)

Animal feed, dry pet foods and wet pet 07L.1.006 based on ISO 12966-2:2011 Fatty Acid Methyl

07I.1.003 based on ISO 5983-1:2005 foods, Food fats and oils **Esters** Nitrogen/Crude protein 07L.1.23 based on Dumas method

Microbiological Tests

Detection of: Salmonella spp

07M.1.001 based on

BS EN ISO 6579:2002 + A1:2007 in

accordance with the Animal

By-Products Regulations (ABPR) 2011 with

specific reference to Regulation (EC)

1069/2009 and 142/2011

Enumeration of:

Enterobacteriaceae

Clostridium perfringens 07M.1.003 based on

BS EN ISO 7937:2004 in accordance with the

Animal

By-Products Regulations (ABPR) 2011 with

specific reference to Regulation (EC)

1069/2009 and 142/2011 07M.1.002 based on

BS ISO 21528-2:2004 in accordance with the

Animal

By-Products Regulations (ABPR) 2011 with

specific reference to Regulation (EC)

1069/2009 and 142/2011

ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES

Detection of:

Listeria spp including Identification of Listeria monocytogenes 07M.1.016 based on

BS EN ISO 11290-1:1997 Salmonella spp

07M.1.004 based on

BS EN ISO 6579:2002 + A1:2007

Enumeration of: Aerobic Colony Count

Coliforms (presumptive)

E. coli (ßeta-glucuronidase-positive)

Enterobacteriaceae (presumptive and confirmed)

Listeria spp including Identification of Listeria monocytogenes

Coagulase positive staphylococci including Staphylococcus

aureus

07M.1.007 based on BS EN ISO 4833-1:2013 07M.1.011 based on

BS ISO 4832:2006 at 37 °C

07M.1.010 based on BS ISO 16649-2:2001 07M.1.005 based on BS ISO 21528-2:2004 07M.1.018 based on

BS 4285-3.11:1985 07M.1.017 based on BS EN ISO 11290-2:1998 07M.1.012 based on

BS EN ISO 6888-1:1999 and confirmation

using Microgen latex

FOOD and FOOD PRODUCTS

Faecal Streptococci (presumptive)

Ash (excluding dairy products and oil

seeds) Foods containing <15% sugar

excluding dairy products, oil seeds)

Foods containing >15% sugar (excluding dairy products, oil

seeds)

Protein (Crude)

(Calculated from Nitrogen) Nitrogen/Crude protein 07L.1.23 Other than matrices affected by

above exclusions

Fat (Total)

Moisture and Volatile

Matter

Moisture and Volatile

Matter

Energy and

Carbohydrate by Calculation

07L.1.017 based on BS 4401-4:1970

07L.1.016 based on BS 4401-1:1998

07L.1.015 (method A) based on BS 4401-3:1997

07L.1.015 (method B) based on BS 4401-3:1997

07L.1.018 based on BS 4401-2:1980

07L.1.23 based on Dumas method

07L.1.019

Microbiological Tests

Detection of:

Listeria spp including Identification of Listeria monocytogenes

Salmonella spp

07M.1.016 based on BS EN ISO 11290-1:1997 07M.1.004 based on

BS EN ISO 6579:2002 + A1:2007

Enumeration of:

Aerobic Colony Count

Bacillus cereus (presumptive)

Clostridium perfringens

Coliforms (presumptive)

07M.1.007 based on

BS EN ISO 4833-1:2013 07M.1.013 based on BS EN ISO 7932:2004

07M.1.006 based on based on

BS EN ISO 7937:2004 07M.1.011 based on

E. coli (ßeta-glucuronidase-positive)

Enterobacteriaceae (presumptive and confirmed)

Faecal Streptococci (presumptive)

Listeria spp including Identification of Listeria monocytogenes

Coagulase positive staphylococci including Staphylococcus

aureus

FOOD and FOOD PRODUCTS

(aW >0.95)

Mould

Yeast

BS ISO 4832:2006 at 37 °C 07M.1.010 based on BS ISO 16649-2:2001 07M.1.005 based on BS ISO 21528-2:2004

07M.1.018 based on BS 4285-3.11:1985 07M.1.017 based on BS EN ISO 11290-2:1998

07M.1.012 based on

BS EN ISO 6888-1:1999 and confirmation

using Microgen latex 07M.01.009 based on BS ISO 21527-1:2008 07M.01.009 based on BS ISO 21527-1:2008

Our experienced laboratory technicians and chemists are highly trained to carry out qualitative and quantitative feed and food testing and analysis by traditional and modern instrumentation and by following internationally recognized methods and procedures for animal feeds, environmental samples, pet food, food and food products. These include calcium, chloride, magnesium, nitrogen, potassium, sodium, protein, ash, fibre, moisture, salmonella, e-coli, listeria, mould and yeast. This is in order to ensure that our customers' contractual specifications are protected by providing fast and accurate results.

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Alex Stewart International and Alex Stewart Agriculture are fully committed to providing a world class reliable laboratory analysis service to all of our customers.

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