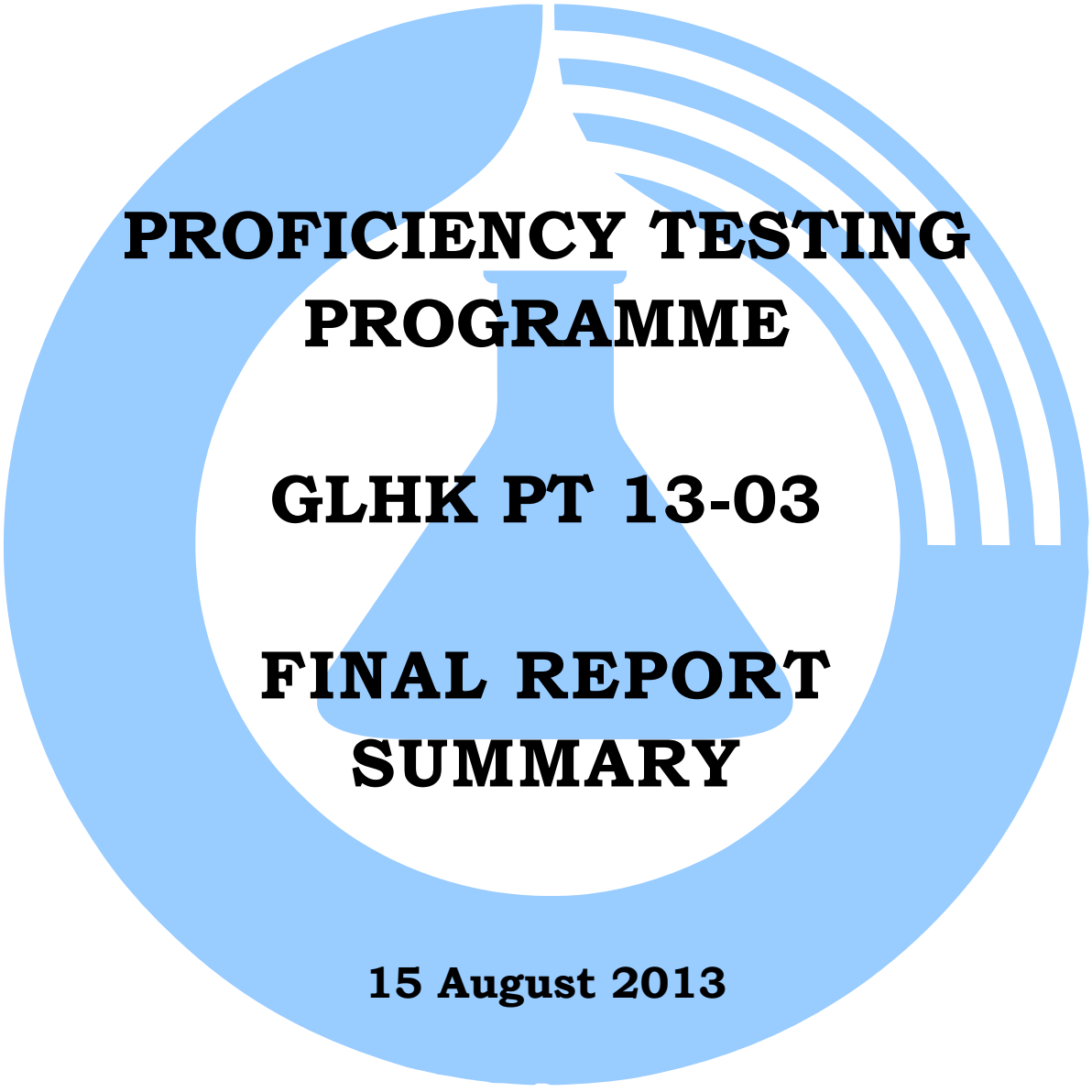


PROPIONIC ACID IN FLOUR CONFECTIONERY



**PROFICIENCY TESTING
PROGRAMME**

GLHK PT 13-03

**FINAL REPORT
SUMMARY**

15 August 2013



Government Laboratory of Hong Kong
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Propionic acid in Flour Confectionery

Summary of Results

1. This proficiency testing programme (GLHK PT 13-03) was organised by the Government Laboratory of Hong Kong (GLHK) and aimed at providing a platform to evaluate the testing capability of participating laboratories in analysing propionic acid in flour confectionery.
2. A total of 8 laboratories in Hong Kong enrolled in the programme and seven of them returned the analytical results to the organiser on or before the extended deadline of result submission.
3. The assigned value was derived from the robust analysis of participants' results. The standard deviation for proficiency assessment was derived from the Horwitz Equation. Individual laboratory performance was expressed in terms of z-scores.
4. The z-scores of the participants are summarized as follows:-

| z-Score | Number of participants (Percentage) |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $ z \leq 2.0$ | 5 (72%) |
| $2.0 < z < 3.0$ | 1 (14%) |
| $ z \geq 3.0$ | 1 (14%) |
| Total : | 7 (100%) |