

Price Increase for ICS Standards

The ICS range of four isomerised α -acids standards for HPLC analysis, developed by the International Subcommittee for Isomerised Hop α -acids Standards (ISIHAS), was first made available in 2001 at a base cost of \$60 per vial. These standards soon became accepted by the brewing industry worldwide and sales of the vials has been such that it has since been necessary to prepare and validate replacement standards for three of the four types of isomerised α -acids. The preparation of ICS standards requires considerable effort by the individual members of ISIHAS and their companies who have, by and large, freely donated of their time for the benefit of the industry as a whole. Now, following discussions between ISIHAS, ASBC, EBC and BCOJ, it has been agreed that funding will be secured to facilitate the preparation of future replacement standards. Accordingly, the base price per vial will be maintained, but a further \$40 will be added, the extra amount being placed into a special fund by ASBC and Labor Veritas. This fund will then be called upon by ISIHAS as and when necessary to defray costs associated with the manufacture, validation, packaging and despatch to ASBC and Labor Veritas of new or additional standards.

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