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Call for Financial Contributors – New International Methods and Guidelines for Pesticide Residues Analysis in Herbs and Spices

Dear Potential Partner,

On behalf of AOAC INTERNATIONAL and the AOAC Southeast Asia Chapter, we are reaching out with genuine excitement about an opportunity to make a real difference – one that aligns perfectly with your organization's commitment to excellence in food safety and global trade based on sound science.

Imagine a world where every batch of herbs and spices moves seamlessly across borders, with reliable testing data that are trusted by trading partners and regulators. Right now, that vision is within our grasp. AOAC INTERNATIONAL and its Southeast Asia Section are launching a collaborative effort to develop **New AOAC Methods and Guidelines for Pesticide Residues in Herbs and Spices** – and we are inviting you to be part of it.

What has been achieved so far?

The AOAC Southeast Asia Section's Working Group under the guidance by AOAC INTERNATIONAL have already done comprehensive background research and works to identify the current issues and priorities. We believe this lays a good foundation for the project to carry forward. We are now ready to proceed with the establishment of Standard Method Performance Requirements (SMPRs) of future AOAC Methods. There will be also a series of Guideline Documents to be published in order to address the concerns associated with pesticide residue testing in herbs and spices that are commonly faced by stakeholders.

Why This Matters?

Herbs and Spices are vital commodities in global trade, yet inconsistent pesticide regulations and analytical challenges pose risks to trade and trust with consumers. By joining forces, we can:

- Empower herbs and spices producers and buyers with clear, science-based analytical methods and guidelines

- Strengthen analytical lab capabilities with more reliable and internationally recognized testing methods
- Safeguard consumers with accurate testing measures

Your Invitation to Lead

We are inviting a select group of partners and stakeholders to help steer this important work through funding support and co-create solutions. Our aim is to establish globally recognized and validated analytical methods as well as associated guidelines on the interpretation of test results, to support regulatory compliance and fair trade, and build trust in analytical results and food safety in herbs and spices among stakeholders.

To support this work, we invite you to consider one of the following ways of contribution:

- **Pioneer partnership:** Shape the program's direction by funding this initiative, which gives you a seat on the Advisory Council and premium visibility.
- **Supporter partnership:** Participate in working groups and be recognized as a champion of progress in all communications.

This is our chance to bring together the best minds from industry, academia, and regulatory authorities – united by a shared goal of making food safer for everyone. Your organization's unique perspective and financial support would make this effort even stronger.

We hope you will join us in this important mission. Please don't hesitate to reach out directly to any of us should you have any question on funding opportunities or wish to discuss further. We look forward to discussing with you on how we can work together.

Yours Sincerely,

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- [Pesticide Residues in Spices and Herbs Initiative - AOAC INTERNATIONAL](#)
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