



Atelier sur la protection et le respect des indications géographiques

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Presentation of SCL

Service Commun des Laboratoires

« *A Joint Laboratory Service* »



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A common service of laboratories
for the economic and financial ministries



and



11 laboratories in metropolitan France
and overseas

+ a management unit in Paris





SCL's missions

4 missions

- 1- **ANALYZE** : Answer to requests for analysis and expertise from the two General Directorates (DGCCRF-DGDDI)
- 2- **SUPPORT** : Provide technical advice and support
- 3- **DEVELOP** : Adapt and develop analytical methods
- 4- **COOPERATE** : Contribute to the process of scientific cooperation

The SCL activities are linked to the missions of the DGDDI and of the DGCCRF :



❖ Tax and statistical aspects

Tariff classification, tax classification of alcohols, wines, petroleum products, denatured alcohols,...

❖ Safety

Toys, narcotics, jewellery, ...

❖ CITES (Convention of Washington)

Fauna and flora

❖ European Common Agriculture

Policy

Composition and refunds

❖ Consumer Safety

Food and feed safety / Compliance of goods with national and EU safety regulation and standards

❖ Food quality / detection of frauds & adulteration

- *Compliance with labelling*
- *Compliance with food legislation*
- *Authenticity*

❖ Crisis management

Outbreaks (E. coli, norovirus, ...), horse meat scandal, fipronil crisis, ...

↳ Large range of checking and controls :

↳ Food, feed and goods imported and/or sold on the French market.



SCL : facts and figures

60 000 samples received and over **450 000 results** of analysis performed every year

A high-tech network : national expertise centres and reference laboratories specialized in the investigation and detection of chemical and biological contaminants, product compliance, product authenticity, pesticide residues, narcotics, jewelry, seafood, wines and spirits, textiles, etc ...

There are **13 National Reference Laboratories** according to European regulation n° 2017/625

Expert scientific staff : about **380 scientists** and highly-qualified staff specialized in physics, chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, etc...

29 fields of expertise - Each laboratory is specialized in different kinds of matrices

Domaine		13	33	34	35	59	67	69	75	76	971	974
D01	Microbiologie		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
D02	Techniques moléculaires d'identification		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
D03	Contaminants alimentaires	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			
D04	Résidus de pesticides			✓					✓			
D05	Mycotoxines				✓							
D06	Isotopie		✓	✓								
D07	Boissons		✓	✓								
D08	Végétaux : fruits, légumes, céréales, champignons, café, thé, semences, plants, toxines des plantes		✓	✓		✓	✓					
D09	Produits sucrés, chocolats, produits de la ruche	✓	✓									
D10	Épices, arômes, huiles essentielles	✓										
D11	Corps gras	✓										
D12	Produits alimentaires, laitiers, ovoproduits									✓		
D13	Produits carnés			✓								
D14	Produits de la mer	✓										
D15	Composition nutritionnelle				✓		✓					
D16	Matériaux au contact des denrées alimentaires		✓									
D17	Stupéfiants, médicaments, dopants, tabacs	✓				✓	✓		✓			
D18	Phytoprotecteurs, fertilisants, supports de culture							✓				
D19	Énergie, environnement							✓		✓		
D20	Produits chimiques, biocides, alcools dénaturés		✓					✓				
D21	Cosmétiques							✓				
D22	Textiles, cuirs, papiers, plastiques							✓				
D23	Métaux, bijoux, pierres, bois, céramique									✓		
D24	Biens de consommation							✓				
D25	Jouets	✓				✓						
D26	Classement "mécanique", électronique, biens double usage								✓			
D27	Classement tarifaire de proximité	✓									✓	
D28	Analyses variées										✓	✓
D29	Métrie	✓										



SCL Laboratories are accredited (ISO 17025) (some of them since 1991).

French accreditation body is COFRAC (COMité FRANçais d'ACcréditation).

Since 2019 accreditation according to ISO/IEC 17025:2017





SCL laboratory in Bordeaux

The laboratory is located within the university campus

45 people (microbiologists, chemists and other functions)

9 fields of expertise

Contaminants analysis (1/2)

2 NRL :

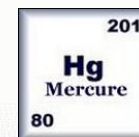
Food contact materials

- * BPA
- * Endocrine disruptors
- * Mineral oils



Metallic trace elements in vegetal and mineral food

- * Compliance with R(UE) 1881/2006
- * National food control programmes
- * Composition (major and minor minerals)
- * Speciation



Contaminants analysis (2/2)



Nanomaterials and nanoparticles

- * Labelling / R(UE) 1169/2011
- * spICP-MS : "routine" analysis of titanium dioxide (E171)
- * Work in progress on other additives (eg E172)

Radioactivity measurement

- * National food control programme
- * Authenticity of products (wines, mushrooms, ...)



Food products analysis (1/2)

Microbiology :

- * Compliance with EU regulation (food safety, process hygiene criteria)
- * Foodborne parasites detection



Molecular biology :

- * Plant cultivars authentication (shallots, ...)

Sweet products : jams, macarons, candies, ...

- * Composition
- * Labelling
- * Additives : preservatives, dyes,
- * Nutritional analysis



Food products analysis (2/2)

Processed fruits and vegetables



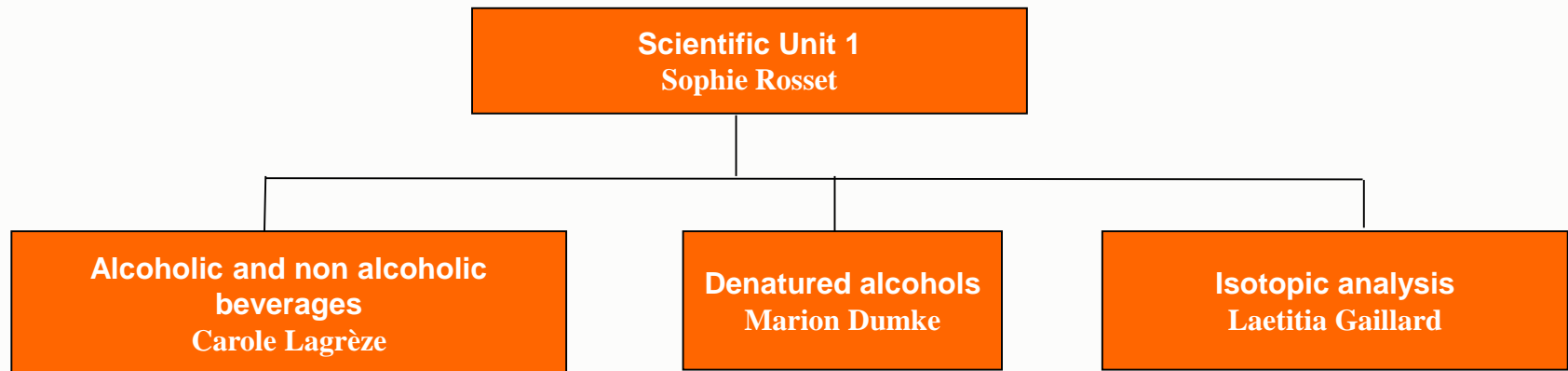
Dried fruits : figs, dates, grapes, apricots, prunes, walnuts, hazelnuts, ...

- * Moisture content (oven under vacuum)
- * Quality requirements
- * Preservatives contents
- * Control of sulfites E220-E228 (RCE 669/2009)



Organisation of the Scientific unit 1

There are 14 analysts (engineers and technicians)



Beverages (1/2)

Alcoholic and non alcoholic products :

- wines, ciders, beers
- spirits
- soft drinks
- any kind of beverage
 - * Excise tax classification
 - * Tariff classification
 - * Labelling issues / Check regulatory compliance (allergens, additives, composition, nutritional analysis, ...)



Beverages (2/2)

Oenological products

- * Compliance with International Oenological Codex



Sensory analysis on wines

- * Selection and training of a tasting panel
- * Evaluation of olfactive and/or taste alteration in wine character
- * Accreditation
- * Active cooperation between SCL33 and OIV to edit a Review document (March 2015)

Isotopic analysis (1/4)

A dedicated team to isotopic analysis

+ 2 * 400 Hz NMR devices

* Proton probe → Screening / ^1H analysis

* Deuterium probe → Isotopic ratio of deuterium



Isotopic analysis (2/4)

+ 2 * IRMS and 4 preparation modules

- Elemental Analyser - liquid injection (C13)
 - Elemental Analyser - solid injection (global C13 + N15)
- } EA-IRMS
- Automated system for headspace sampling = Multiflow-IRMS (O18 + C13 of CO₂)
 - Liquiface - HPLC = HPLC-co-IRMS (multicomponent C13)



Isotopic analysis (3/4)

Main issues :

- * Annual european data base for wine control
- * Others data base
- * Food authenticity
- * Active cooperation within SCL33 and with others SCL
- * Active cooperation with university in Bordeaux and foreign research teams

Isotopic analysis (4/4)

Food authenticity : a major issue

- * **Wines** : detection of watering and chaptalisation, vintage and geographical origin
- * **Spirits** : origin of alcohol, detection of glycerol
- * **Apples, mushrooms, garlic, melon** : geographical origin
- * **Prunes** : geographical origin and difference between dried prunes and rehydrated prunes
- * **Honey** : botanical and geographical origin
- * **Sparkling beverages** : natural or exogenous origin of CO_2
- * **Sugars** : botanical origin (C4 or C3)
- * **Fruit juices** : water addition, sugar addition, compliance with regulation (addition of citric acid)
- * **Cystein, vitamin C, tartaric acid** : origin



Thank you for
your attention