

# ASTA CHECK SAMPLE PROGRAM



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# Program Overview

## **ASTA Check Program**

The American Spice Trade Association will provide to its members and to other interested parties a cost effective means for the comparison and the evaluation of their capabilities with regard to both precision and accuracy. The program will maintain commitment to continuous evaluation of necessary and appropriate methods to meet the needs of its membership.

## **ASTA Program Description**

The purpose of the ASTA Check Sample Program is to strengthen laboratory credibility and promote high levels of accuracy within and among laboratories using standard analytical test methods for spices and herbs. The methods, such as ASTA's Official Analytical Methods, provide a uniform way to measure results within and among laboratories.

The ASTA Check Sample Program is designed to evaluate spice laboratories for a common range of analyses and spices that are significant to the spice trade. The program allows individual laboratories to evaluate their performance and set goals for improvement and consistency in analyses.

ASTA check samples are prepared from materials donated by member companies. In order to ensure homogeneity of the samples, all samples are prepared from a single batch for each round of testing.

The ASTA program is administered on a quarterly basis with each laboratory receiving samples, instructions, and data reporting forms with each shipment. All of the studies are open for 30 days. Participants are encouraged to enter their data via a secure on-line data entry website. Online data entry is confirmed through automated emails or laboratories can print confirmations directly from the web site.

The ASTA Check Sample Program is open to both ASTA members and non-members worldwide. As an ASTA program, the usage of ASTA methods is required. Please refer to the ASTA Web site at [www.astaspice.com](http://www.astaspice.com).

# Registration Form

**Please return by February 10, 2021**

**Program Fee (4 shipments)** (Please Check the samples you wish to receive)

Red Pepper Chemistry             ASTA Member \$240                             ASTA Non-Member \$480

Black Pepper Chemistry         ASTA Member \$240                             ASTA Non-Member \$480

Oregano Chemistry                 ASTA Member \$240                             ASTA Non-Member \$480

Quality Control Chemistry Samples  ASTA Member \$240                             ASTA Non-Member \$480

**Additional Samples**

    Red pepper chemistry         ASTA Member \$125                             ASTA Non-Member \$250

    Black pepper chemistry       ASTA Member \$125                             ASTA Non-Member \$250

    Oregano chemistry             ASTA Member \$125                             ASTA Non-Member \$250

**Annual Shipping and Handling Fee** (Please check one)

**Note: shipping fees apply for ONE set of each. Each additional set requires a separate shipping fee.**

**International participants are responsible for all applicable duties, taxes and customs clearance. Please select your shipping preference of Federal Express or DHL.**

\_\_\_ Shipping Fee ---- United States \$165

Shipping Fee ---- **International – Select one:**

\_\_\_ Federal Express \$525

\_\_\_ DHL \$650

Program Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping and Handling Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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For check payment, please make check payable to **American Spice Trade Association** and mail your payment to:

*American Spice Trade Association 1101 17th Street N.W., Ste. 700 Washington, DC 20036 USA*

For questions, call (202) 331-2460 or email us at [info@astaspice.org](mailto:info@astaspice.org)

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