

ARAB SECTION OF AOAC INTERNATIONAL TERMS OF REFERENCE

WORKING GROUP

I. NAME

Working Group on the *Development of Arab Requirements for the Acceptance of Gluten Quantitative Methods*.

II. MISSION

To establish Arab requirements for the acceptance of quantitative gluten testing methods applied to gluten-free prepackaged foods and inherently gluten-free foods.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

- To provide expert advice for the development of Arab requirements for the acceptance of quantitative gluten testing methods.
- To report back to the Arab Section Executive Committee, which will handle communication with:
 - the Arab Industrial Development Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO) and its Arab Technical Committee for Food Products Standards (TC9) and,
 - the AOAC INTERNATIONAL - Gluten & Food Allergens Program.
- To make recommendations for expanding the objectives of the current program.

IV. COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

The Working Group on the *Development of Arab Requirements for the Acceptance of Gluten Quantitative Methods*, shall consist of the following members representing the Arab analytical community:

Member	Organization	Country
Mrs. Celine Homsî	Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute (LARI)	Lebanon
Dr. Intisar Salim Al Gharibi	Food Safety and Quality Center (FSQC)	Oman
Dr. Sana Jaballah	Agri-food Technical Center (CTAA)	Tunisia
Dr. Jérémie Théolier	PARERA – Laval University	Canada
Dr. Amine Kassouf	President Arab Section	Lebanon
Dr. Mustafa Sultan	Secretary Arab Section	Egypt

- If specific expertise is required and unavailable from an AOAC Arab Section member, experts outside of the Arab Section will be appointed.
- Additional members may be appointed to join the working group.
- The appointment of all members will be approved by the AOAC Arab Section Executive Committee.
- The Working Group members will serve for the period needed for the development of the *Arab Requirements for the Acceptance of Gluten Quantitative Methods*.
- Heads and presidents of Arab Celiac Associations are invited to participate as observers in the Working Group.

V. OPERATIONS

All operations, communications, and logistical support will be managed by the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL, through its operator, the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GFoRSS).

VI. DATE ESTABLISHED

08 July 2025