

2017 Proficiency Testing Program Schedule

Order Code	Enrolment Close Date	Sample Dispatch Date	Results Due Date	Sample content, format and available tests	
Food Microbiology					
17P1FP	8-Dec-16	6-Feb-17	6-Mar-17	Oatmeal	3 × 130 g dry, natural food ingredients (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , <i>Clostridium</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> Detection (/25g): <i>E. coli</i> O157, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , <i>Listeria</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp
17P1NP	8-Dec-16	6-Feb-17	6-Mar-17	Chocolate Milk Mix	3 × 25 g dry, natural food ingredients (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate Count and anaerobic count, <i>Bacillus cereus</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , Enterobacteriaceae, Lactic acid bacteria, Mould, Coliforms, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms, Yeast
17P3FP	17-Feb-17	18-Apr-17	16-May-17	Cream of vegetable soup mix	3 × 130 g dry, natural food ingredients (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , <i>Clostridium</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> Detection (/25g): <i>E. coli</i> O157, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , <i>Listeria</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp
17P3NP	17-Feb-17	18-Apr-17	16-May-17	Custard dessert mix	3 × 25 g dry, natural food ingredients (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate Count and anaerobic count, <i>Bacillus cereus</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , Enterobacteriaceae, Lactic acid bacteria, Mould, Coliforms, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms, Yeast
17P6FP	8-Jun-17	7-Aug-17	4-Sep-17	Semolina	3 × 130 g dry, natural food ingredients (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , <i>Clostridium</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> Detection (/25g): <i>E. coli</i> O157, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , <i>Listeria</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp
17P6NP	8-Jun-17	7-Aug-17	4-Sep-17	Infant formula	3 × 25 g dry, natural food ingredients (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate Count and anaerobic count, <i>Bacillus cereus</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , Enterobacteriaceae, Lactic acid bacteria, Mould, Coliforms, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms, Yeast
17P8FP	10-Aug-17	9-Oct-17	6-Nov-17	Curry spice sauce mix	3 × 130 g dry, natural food ingredients (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , <i>Clostridium</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> Detection (/25g): <i>E. coli</i> O157, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , <i>Listeria</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp
17P8NP	10-Aug-17	9-Oct-17	6-Nov-17	Coconut ice mix	3 × 25 g dry, natural food ingredients (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate Count and anaerobic count, <i>Bacillus cereus</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , Enterobacteriaceae, Lactic acid bacteria, Mould, Coliforms, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms, Yeast
17C	22-Dec-16	20-Feb-17	20-Mar-17	Chocolate block	3 × ~40 g blocks of chocolate (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate Count, Coliforms, Enterobacteriaceae, Mould, Yeast Detection (/0.1g): <i>E. coli</i> ; (/25g): <i>Salmonella</i> spp
17MM	16-Mar-17	15-May-17	12-Jun-17	Beef mince	2 × freeze dried real mince (A/B) each reconstituted prior to testing. Count (cfu/g): Plate Count, <i>E. coli</i> Detection (/25g): <i>Salmonella</i> spp
17SF	31-Aug-17	30-Oct-17	27-Nov-17	Seafood paste	2 × freeze dried real seafood (A/B) each reconstituted prior to testing. Count (/g): <i>E. coli</i> Detection (/0.1g): <i>E. coli</i> ; Detection (/25g): <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> , <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>

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Meat Industry Scheme				
Carcass Hygiene				
17MIS-01	12-Nov-16	12-Dec-16	15 th of test month	6 × freeze dried vials covering 6 consecutive months (January – June); 1 vial tested per month; Reconstituted to 100 mL Targets Carcass Hygiene. Shipped under IATA UN3373 Biological Substance Cat B Count (cfu/g and cfu/cm ²): Plate Count, <i>E. coli</i> , Coliforms Detection (/25g): <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>E. coli</i> O157
17MIS-02	20-Apr-17	19-Jun-17	15 th of test month	6 × freeze dried vials covering 6 consecutive months (July – December); 1 vial tested per month; Reconstituted to 100 mL Targets Carcass Hygiene. Shipped under IATA UN3373 Biological Substance Cat B Count (cfu/g and cfu/cm ²): Plate Count, <i>E. coli</i> , Coliforms Detection (/25g): <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>E. coli</i> O157
17CSPm1	12-Nov-16	12-Dec-16	25 th of test month	1 selected round from the water CSP, dispatched with each MIS-01 sample set. Intended for laboratories enrolling in 16MIS-01
17CSPm2	20-Apr-17	19-Jun-17	25 th of test month	1 selected round from the water CSP, dispatched with each MIS-02 sample set. Intended for laboratories enrolling in 16MIS-02
Pathogenic <i>E. coli</i>				
17MX1	2-Feb-17	3-Apr-17	1-May-17	4 x freeze dried vials (A/B/C/D) each reconstituted prior to testing. "Big 6" detection and identification. Targets Carcass Hygiene. (non-pathogenic format)
17MX2	15-Jun-17	14-Aug-17	11-Sep-17	4 x freeze dried vials (A/B/C/D) each reconstituted prior to testing. "Big 6" detection and identification. Targets Carcass Hygiene. (non-pathogenic format)
Extension Non-Pathogens and Pathogens				
17XN1	17-Nov-16	16-Jan-17	13-Feb-17	3 × 25 g natural milk powder (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Enterobacteriaceae, Aerobic and Anaerobic Mesophilic and Thermophilic spores, Total Anaerobic Count Detection (/10g): <i>Enterobacter sakazakii</i>
17XN2	29-Jun-17	28-Aug-17	25-Sep-17	3 × 25 g natural milk powder (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Enterobacteriaceae, Aerobic and Anaerobic Mesophilic and Thermophilic spores, Total Anaerobic Count Detection (/10g): <i>Enterobacter sakazakii</i>
17XP1	19-Jan-17	20-Mar-17	17-Apr-17	3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C) reconstituted to 160 mL. Shipped under IATA UN3373 Biological Substance Cat B Detection (/25g): <i>Campylobacter</i> spp, <i>Vibrio</i> spp, <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> , <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>Yersinia</i> spp and <i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> Identification: <i>Campylobacter</i> spp, <i>Vibrio</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>Yersinia</i> spp
17XP2	13-Jul-17	11-Sep-17	9-Oct-17	3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C) reconstituted to 160 mL. Shipped under IATA UN3373 Biological Substance Cat B Detection (/25g): <i>Campylobacter</i> spp, <i>Vibrio</i> spp, <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> , <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>Yersinia</i> spp and <i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> Identification: <i>Campylobacter</i> spp, <i>Vibrio</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>Yersinia</i> spp

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Water and Beverage Microbiology					
<i>Legionella</i>					
17P4	26-Jan-17	27-Mar-17	24-Apr-17	3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C) reconstituted to 100 mL Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C, <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> (SG1, SG2-14), <i>Legionella</i> spp, Total <i>Legionella</i>	
17P7	1-Jun-17	31-Jul-17	28-Aug-17	3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C) reconstituted to 100 mL Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C, <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> (SG1, SG2-14), <i>Legionella</i> spp, Total <i>Legionella</i>	
17P10	7-Sep-17	6-Nov-17	4-Dec-17	3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C) reconstituted to 100 mL Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C, <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> (SG1, SG2-14), <i>Legionella</i> spp, Total <i>Legionella</i>	
Potable Water and Beverages					
17CSP-01	23-Feb-17	24-Apr-17	25 th of test month	6 × freeze dried vials covering 6 consecutive months of May 2017 to October 2017; 1 vial tested per month. Each vial reconstituted to 1000 mL. Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C Count (cfu/100mL): Coliforms, <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms, <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp, Yeast, Mould, Faecal <i>Streptococcus</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp	
17CSP-02	17-Aug-17	16-Oct-17	25 th of test month	6 × freeze dried vials covering 6 consecutive months of November 2017 to April 2018; 1 vial tested per month. Each vial reconstituted to 1000 mL. Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C Count (cfu/100mL): Coliforms, <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms, <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp, Yeast, Mould, Faecal <i>Streptococcus</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp	
Environmental Water					
17EW-01	23-Feb-17	24-Apr-17	Last day of test month	2 sets of 2 x freeze dried vials (A & B) ; Set 1 to be tested in June 2017 ; Set 2 to be tested in September 2017 Each vial reconstituted to 1000 mL. Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C Count (cfu/100mL): Coliforms, <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> , Yeast, Mould, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms	
17EW-02	17-Aug-17	16-Oct-17	Last day of test month	2 sets of 2 x freeze dried vials (A & B) ; Set 1 to be tested in December 2017 ; Set 2 to be tested in March 2018 Each vial reconstituted to 1000 mL. Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C Count (cfu/100mL): Coliforms, <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> , Yeast, Mould, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms	
Pharmaceutical/Cosmetic Microbiology					
17P2	30-Mar-17	29-May-17	26-Jun-17	Lotion	3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C) each reconstituted to 10 mL and mixed with 90 mL of supplied material Count (cfu/g): Plate Count, Mould, Yeast Detection (/10g, /1g and /0.1g): <i>Candida albicans</i> , <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>E. coli</i> , Gram negative bacteria (bile tolerant), <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i>
17P5	5-Jan-17	6-Mar-17	3-Apr-17	Herbal tea	3 × 150 g dry, medicinal/natural remedy material (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate count 37°C, Yeast, Mould Detection (/10g and /1g): <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , Gram negative bacteria (bile tolerant)
17P9	27-Jul-17	25-Sep-17	23-Oct-17	Tablets	3 × 150 g dry, medicinal/natural remedy material (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate count 37°C, Yeast, Mould Detection (/10g and /1g): <i>Candida albicans</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , Gram negative bacteria (bile tolerant)
Veterinary Microbiology					
17VMS-01	5-Nov-16	5-Dec-16	Last day of test month	6 × freeze dried vials covering the months January to June; 1 vial tested per month; Reconstituted to 10 mL Shipped as IATA UN3373 Biological Substance Cat B; Antibiotic Sensitivity, Organism Identification, Biochemical tests	
17VMS-02	6-May-17	5-Jun-17	Last day of test month	6 × freeze dried vials covering the months July to December; 1 vial tested per month; Reconstituted to 10 mL Shipped as IATA UN3373 Biological Substance Cat B; Antibiotic Sensitivity, Organism Identification, Biochemical tests	

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Reports are generally expected to be issued between 2 and 4 weeks after the result due date.