

2018

Microbiology Proficiency Testing Program Schedule

PT Round Order Code	Enrolment Close Date	Sample Dispatch Date	Results Due Date	Samples per program, sample content, format and available tests	
Food Microbiology					
18P1FP	01-Jan-2018	12-Feb-2018	12-Mar-2018	Muesli	Food Pathogens 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
18P3FP	26-Feb-2018	09-Apr-2018	07-May-2018	Pudding mix	
18P6FP	09-Jul-2018	20-Aug-2018	17-Sep-2018	Polenta	
18P8FP	24-Sep-2018	05-Nov-2018	03-Dec-2018	Marinade mix	
18P1NP	01-Jan-2018	12-Feb-2018	12-Mar-2018	Strawberry milk mix	Food Non-Pathogens 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
18P3NP	26-Feb-2018	09-Apr-2018	07-May-2018	Soup mix	
18P6NP	09-Jul-2018	20-Aug-2018	17-Sep-2018	Infant formula	
18P8NP	24-Sep-2018	05-Nov-2018	03-Dec-2018	Cassata base	
18C	12-Feb-2018	26-Mar-2018	23-Apr-2018	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
18MM	19-Mar-2018	30-Apr-2018	28-May-2018	Beef mince	2 × freeze dried real mince (A/B); Reconstituted prior to testing Count (cfu/g): Plate Count, <i>E. coli</i> Detection (/25g): <i>Salmonella</i> spp
18SF	23-Jul-2018	03-Sep-2018	01-Oct-2018	Seafood paste	2 × freeze dried real seafood (A/B); 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				
18MIS-01	30-Oct-2017	11-Dec-2017	15 th of test month Jan to June	6 × freeze dried vials covering 6 consecutive months (Set-01: January to June; Set-02: July to December) 1 vial tested per month; Reconstituted prior to testing 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
18MIS-02	07-May-2018	18-Jun-2018	15 th of test month July to Dec	
18CSPm1	30-Oct-2017	11-Dec-2017	25 th of test month	1 selected round from the water CSP, dispatched with MIS-01 sample set.
18CSPm2	07-May-2018	18-Jun-2018	25 th of test month	1 selected round from the water CSP, dispatched with MIS-02 sample set.
Pathogenic <i>E. coli</i>				
18MX1	15-Jan-2018	26-Feb-2018	26-Mar-2018	4 x freeze dried vials (A/B/C/D); Reconstituted prior to testing. "Big 6" <i>E. coli</i> detection and identification. Targets Carcass Hygiene (non-pathogenic format)
18MX2	25-Jun-2018	06-Aug-2018	03-Sep-2018	
Extension Non-Pathogens and Pathogens				
18XN1	18-Dec-2017	29-Jan-2018	26-Feb-2018	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>
18XN2	02-Jul-2018	13-Aug-2018	10-Sep-2018	
18XP1	02-Apr-2018	14-May-2018	11-Jun-2018	3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C); Reconstituted prior to testing; 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
18XP2	08-Oct-2018	19-Nov-2018	17-Dec-2018	
Hygiene Swabs (NEW)				
18SW1	16-Apr-2018	28-May-2018	25-Jun-2018	2 x swab (A/B) Detection (/swab): <i>Campylobacter</i> spp, <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp Count (/swab): Plate count, Coliforms, Mould, Yeast
18SW2	22-Oct-2018	03-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2018	

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Water and Beverage Microbiology					
Legionella					
18P4 18P4s	29-Jan-2018	12-Mar-2018	09-Apr-2018	P4/P7/P10: 3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C); Reconstituted prior to testing P4s/P7s/P10s: 2 × freeze dried vials (A/B); Reconstituted prior to testing; >>SUPPLEMENTARY program targeting filtration methods Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C, <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> (SG1, SG2-14), Total <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> , <i>Legionella</i> spp, Total <i>Legionella</i>	
18P7 18P7s	21-May-2018	02-Jul-2018	30-Jul-2018		
18P10 18P10s	17-Sep-2018	29-Oct-2018	26-Nov-2018		
Potable Water and Beverages					
18CSP-01	05-Mar-2018	16-Apr-2018	25 th of test month	6 × freeze dried vials covering 6 consecutive months; (Set-01: May to October; Set -02: November to April) 1 vial tested per month; Reconstituted prior to testing 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	
18CSP-02	03-Sep-2018	15-Oct-2018	25 th of test month		
Environmental Water					
18EW-01	05-Mar-2018	16-Apr-2018	Last day of test month Set 1. June Set 2. Sept	2 sets of 2 × freeze dried vials (A & B) Set 1 to be tested in first test month Set 2 to be tested in second test month Reconstituted prior to testing 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	
18EW-02	03-Sep-2018	15-Oct-2018	Last day of test month Set 1. Dec Set 2. March		
Pharmaceutical/Cosmetic Microbiology					
18P2	05-Feb-2018	19-Mar-2018	16-Apr-2018	Lotion	3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C); Reconstituted and mixed with supplied material prior to testing 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>
18P5	23-Apr-2018	04-Jun-2018	02-Jul-2018	Herbal tea	3 × 130 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)
18P9	06-Aug-2018	17-Sep-2018	15-Oct-2018	Tablets	3 × 130 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					
18VMS-01	30-Oct-2017	11-Dec-2017	Last day of test month Jan - June	6 × freeze dried vials covering 6 consecutive months ; (Set-01: January to June; Set-02: July to December) 1 vial tested per month; Reconstituted prior to testing Shipped as IATA UN3373 Biological Substance Cat B; Antibiotic Sensitivity, Organism Identification, Biochemical tests	
18VMS-02	14-May-2018	25-Jun-2018	Last day of test month July - Dec		

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