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European Food Microbiology Legislation Scheme Preliminary Intended Results Notification

These results are provided for guidance and are determined from the examinations undertaken during quality control testing of the samples in FEPTU. The enumeration results may show minor variations from the final results, which are calculated from the participants' consensus results, and included in the distribution report.

Please refer to the request form to review the sample details provided for these samples. Conclusions other than the ones shown in the table below for the examination and the batch may also be considered correct. These will be considered and analysed accordingly.

Distribution: EFL53 Samples: EFL157, EFL158 and EFL159

Sample number	Examination	Result	Conclusion for examination
EFL157	Listeria monocytogenes EN/ISO 11290-1 Food category: 1.2	Detected in 25g	Examination result is unsatisfactory due to presence of target organism
Overall batch conclusion: Unsatisfactory: The batch does not comply with the legislation			

Sample number	Examination	Result	Conclusion for examination
EFL158	Enterobacteriaceae EN/ISO 21528-2 Food category: 2.2.8	65 cfu/g	Target organisms count is between m and M. Sample examination is acceptable if the c value for counts between m and M is not exceeded

Overall batch conclusion: A further four sample units require testing before a conclusion can be drawn for the batch

Sample number	Examination	Result	Conclusion for examination
EFL159	Listeria monocytogenes EN/ISO 11290-2 Food category: 1.2	20 cfu/g	Target organism count is <m. <="m" a="" acceptable="" and="" are="" between="" c="" counts="" examination="" exceeded="" for="" four="" further="" if="" is="" m="" m<="" not="" or="" sample="" satisfactory="" td="" the="" unit="" value=""></m.>
	Salmonella EN/ISO 6579-1 Food category: 1.16	Not detected in 25g	A further four sample units require testing before a conclusion can be drawn for the sample examination

Overall batch conclusion: A further four sample units require testing before a conclusion can be drawn for the batch

Sample contents:

EFL157	L. monocytogenes, Enterococcus faecalis and Pseudomonas putida	
EFL158	Enterobacter cloacae, Staphylococcus aureus, Bacillus pumilus and Lactococcus lactis	
EFL159	L. monocytogenes, S. aureus, Lactococcus lactis and Micrococcus viridans	

Laboratory identification numbers of participants who did not return results this distribution: 166, 1093, 1237, 1267 and 2044

The distribution report providing details of your individual performance and an analysis of all participants' results will be dispatched within three weeks. The report may also include sample specific comments.

Repeat samples are available for up to one year from date of this letter for participants who experienced problems with any of the examination. There is no need to wait until you have received the report to order repeat samples.

The next distribution of the European Food Microbiology Legislation Scheme samples will be dispatched during the week beginning 8 March 2021.

If you require any technical advice or wish to make comments or suggestions relating to the scheme please contact us.

Validated by:

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