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Biological Testing Laboratory

**Accreditation Number 685**

**Initial Accreditation Date 1 September 1998**

**Conformance Standard**

ISO/IEC 17025:2017

General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories

**Laboratory Services Summary**

**General Microbiology**

- 1.03 Drugs and Pharmaceuticals
- 1.11 Foods
- 1.12 Waters
- 1.13 Cosmetics, Perfumes and Essential Oils
- 1.71 Biological Condition

**Molecular Biology**

- 1.11 Foods
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**General Microbiology**

**1.03 Drugs and Pharmaceuticals**

**(a) Microbiological quality (including sterility)**

Aerobic plate count TEMPO AC

**1.11 Foods**

- (a) Cereals and cereal products
- (b) Edible oils, fats and derived products
- (c) Nuts, fruits, vegetables and derived products
- (d) Sauces, herbs, spices and condiments
- (e) Sugar and sugar confectionery
- (f) Dairy products
- (g) Meat, poultry and derived products
- (h) Fish and fish products (including shellfish)
- (i) Eggs and egg products
- (k) Non-alcoholic beverages (fruit juices, bottled water)
- (n) Other specified fresh foods (salads, airline meals)
- (o) Other specified preserved foods (dried, frozen)
- (p) Canned foods
- (q) Animal feeds

In accordance with APHA “Compendium of Methods for the Microbiological Examination of Foods” 5<sup>th</sup> Edition except where otherwise indicated.

Aerobic plate count (Pour plate)	8.72
Aerobic plate count (Spread plate)	8.73
Aerobic plate count (Petrifilm)	8.82
Aerobic plate count	TEMPO AC
Anaerobic plate count	6.7
<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	31.6
<i>Bacillus cereus</i> (count)	TEMPO BC
Campylobacter (Detection)	30
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	33.7
<i>E. coli</i> – MPN	9.93
<i>E. coli</i> – Petrifilm	9.935
<i>E. coli</i> (count)	TEMPO EC
Enterobacteriaceae (Pour plate)	9.62 (modified)
Enterobacteriaceae (Petrifilm)	9.63 (modified)
Enterobacteriaceae (count)	TEMPO EB

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Faecal coliforms – MPN	9.81 (modified)
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	ISO 11290-2:2017
Mesophilic spore formers	23
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	39.6
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (count)	TEMPO STA
Sulphite reducing anaerobes	33.7
Total coliforms	TEMPO TC
Total coliforms – MPN	9.72
Total coliforms – MPN (presumptive)	9.71
Total coliforms – Petrifilm	9.935
Yeasts and moulds	21.5
Yeasts and moulds	21.5 (modified)

- (a) **Cereals and cereal products**
- (b) **Edible oils, fats and derived products**
- (c) **Nuts, fruits, vegetables and derived products**
- (d) **Sauces, herbs, spices and condiments**
- (e) **Sugar and sugar confectionery**
- (f) **Dairy products**
- (g) **Meat, poultry and derived products**
- (h) **Fish and fish products (including shellfish)**
- (i) **Food additives and supplements**
- (n) **Other specified fresh foods (salads, airline meals)**
- (o) **Other specified preserved foods (dried, frozen)**
- (p) **Canned foods**
- (q) **Animal feeds**

Yeasts and moulds TEMPO YM

- (c) **Nuts, fruits, vegetables and derived products**
- (d) **Sauces, herbs, spices and condiments**

Yeasts & Moulds (Rapid Petrifilm) Petrifilm

- (i) **Food additives and supplements**
- (m) **Essential nutrients including vitamins**

Aerobic plate count TEMPO AC

- (h) **Fish and fish products (including shellfish)**

*Escherichia coli* Enumeration of *E coli* in Molluscan Bivalve Shellfish, MPI method

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**1.12 Waters**

In accordance with APHA “Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater” Online Edition except where otherwise indicated.

- (a) Potable waters**
- (b) Non-potable waters**
- (c) Sewage**
- (d) Effluent and trade wastes**
- (g) Marine waters**

<i>E. coli</i>	9222 I (modified)
<i>E. coli</i> – MPN	9221 F (modified)
<i>E. coli</i> – Colilert Quantitray (51 well)	9223 B (excluding marine)
<i>E. coli</i> – Colilert Quantitray (97 well)	9223 B (excluding marine)
<i>E. coli</i> – Colilert-18 Quantitray (51 well)	9223 B
<i>E. coli</i> – Colilert-18 Quantitray (97 well)	9223 B
Enterococci	9230 C (modified)
Enterococci	9230 D
Faecal coliforms	9222 D (modified)
Faecal coliforms – MPN	9221 E
Heterotrophic plate count	9215 B
Heterotrophic plate count	Petriefilm
Total coliforms – MPN	9221 B
Total coliforms – Colilert Quantitray (51 well)	9223 B (excluding marine)
Total coliforms – Colilert Quantitray (97 well)	9223 B (excluding marine)
Total coliforms – Colilert-18 Quantitray (51 well)	9223 B (excluding marine)
Total coliforms – Colilert-18 Quantitray (97 well)	9223 B (excluding marine)
Total coliforms (presumptive) – MPN	9221 B

**(a) Potable Waters**

<i>E. coli</i>	AS/NZS 4276.7:2007
<i>E. coli</i>	ISO 9308-1:2014/Amendment 1:2016
Faecal coliforms	AS/NZS 4276.7:2007
Heterotrophic plate count	AS/NZS 4276.3.1:2007
<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	AS 3896:2017 (modified)
<i>Legionella</i> species	AS 3896:2017 (modified)
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	AS/NZS 4276.13:2008
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	APHA 9213 E
Sulphite reducing Clostridia	Standing Committee of Analysts, The Microbiology of Drinking Water (2015) Part 6A
Total coliforms	AS/NZS 4276.5:2007
Total coliforms	ISO 9308-1:2014/Amendment 1:2016

**(e) Cooling tower and industrial waters**

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Heterotrophic plate count (22°C, 35°C)	9215 B
Heterotrophic plate count	Petrifilm
<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	AS 3896:2017 (modified)
Legionella species	AS 3896:2017 (modified)

**(f) Swimming and spa pools**

<i>E. coli</i>	9222 I (modified)
Faecal coliforms	9222 D (modified)
Heterotrophic plate count	9215 B
Heterotrophic plate count	Petrifilm
<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	AS 3896:2017 (modified)
Legionella spp.	AS 3896:2017 (modified)
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (MF)	9213 E
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MF)	9213 B

**1.13 Cosmetics, Perfumes and Essential Oils**

**(a) Microbiological quality (including sterility)**

Aerobic Plate Count	TEMPO AC
Yeasts and moulds	TEMPO YM

**1.71 Biological Condition**

**(a) Air**

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Exposure plates (incubation and counting)

Aerobic plate count	8.73
<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	31.6
<i>E. coli</i>	9.93
Listeria spp.	ISO 11290-2:2017
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	39.6
Yeast and mould	21.5 (modified)

**(b) Plant hygiene evaluation (environmental swabs)**

Aerobic plate count	8.72
Aerobic plate count	8.73
Aerobic plate count	8.82
Aerobic plate count	TEMPO AC

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<i>Bacillus cereus</i> (count)	TEMPO BC
<i>E. coli</i>	9.93
<i>E. coli</i>	9.935
<i>E. coli</i> (count)	TEMPO EC
Enterobacteriaceae	9.63 (modified)
Enterobacteriaceae (count)	TEMPO EB
Faecal coliforms	9.81 (modified)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (count)	TEMPO STA
Total coliforms	9.935
Total coliforms	9.72
Total coliforms	TEMPO TC
Total coliforms (presumptive)	9.71
Yeasts and moulds	21.5
Yeasts and moulds	21.5 (modified)
Yeasts and moulds	TEMPO YM
Contact plates (incubation and counting)	
Aerobic plate count	APHA Comp 8.73
<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	APHA Comp 31.6
<i>E. coli</i>	APHA Comp 9.93
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	APHA Comp 39.6

**Molecular Biology**

**1.11 Foods**

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*Cronobacter* spp. In-house method  
(including *Cronobacter sakazakii*)

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<i>E. coli</i> O157	Assurance GDS
Listeria (PCR)	In-house method
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> (PCR)	In-house method
Salmonella (PCR)	In-house method

**(h) Fish and fish products (including shellfish)**

<i>Vibrio cholera</i> (PCR)	In-house method
<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (PCR)	In-house method
<i>Vibrio vulnificus</i> (PCR)	In-house method

**(l) Food additives and supplements**

Salmonella (PCR)	In-house method
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**1.12 Waters**

**(g) Marine waters**

<i>Vibrio cholera</i> (PCR)	In-house method
<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (PCR)	In-house method
<i>Vibrio vulnificus</i> (PCR)	In-house method

**1.71 Biological Condition**

**(b) Plant hygiene evaluation**

Cronobacter spp. including <i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i>	In-house method
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> (PCR)	In-house method
Listeria species (PCR)	In-house method
Salmonella (PCR)	In-house method

**References:**

APHA	American Public Health Association
AS	Australian Standard
AS/NZS	Australian Standard / New Zealand Standard
FDA BAM	United States Food and Drug Administration Bacteriological Analytical Manual
USP	United States Pharmacopeia, current published edition

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