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Determination of transfer of antimicrobial constituents

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The United Kingdom voted against this draft, considering that the test, although possibly fulfilling the demands of quality control within the industry, may not sufficiently ensure food safety for the following reasons:

- a) inadequate sensitivity of the test which, with experience of use, has shown only to be effective in the detection of levels that could represent gross contaminants in the paper;
- b) uncertainty as to the pass/fail criteria of the test, the definition and method of use of the zone of inhibition being unclear.

Cross-reference

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