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- *Part 2: Enumeration method*.

Annex A and Annex B form an integral part of this part of ISO 11290. Annex C is for information only.

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The enumeration medium has been modified.

Introduction

Because of the large variety of food and feed products, this horizontal method may not be appropriate in every detail for certain products. In this case, different methods, which are specific to these products may be used if absolutely necessary for justified technical reasons. Nevertheless, every attempt should be made to apply this horizontal method as far as possible.

When this part of ISO 11290 is next reviewed, account will be taken of all information then available regarding the extent to which this horizontal method has been followed and the reasons for deviations from this method in the case of particular products.

The harmonization of test methods cannot be immediate, and for certain groups of products International Standards and/or national standards may already exist that do not comply with this horizontal method. It is hoped that when such standards are reviewed they will be changed to comply with this part of ISO 11290 so that eventually the only remaining departures from this horizontal method will be those necessary for well-established technical reasons.

WARNING — In order to safeguard the health of laboratory personnel, it is strongly recommended that tests for detecting *Listeria monocytogenes* are undertaken in properly equipped laboratories, under the control of a skilled microbiologist, and that great care is taken in the disposal of all contaminated materials. In particular, it is strongly recommended that female laboratory staff are made aware of the particular risk to the developing foetus presented by infection of the mother through exposure to *Listeria monocytogenes*. National legislation may involve more specific demands.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 11290 specifies a horizontal method for the enumeration of *Listeria monocytogenes*.

NOTE The method also allows enumeration of other *Listeria* species which may be used as indicators of the hygienic quality of food or feed products.

Subject to the limitations discussed in the introduction, this part of ISO 11290 is applicable to products intended for human consumption or animal foodstuffs.

In general (see note in 9.2.1), the lower limit of enumeration of this method is 10 *L. monocytogenes* per millilitre of sample for liquid products, or 100 *L. monocytogenes* per gram of sample for other products.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference to the text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 6887-1:—¹⁾, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Preparation of test samples, initial suspension and decimal dilutions for microbiological examination — Part 1: General rules for the preparation of the initial suspension and of decimal dilutions*.

ISO 7218:1996, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — General rules for microbiological examination*.

ISO 11290-1:1996, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of *Listeria monocytogenes* — Part 1: Detection method*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 11290, the following definitions apply.

3.1

Listeria monocytogenes

microorganisms which form typical colonies on the solid selective medium described and which display the morphological, physiological and biochemical characteristics described when the analysis is carried out in accordance with this part of ISO 11290

3.2

enumeration of *Listeria monocytogenes*

determination of the number of colony-forming units (CFU) of *Listeria monocytogenes* (see 3.1), in a given quantity of product, when the analysis is carried out in accordance with this part of ISO 11290

4 Principle

Within the limits of this part of ISO 11290, the enumeration of *Listeria monocytogenes* requires six successive steps (see Annex A for a flowchart).

4.1 Preparation of the initial suspension in one of the two diluents described, as necessary.

4.2 Resuscitation for 1 h at 20 °C.

4.3 Surface plating, on the solid selective culture medium contained in two Petri dishes, of a specified quantity of the test sample for liquid products or the initial suspension for other products.

Preparation of other dishes, under the same conditions, using decimal dilutions of the test sample or initial suspension.

4.4 Incubation of the dishes at $\boxed{A_1}$ 37 °C $\boxed{A_2}$ and examination after 24 h and 48 h.

4.5 Confirmation of presumptive colonies of *Listeria monocytogenes* with the tests described.

¹⁾ To be published. (Revision of ISO 6887:1993).