

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: EFL61 Samples: EFL181, EFL182 and EFL183

| Sample number | Examination | Result | Conclusion for examination |
|--|---|---------------------------|---|
| EFL181 | <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> ISO 11290-1 Food category: 1.2 | Not detected in 25g | A further four sample units require testing before a conclusion can be drawn for the sample examination |
| | <i>Escherichia coli</i> ISO 16649-1 or 2 Food category: 2.5.1 | 1.9x10 ³ cfu/g | Examination result is unsatisfactory as target organisms exceeds M |
| Overall batch conclusion: Unsatisfactory. The batch does not comply with the Legislation | | | |

| Sample number | Examination | Result | Conclusion for examination | |
|------------------|--|-----------------|---|--|
| EFL182 | <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> ISO 11290-2 Food category: 1.2 | 80 cfu/mL | A further four sample units require testing before a conclusion can be drawn for the sample examination | |
| | Salmonella spp. ISO 6579-1 Food category: 1.11 | Detected in 25g | Examination result is unsatisfactory due to presence of target organism | |
| Overall | Overall batch conclusion: Unsatisfactory. The batch does not comply with the Legislation | | | |

| Sample number | Examination | Result | Conclusion for examination | |
|--|---|---------------------------|---|--|
| EFL183 | <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> ISO 11290-1 Food category: 1.2 | Not detected in 25g | A further four sample units require testing before a conclusion can be drawn for the sample examination | |
| | <i>Escherichia coli</i> ISO /TS 16649-3 Food category: 2.4.1 | 1.6x10 ⁴ MPN/g | Examination result is unsatisfactory as target organisms exceeds M | |
| | Coagulase-positive staphylococci ISO 6888-1 Food category: 2.4.1 | 1.4x10⁴ cfu/g | Examination result is unsatisfactory as target organisms exceeds M | |
| Overall batch conclusion: The batch does not comply with the Legislation | | | | |

Sample contents:

| EFL181 | Escherichia coli, Enterococcus faecalis, Providencia rettgeri and Pseudomonas putida | |
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| EFL182 | Listeria monocytogenes, Salmonella Indiana, Lactococcus lactis and Micrococcus sp. | |
| EFL183 | Staphylococcus aureus, E. coli and Kocuria kristinae | |

Laboratory identification numbers of participants who did not return results this distribution: All laboratories submitted a result

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 13 March 2023.

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

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