

## Food and Environmental Proficiency Testing Unit

The final date for return of results is indicated on the accompanying request/report form

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Results should be returned on-line using the web-based reporting system. Go to: [www.phe-ega.org.uk](http://www.phe-ega.org.uk). You will need your log-in details for this process. Please contact us if you experience problems with the on-line system.

[European Food Microbiology Legislation - Food and Environmental Proficiency Testing Unit](#)

### European Food Microbiology Legislation Scheme – Instruction Sheet

Each distribution consists of **three** LENTICULE® discs in screw-cap plastic vials (with desiccant). The LENTICULE discs require reconstitution by a process of re-hydration and dispersion prior to examination.

Refer also to the Safety Data Sheet: [Safety data sheet - LENTICULE](#)

For a video on sample processing: [Processing samples - European Food Law](#)

### Storage:

- Store the samples at **-20 ± 5°C** on receipt.
- Allow the LENTICULE discs to reach ambient temperature (5 - 10 minutes) **before** re-hydrating in diluent.

### Reconstitution:

- Open the sample container and transfer the LENTICULE disc into **100mL buffered peptone water (BPW)**.
- Leave at ambient temperature for a minimum of 10 minutes to hydrate.
- Ensure that the LENTICULE disc has completely hydrated and disperse the inoculum by inverting approximately 30 times.

### Examination:

- Each reconstituted sample is equivalent to a 100g food sample.**
- Undertake sample examination between 30 - 45 minutes after reconstitution.
- Examine in accordance with routine procedures.

### Return of Results:

- Return your results on-line using the web-based reporting system.
- Return results to the organisers before the deadline shown on the request/report form.
- Results returned after that date will not be assessed.