

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: **EFL70** Samples: **EFL208, EFL209 and EFL210**

Sample number	Examination	Result	Conclusion for examination
EFL208	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> ISO 11290-1 Food category: 1.2	Detected in 25g	Examination result is unsatisfactory due to presence of target organism
	<i>Escherichia coli</i> ISO 16649-1 or ISO 16649-2 Food category 2.2.6	1.4x10 ⁴ cfu/g	Examination result is unsatisfactory as target organism counts exceeds M
Overall batch conclusion: The batch does not comply with the Legislation			

Sample number	Examination	Result	Conclusion for examination
EFL209	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> ISO 11290-2 Food category: 1.3	3.5x10 ² cfu/g	Examination result is unsatisfactory as target organism counts exceeds M
	<i>Salmonella</i> ISO 6579-1 Food category: 1.8	Detected in 25g	Examination result is unsatisfactory due to presence of target organism
Overall batch conclusion: The batch does not comply with the Food Safety Criteria			

Sample number	Examination	Result	Conclusion for examination
EFL210	Aerobic colony count ISO 4833-1 Food category: 2.1.7	5.6x10 ⁵ cfu/g	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 ISO 16649-2 Food category 2.1.7	2.0x10 ⁴ cfu/g	Examination result is unsatisfactory as target organism counts exceeds M
Overall batch conclusion: The batch does not comply with the Process Hygiene Criteria			

Sample contents:

EFL208	<i>L. monocytogenes, E. coli, Citrobacter koseri, Lactobacillus plantarum and Staphylococcus saprophyticus</i>
EFL209	<i>L. monocytogenes, Salmonella Infantis, Lactococcus lactis, Listeria innocua and Staphylococcus xylosus</i>
EFL210	<i>E. coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Staphylococcus aureus</i>

Laboratory identification numbers of participants who did not return results this distribution:

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 12 May 2025.

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

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