

EUROPEAN FOOD MICROBIOLOGY LEGISLATION SCHEME
Regulation (EC) 2073/2005 Microbiological Criteria for Foodstuffs associated with
Regulation (EC) 852/2004 and subsequent amendments

food microbiology examinations

Sample schedule for 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027

Distribution number	Sample numbers	Dispatch date	Date results due by	Food category	Examinations and enumerations required
EFL75	EFL223 EFL224 EFL225	11/05/2026	12/06/2026	Meat	According to the Food Safety or Process Hygiene Criteria
EFL76	EFL226 EFL227 EFL228	07/09/2026	09/10/2026	Dairy	
EFL77	EFL229 EFL230 EFL231	02/11/2026	04/12/2026	Ready to eat product	
EFL78	EFL232 EFL233 EFL234	25/01/2027	26/02/2027	Miscellaneous	