SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO ISO/IEC 17025:2017

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Valid To: November 30, 2028 Certificate Number: 1698.34

In recognition of the successful completion of the A2LA evaluation process (including an assessment of the laboratory's compliance with the A2LA Food Testing Program Requirements, containing 2024 *"AOAC International Guidelines for Laboratories Performing Microbiological and Chemical Analyses of Food, Dietary Supplements, and Pharmaceuticals"*), accreditation is granted to this laboratory to perform the following types of tests and sampling on foods, food products, water, tobacco samples and environmental samples:

Quantitative Test Method	Method SOP(s)	Reference Method(s)
Aerobic Plate Count	6586, 6594, 6595, 6598, 6599	CMMEF Ch. 8, FDA BAM Ch. 3, SMEDP Ch. 6, SMEWW 9215
	6595	AOAC 986.33, 989.10, 990.12
Bacillus cereus	6620, 6616	AOAC 980.31, CMMEF Ch. 31, FDA BAM Ch. 14, USDA MLG Ch. 12
Clostridium perfringens	7852	AOAC 976.30, CMMEF Ch. 33, FDA BAM Ch. 16
Cultural Confirmation	7861, 7863	AOAC 993.12, FDA BAM Ch. 10, USDA MLG Ch. 8 (*Listeria* spp.)
	7859, 7860	AOAC 995.20, FDA BAM Ch. 5, USDA MLG Ch. 4 (*Salmonella* spp.)
ELFA (VIDAS) Analysis	10058, 1039.1	AOAC-RI 060903 (*E. coli* O157:H7)
	10058, 1033.1, 1033.2	AOAC 2004.02, 2013.11 (*Listeria monocytogenes*)
	10058, 1034.1, 1034.3	AOAC 999.06, 2004.06, 2013.10, AOAC-RI 981202 (*Listeria* spp.)
	10058, 1032.1, 1032.2, 1032.3	AOAC 996.08, 2004.03, 2011.03, 2013.01, AOAC-RI 020901, 071101 (*Salmonella* spp.)
Enterobacteriaceae	8722, 160075	AOAC 2003.01, CMMEF Ch. 9
Escherichia coli and Coliforms	7806, 7811, 7812	AOAC 966.23, 966.24, CMMEF Ch. 9, FDA BAM Ch. 4, SMEWW 9221
	7802	CMMEF Ch. 9, FDA BAM Ch. 4
	6622, 7849	AOAC 991.14, 996.02, 998.08, SMEDP Ch. 7
Lactic Acid Bacteria	7820	CMMEF Ch. 19

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Quantitative Test Method	Method SOP(s)	Reference Method(s)
Microbial Identification and Strain Typing - RiboPrinter	13349	N/A
PCR Analysis - BAX	10049, 1012.10	AOAC-RI 031002, 050501 (*E. coli* O157:H7)
	10049, 1014.8, 1014.16	AOAC 2003.12, AOAC-RI 070202, 080901, 121402, 121602 (*L. monocytogenes*)
	10049, 1014.9, 1014.17	AOAC-RI 030502, 050903, 081401 (*Listeria* spp.)
	10049, 1013.19	AOAC 2013.02, AOAC-RI 081201 (*Salmonella* spp.)
	10049, 1013.18	AOAC 2003.09, AOAC 100201 USDA MLG Chapter 4 *(Salmonella* spp. 2)
PCR Analysis – 3M MDS	82543	AOAC 2018.01 *(Cronobacter)*
	8710	AOAC-RI 111803 (*Campylobacter jejuni, Campylobacter lari, and Campylobacter coli)*
Qualitative Screen GMO by PCR Analysis - ABI ViiA 7 in Food and Environmental Samples	13350	Congen SureFood Prep Advanced Art. No. S1053 December 2024 Congen SureFood Prep GMO Screen 4plex 35S/MOS/FMV+IAC Art. No. S2126 March 2023
Allergen Soy by PCR Analysis - ABI ViiA 7 in Food and Environmental Samples	13351	
Quantitative GMO by Real-Time PCR in Food and Environmental Samples	13350	Congen SureFood Prep Advanced Art. No. S1053 December 2024 Congen SureFood Prep GMO Screen 4plex 35S/MOS/FMV+IAC Art. No. S2126 March 2023
Staphylococcus aureus	7853	AOAC 966.23, 975.55, CMMEF Ch. 39, FDA BAM Ch. 12
	7854	AOAC 2003.07, 2003.08, 2003.11
VITEK 2	16220	AOAC 2011.17, 2012.02, AOAC-RI 080801 (Yeast, Gram Positive, and Gram Negative Bacteria Identification)
Yeast and Mold	6612, 6613	AOAC 997.02, 2014.05
	6604, 6610	CMMEF Ch. 21, FDA BAM Ch. 18

Accredited Laboratory

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for technical competence in the field of

Biological Testing

This laboratory is accredited in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*. This laboratory also meets the requirements of A2LA *R204 – Specific Requirements – AOAC Laboratory Accreditation Program*. This accreditation demonstrates technical competence for a defined scope and the operation of a laboratory quality management system (*refer to joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué dated April 2017*).

Presented this 11th day of September 2026.

Mr. Trace McInturff, Vice President, Accreditation Services
For the Accreditation Council
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For the tests to which this accreditation applies, please refer to the laboratory's Biological Scope of Accreditation.