|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Food and Environmental Proficiency Testing Unit**  Store freeze dried samples 2 - 8°C | | | |
| Laboratory identification no. (check): | | **<Lab No>**  **Results to be returned on-line through the website:** [[**www.phe-eqa.org.uk**](http://www.phe-eqa.org.uk)**/**](http://www.kpmd.co.uk/hpa/)  **You will need your log-in details for this process.**  **Download the on-line web instructions:** [**https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/722568/FEPTU711.pdf**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/722568/FEPTU711.pdf) | |
| Dispatch date: | | **XX XXXXX 20XX** | |
| Final date for return of results: | | **XX XXXX 20XX** | |
| **Contact details:**  The Organisers - FEPTU  Public Health England  61 Colindale Avenue,  London, NW9 5EQ, UK.  Fax: +44 (0) 20 8200 8264  Tel: +44 (0) 20 8327 7119  e-mail: foodeqa@phe.gov.uk | |  | |
| **0006** | | | |
| [www.gov.uk/government/collections/external-quality-assessment-eqa-and-proficiency-testing-pt-for-food-water-and-environmental-microbiology#non-pathogen-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/external-quality-assessment-eqa-and-proficiency-testing-pt-for-food-water-and-environmental-microbiology#non-pathogen-scheme) | | | |
| **Non-Pathogen Scheme - Request/Report Form** | | | |
| **Distribution No: NP0XX** | | | **Sample numbers: NP0XX and NP0XX** |
| Download the sample instruction sheet. A video on sample processing is located further down the webpage | | | [www.gov.uk/government/publications/non-pathogen-scheme-sample-instruction-sheets](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/non-pathogen-scheme-sample-instruction-sheets) |
| Download the safety data sheet: | | | [www.gov.uk/government/publications/safety-data-sheet-freeze-dried-food](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safety-data-sheet-freeze-dried-food) |
| ***If you cannot examine any of these samples return your results as ‘Not examined’*** | | | |
| Request: | Examine the samples by performing enumerations for the groups of micro-organisms listed in the table below. Only perform those  enumerations that you undertake routinely in your laboratory.  (i) Record your enumerations as 'per g' (1mL reconstituted sample = 1g foodstuff).  (ii) Please indicate presumptive results in the column labelled “P” | | |

**Food and Environmental Proficiency Testing Unit**

Store freeze dried samples 2 - 8°C

**Laboratory identification no. (check): <Lab No>**

|  | **P** | **Method/Media used** | | **Not examined** | **Analyst** | **NP00XX** | **NP00XX** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Presumptive *Pseudomonas* spp. |  | 🞏 | PCFC/CFC (*Pseudomonas* CFC agar containing cetrimide, fucidin and cephaloridine) |  | Nominated result: |  |  |
| 🞏 | PCN (*Pseudomonas* cetrimide sodium nalidixate agar) | Result 2: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Other | Result 3: |  |  |
| Yeasts |  | 🞏 | DG (Dichloran glycerol chloramphenicol agar) |  | Nominated result |  |  |
| 🞏 | DRBC (Dichloran Rose Bengal Chloramphenicol agar) |
| Result 2: |  |  |
| 🞏 | OGYEA (Oxytetracycline glucose yeast extract agar) |
| 🞏 | YGC (Yeast Extract Glucose Chloramphenicol Agar) |
| Result 3 |  |  |
| 🞏 | Other |
| Moulds |  | 🞏 | DG (Dichloran glycerol chloramphenicol agar) |  | Nominated result: |  |  |
| 🞏 | DRBC (Dichloran Rose Bengal Chloramphenicol agar) |
| 🞏 | OGYEA (Oxytetracycline glucose yeast extract agar) | Result 2: |  |  |
| 🞏 | YGC (Yeast Extract Glucose Chloramphenicol Agar) |
| Result 3: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Other |
| Coliforms |  | 🞏 | Chromogenic agar – please state |  | Nominated result: |  |  |
| 🞏 | MPN - Tempo |
| 🞏 | MPN – Tube combination | Result 2: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Petrifilm |
| 🞏 | VRBA (Violet red bile agar) | Result 3: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Other |

**Food and Environmental Proficiency Testing Unit**

Store freeze dried samples 2 - 8°C

**Laboratory identification no. (check): <Lab No>**

|  | **P** | **Method/Media used** | | **Not examined** | **Analyst** | **NP00XX** | **NP00XX** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Enterobacteriaceae* |  | 🞏 | Chromogenic agar – please state |  | Nominated result: |  |  |
| 🞏 | MPN - Tempo |
| 🞏 | MPN – Tube combination | Result 2: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Petrifilm |
| 🞏 | VRBGA (Violet red bile glucose agar) | Result 3: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Other |
| *Escherichia coli* |  | 🞏 | Chromogenic agar – please state |  | Nominated result: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Direct enumeration using membrane technique on to TBX |
| 🞏 | MPN – Tube combination | Result 2: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Petrifilm |
| 🞏 | TBX spread/pour plate | Result 3: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Other |
| Enterococci |  | 🞏 | KF Streptococcus agar |  | Nominated result: |  |  |
| 🞏 | S + B (Slanetz and Bartley) | Result 2: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Other | Result 3 |  |  |
| Lactic acid bacteria |  | 🞏 | MRS (De Man, Rogosa, Sharpe agar) |  | Nominated result: |  |  |
| Result 2: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Other |
| Result 3: |  |  |

**Food and Environmental Proficiency Testing Unit**

Store freeze dried samples 2 - 8°C

**Laboratory identification no. (check): <Lab No>**

|  | **P** | **Method/Media used** | | **Not examined** | **Analyst** | **NP00XX** | **NP00XX** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Aerobic colony count (30ºC) |  | 🞏 | MPN - Tempo |  | Nominated result: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Petrifilm |
| Result 2: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Plate count agar |
| Result 3: |  |  |
| 🞏 | Other |

|  |
| --- |
| Microbiologist’s comments: |

Authorised by: Date reported: