

# 2018

## Microbiology Proficiency Testing Program Schedule

PT Round Order Code	Enrolment Close Date	Sample Dispatch Date	Results Due Date	Samples per program, sample content, format and available tests	
<b>Food Microbiology</b>					
18P1FP	01-Jan-2018	12-Feb-2018	12-Mar-2018	Muesli	Food Pathogens 3 × 130 g dry, natural food ingredients (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , <i>Clostridium</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> Detection (/25g): <i>E. coli</i> O157, <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , <i>Listeria</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp
18P3FP	26-Feb-2018	09-Apr-2018	07-May-2018	Pudding mix	
18P6FP	09-Jul-2018	20-Aug-2018	17-Sep-2018	Polenta	
18P8FP	24-Sep-2018	05-Nov-2018	03-Dec-2018	Marinade mix	
18P1NP	01-Jan-2018	12-Feb-2018	12-Mar-2018	Strawberry milk mix	Food Non-Pathogens 3 × 25 g dry, natural food ingredients (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate Count and anaerobic count, <i>Bacillus cereus</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , Enterobacteriaceae, Lactic acid bacteria, Mould, Coliforms, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms, Yeast
18P3NP	26-Feb-2018	09-Apr-2018	07-May-2018	Soup mix	
18P6NP	09-Jul-2018	20-Aug-2018	17-Sep-2018	Infant formula	
18P8NP	24-Sep-2018	05-Nov-2018	03-Dec-2018	Cassata base	
18C	12-Feb-2018	26-Mar-2018	23-Apr-2018	Chocolate block	3 × ~40 g blocks of chocolate (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate Count, Coliforms, Enterobacteriaceae, Mould, Yeast Detection (/0.1g): <i>E. coli</i> ; (/25g): <i>Salmonella</i> spp
18MM	19-Mar-2018	30-Apr-2018	28-May-2018	Beef mince	2 × freeze dried real mince (A/B); Reconstituted prior to testing Count (cfu/g): Plate Count, <i>E. coli</i> , Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp Detection (/25g): <i>Salmonella</i> spp
18SF	23-Jul-2018	03-Sep-2018	01-Oct-2018	Seafood paste	2 × freeze dried real seafood (A/B); Reconstituted prior to testing Count (/g): <i>E. coli</i> Detection (/0.1g): <i>E. coli</i> ; Detection (/25g): <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> , <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>

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<b>Meat Industry Scheme</b>				
<b>Carcass Hygiene</b>				
18MIS-01	30-Oct-2017	11-Dec-2017	15 <sup>th</sup> of test month Jan to June	6 × freeze dried vials covering 6 consecutive months (Set-01: January to June; Set-02: July to December) 1 vial tested per month; Reconstituted prior to testing Targets Carcass Hygiene. Shipped under IATA UN3373 Biological Substance Cat B Count (cfu/g and cfu/cm <sup>2</sup> ): Plate Count, <i>E. coli</i> , Coliforms Detection (/25g): <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>E. coli</i> O157
18MIS-02	07-May-2018	18-Jun-2018	15 <sup>th</sup> of test month July to Dec	
18CSPm1	30-Oct-2017	11-Dec-2017	25 <sup>th</sup> of test month	1 selected round from the water CSP, dispatched with MIS-01 sample set.
18CSPm2	07-May-2018	18-Jun-2018	25 <sup>th</sup> of test month	1 selected round from the water CSP, dispatched with MIS-02 sample set.
<b>Pathogenic <i>E. coli</i></b>				
18MX1	15-Jan-2018	26-Feb-2018	26-Mar-2018	4 x freeze dried vials (A/B/C/D); Reconstituted prior to testing. "Big 6" <i>E. coli</i> detection and identification. Targets Carcass Hygiene (non-pathogenic format)
18MX2	25-Jun-2018	06-Aug-2018	03-Sep-2018	
<b>Extension Non-Pathogens and Pathogens</b>				
18XN1	18-Dec-2017	29-Jan-2018	26-Feb-2018	3 × 25 g natural, milk powder (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Enterobacteriaceae, Aerobic and Anaerobic Mesophilic and Thermophilic spores, Total Anaerobic Count Detection (/10g): <i>Enterobacter sakazakii</i>
18XN2	02-Jul-2018	13-Aug-2018	10-Sep-2018	
18XP1	02-Apr-2018	14-May-2018	11-Jun-2018	3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C); Reconstituted prior to testing; Shipped under IATA UN3373 Biological Substance Cat B Detection (/25g): <i>Campylobacter</i> spp, <i>Vibrio</i> spp, <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> , <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>Yersinia</i> spp and <i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> Identification: <i>Campylobacter</i> spp, <i>Vibrio</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>Yersinia</i> spp
18XP2	08-Oct-2018	19-Nov-2018	17-Dec-2018	
<b>Hygiene Swabs (NEW)</b>				
18SW1	16-Apr-2018	28-May-2018	25-Jun-2018	2 x swab (A/B) Detection (/swab): <i>Campylobacter</i> spp, <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> spp, <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp Count (/swab): Plate count, Coliforms, Mould, Yeast
18SW2	22-Oct-2018	03-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2018	

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<b>Water and Beverage Microbiology</b>					
<b>Legionella</b>					
18P4 18P4s	29-Jan-2018	12-Mar-2018	09-Apr-2018	P4/P7/P10: 3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C); Reconstituted prior to testing P4s/P7s/P10s: 2 × freeze dried vials (A/B); Reconstituted prior to testing; >>SUPPLEMENTARY program targeting filtration methods Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C, <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> (SG1, SG2-14), Total <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> , <i>Legionella</i> spp, Total <i>Legionella</i>	
18P7 18P7s	21-May-2018	02-Jul-2018	30-Jul-2018		
18P10 18P10s	17-Sep-2018	29-Oct-2018	26-Nov-2018		
<b>Potable Water and Beverages</b>					
18CSP-01	05-Mar-2018	16-Apr-2018	25 <sup>th</sup> of test month	6 × freeze dried vials covering 6 consecutive months; (Set-01: May to October; Set -02: November to April) 1 vial tested per month; Reconstituted prior to testing Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C Count (cfu/100mL): Coliforms, <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms, <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp, Yeast, Mould, Faecal <i>Streptococcus</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp	
18CSP-02	03-Sep-2018	15-Oct-2018	25 <sup>th</sup> of test month		
<b>Environmental Water</b>					
18EW-01	05-Mar-2018	16-Apr-2018	Last day of test month Set 1. June Set 2. Sept	2 sets of 2 × freeze dried vials (A & B) Set 1 to be tested in first test month Set 2 to be tested in second test month Reconstituted prior to testing Count (cfu/mL): Plate count 21°C, Plate count 37°C Count (cfu/100mL): Coliforms, <i>Enterococcus</i> spp, <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> , Yeast, Mould, Thermotolerant (faecal) Coliforms	
18EW-02	03-Sep-2018	15-Oct-2018	Last day of test month Set 1. Dec Set 2. March		
<b>Pharmaceutical/Cosmetic Microbiology</b>					
18P2	05-Feb-2018	19-Mar-2018	16-Apr-2018	Lotion	3 × freeze dried vials (A/B/C); Reconstituted and mixed with supplied material prior to testing Count (cfu/g): Plate Count, Mould, Yeast Detection (/10g, /1g and /0.1g): <i>Candida albicans</i> , <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>E. coli</i> , Gram negative bacteria (bile tolerant), <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i>
18P5	23-Apr-2018	04-Jun-2018	02-Jul-2018	Herbal tea	3 × 130 g dry, medicinal/natural remedy material (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate count 37°C, Yeast, Mould Detection (/10g and /1g): <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , Gram negative bacteria (bile tolerant)
18P9	06-Aug-2018	17-Sep-2018	15-Oct-2018	Tablets	3 × 130 g dry, medicinal/natural remedy material (A/B/C); Test as received. Count (cfu/g): Plate count 37°C, Yeast, Mould Detection (/10g and /1g): <i>Candida albicans</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp, <i>Salmonella</i> spp, Coagulase positive <i>Staphylococcus</i> spp, <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , Gram negative bacteria (bile tolerant)
<b>Veterinary Microbiology</b>					
18VMS-01	30-Oct-2017	11-Dec-2017	Last day of test month Jan - June	6 × freeze dried vials covering 6 consecutive months ; (Set-01: January to June; Set-02: July to December) 1 vial tested per month; Reconstituted prior to testing Shipped as IATA UN3373 Biological Substance Cat B; Antibiotic Sensitivity, Organism Identification, Biochemical tests	
18VMS-02	14-May-2018	25-Jun-2018	Last day of test month July - Dec		

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# Reports are generally expected to be issued between 2 and 4 weeks after the result due date.