



SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO ISO/IEC 17025:2017

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In recognition of the successful completion of the A2LA evaluation process (including an assessment of the laboratory's compliance with the A2LA's *R204 – Specific Requirements – A2LA AOAC Laboratory Accreditation Program Requirements*, containing the 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 tests on foods, pet foods, beverages, feeds, bread, butter, cheese, cocoa, eggs, seafood, fruits, mayonnaise and dressings, ice cream, meat & oils, milk, nuts, spices, sugars, vegetables, water, and environmental swabs:

Quantitative Test Method	Method SOP(s)	Reference Method(s)
3M Petrifilm	1.3, 6595	AOAC 986.33, 989.10, 990.12, USDA MLG Chapter 3 (Aerobic Plate Count)
	4.3, 6612	AOAC 997.02 (Yeast and Mold)
	6.4, 7.4, 6622	AOAC 966.24, 986.33, 989.10, 991.14, 998.08, USDA MLG Chapter 3 ( <i>Escherichia coli</i> and Coliform)
	11.3, 7854	AOAC 2003.07, 2003.08, 2003.11 ( <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> )
	25.1, 8722	AOAC 2003.01 (Enterobacteriaceae Count)
FDA-BAM	1.1, 6586	FDA-BAM Chapter 3 (Aerobic Plate Count)
	4.1, 6612	FDA-BAM Chapter 18 (Yeast and Mold)
	7.1, 7806	FDA-BAM Chapter 4 ( <i>E. coli</i> and Coliform MPN)
	11.1, 7853	FDA-BAM Chapter 12 ( <i>S. aureus</i> )
ISO	25.3, 8724	ISO 21528-1 (Enterobacteriaceae Count)

Quantitative Test Method	Method SOP(s)	Reference Method(s)
SMEWW	1.7, 6599	9215A (Heterotrophic Plate Count)
	7.11, 7844	AOAC 991.15 (Total Coliforms and <i>E. coli</i> in Water – Colilert)
Cultural Confirmation	12.4, 7858	USDA MLG Chapter 5, 5A ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)
	13.1, 7859	FDA-BAM Chapter 5 ( <i>Salmonella</i> )
	13.2, 7860	USDA MLG Chapter 4, 4C ( <i>Salmonella</i> )
	14.1, 7861	FDA-BAM Chapter 10 ( <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> )
	14.2, 7863	USDA MLG Chapter 8, 8A ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> )
	12.11, 7823	USDA MLG Chapter 5C (non-O157 STEC)
ELFA (VIDAS) Analysis	32.2, 10058	AOAC 2011.03 (EZ <i>Salmonella</i> spp.)
	32.3, 10058	AOAC 2013.01, AOAC-RI 071101 ( <i>Salmonella</i> spp. UP)
	33.1, 10058	AOAC 2004.02 ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> )
	33.2, 10058	AOAC 2013.11, AOAC-RI 091103 ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> Express)
	34.1, 10058	AOAC 2004.06, AOAC-RI 981202 ( <i>Listeria</i> spp.)
	34.3, 10058	AOAC 2013.10 ( <i>Listeria</i> spp. UP)
	39.1, 10058	AOAC-RI 060903 ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 UP)
GDS Analysis	36.5, 10054	AOAC 2005.04 ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 Tq)
	38.2, 10054	AOAC 2009.03 ( <i>Salmonella</i> spp. Tq)
	10056	AOAC RI # 022203 ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)
	10056, 14.21	AOAC 2019.11, AOAC-RI 121804 ( <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> )

Quantitative Test Method	Method SOP(s)	Reference Method(s)
GENEUP	10056, 14.22	AOAC 2019.10, AOAC-RI 121803 ( <i>Listeria</i> spp.)
	10056, 13.23	AOAC 2020.03, AOAC RI 121802 ( <i>Salmonella</i> spp.)

Qualitative Test Method	Method SOP(s)	Reference Method(s)
PCR-BAX Analysis	12.8, 10049	AOAC-RI 091301, USDA MLG Chapter 5 (Non <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 STEC RT)
	12.10, 10049	AOAC-RI 031002, USDA MLG Chapter 5 ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 RT)
	12.17, 10049	AOAC-RI 102003 ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 Exact RT)
	13.18, 10049	AOAC 2003.09, AOAC-RI 100201, USDA MLG Chapter 4 ( <i>Salmonella</i> spp. 2)
	13.19, 10049	AOAC 2013.02, AOAC RI 081201, USDA MLG Chapter 4 ( <i>Salmonella</i> spp. RT)
	14.8, 10049	AOAC 2003.12, AOAC-RI 070202 ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> )
	14.9, 10049	AOAC-RI 030502 ( <i>Listeria</i> spp.)
	14.16, 10049	AOAC-RI 121402 ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> RT)
	14.17, 10049	AOAC-RI 81401 ( <i>Listeria</i> spp. RT)

**KEY:**

AOAC = Association of Official Analytical Chemists International

AOAC-RI = Association of Official Analytical Chemists International – Research Institute

FDA BAM = Food and Drug Administration - Bacteriological Analytical Manual

SMEWW = Standard Methods for the Examination of Wastewater

USDA MLG = United States Department of Agriculture – Microbiological Laboratory Guidebook



# Accredited Laboratory

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## CERTIFIED LABORATORIES

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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 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

A blue ink signature of Trace McInturff, written in a cursive style.

Mr. Trace McInturff, Vice President, Accreditation Services  
For the Accreditation Council  
Certificate Number 1698.34  
Valid to November 30, 2026

*For the tests to which this accreditation applies, please refer to the laboratory's Biological Scope of Accreditation.*