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Introduction

Some information on sampling techniques given in this Technical Specification is intended as guidance only; other parts are mandatory.

For some aspects of sampling, agreements and/or contracts with laboratory clients are necessary to ensure the method and extent of sampling to meet their requirements.

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification applies to the collection of samples before submission to the laboratory for microbiological examination. It provides general instructions and specific requirements for obtaining samples and for transport to the laboratory.

Sampling plans are not included in the scope of this Technical Specification.

This Technical Specification applies to all food and feed products, including blocks of frozen products, carcasses (excluding surface sampling of carcasses), meat, and bulk products.

The following sample types are outside the scope of this Technical Specification:

- milk and dairy products (see ISO 707);
- surface sampling of carcasses (see ISO 17604);
- samples from environmental surfaces (see ISO 18593);
- samples from the primary production stage (see ISO 13307).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 7218, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — General requirements and guidance for microbiological examinations*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7002 and the following apply.

3.1 Sampling

3.1.1 sampling

procedure used to draw and constitute a sample

[SOURCE: ISO 7002:1986, A.41]

3.1.2 sampling plan

predetermined procedure for the selection, withdrawal, and preparation of samples from a lot to yield the required information so that a decision can be made regarding the acceptance of the lot

[SOURCE: ISO 7002:1986, A.43]

3.1.3 sampling technique

procedure used to take the sample