Dear Madam,

Following the positive agreement expressed on November 29th 2019, by the Technical Board of the NF VALIDATION mark (NF102), in its application to the food industry, I beg to inform you that the NF VALIDATION certification has been renewed for the following alternative method:

**BAX® System PCR Assay for E. coli O157:H7 MP**

Certificate reference No. QUA 18/04-03/08, with end of validity 28-March-2024

The alternative method is validated by comparison with the reference method NF EN ISO 16854-1 and its amendment 1 (2017) and according to the validation protocol NF EN ISO 16140-2 (2016) for the detection of *Escherichia coli* O157 :H7 in the following products: "raw beef meats", "raw milk", "fruits and vegetables", "ready-to-eat and ready-to-reheat dishes, raw pork, ovine and chicken meats".

A further letter will mention full conclusions and possible reservations made by the Technical Board. If reservations are mentioned, I ask you to take them into account without any delay.

Yours Sincerely,

Managing Director
Franck LEBEUGLE