



Validation of alternative
analysis methods

NF102 – Application to the food industry

Certificate

Certificate No.: **TRA 02/12-01/09**

Extension decision dated: **03-05-2021**

Expiry date: **26-01-2025**

The Company:

Millipore S.A.S part of Merck Group
12822 SE 32nd Street
Bellevue 98005
WA, USA

Is authorized to affix the NF VALIDATION mark on the alternative analysis method cited below, in accordance with the NF VALIDATION general rules and the certification rules NF102 - Validation of alternative analysis methods (Application to the food industry):

Assurance® GDS for *Salmonella* Tq

Validated for the detection of *Salmonella*

Technical sheet
reference's

55216.R009

This decision attests that the alternative analysis method has been assessed by AFNOR Certification and found to conform to the standards cited in page 2/2 and complementary requirements, as specified in the certification reference document. The **principal certified characteristics** are the "analytical performances" as defined in the associated validation study summarized report (sensitivity, relative level of detection), available on the certification dedicated website <http://nf-validation.org/en>.

This certificate supersedes all previous certificates. This NF VALIDATION certificate, included 2 pages, is valid until **26th January 2025**. It is subject to the results obtained upon regular controls carried out by AFNOR Certification. Appropriate decision is made by AFNOR Certification in accordance with the NF VALIDATION general rules and certification rules NF102 - Validation of alternative analysis methods (Application to the food industry).



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Has been certified according to the reference documents and the application scope specified here after:

Validation protocol	NF EN ISO 16140-2 (September 2016): Microbiology of the food chain. Method validation - Part 2: Protocol for the validation of alternative (proprietary) methods against a reference method.
Reference method(s)	NF ISO EN 6579-1 (2017) and its amendement A1 : Microbiology of the food chain- Horizontal method for the detection, enumeration and serotyping of <i>Salmonella</i> - Part 1: Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> spp. - Amendment 1: Extension of the incubation temperature range, amendment of the status of Annex D and correction of the composition of MSRV and SC media
Scope	All human food products (excluding sprouts), milk powders, infant formula and infant cereals (375g sample size), pet food and industrial production environmental samples
Restriction(s)	None.
Warning	None.
Other informations	Two new confirmation protocols, one of them with the use of the Pickpen ® device.

Please send any queries concerning the performances of the certified alternative method to AFNOR Certification.

You may download the validation study **summarized report** on <http://nf-validation.afnor.org/en>.

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