



Validation of alternative analysis methods

NF102 – Application to the food industry

Certificate

Certificat No.: **3M 01/09-04/03 B**

Renewal decision dated: **22-03-2019**

Expiry date: **02-04-2023**

The Company:

3M Health Care

Microbiology Products

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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):

3M™ Petrifilm™ Staph Express (STX) System

Validated for the enumeration of coagulase-positive *staphylococci*

Technical sheet reference's

34-8727-3220-0

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 (linearity, relative accuracy...), available on the certification dedicated website <http://nf-validation.org/en>.

This certificate supersedes all previous certificates (last version dated 16-02-2018). This NF VALIDATION certificate, included 2 pages, is valid until **2nd April 2023**. 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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Manufactured by:

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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 EN ISO 6888-2 (September 2021) : Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and other species) - Part 2 : method using rabbit plasma fibrinogen agar medium
Scope	All human food products and pet food.
Restriction(s)	None.
Warning	None.
Other informations	Non applicable.

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>.