



Validation of alternative analysis methods

NF102 – Application to the food industry

Certificate

Certificate No.: **3M 01/12-03/13**

Renewal decision dated: **01-07-2016**

Expiry date: **29-03-2021**

The Company:

3M Health Care

Food Safety Department
2501 Hudson Road, Building 275 5W 05
St Paul, Minnesota 55144 - United States

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™ Molecular Detection Assay *E. coli* O157 (including H7)

Validated for the detection of *Escherichia coli* O157

Technical sheet
reference's

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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 (previous version dated 11-09-2013). This NF VALIDATION certificate, included 2 pages, is valid until 29th March 2021. 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:

3M Columbia Plant
5400 Paris Road
Columbia, Missouri 65202 - United States

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

Validation protocol	NF EN ISO 16140 (October 2003): Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs. Protocol for the validation of alternative methods.
Reference method(s)	NF EN ISO 16654 (July 2001): Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs. Horizontal method for the detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157.
Scope	Raw beef meats, raw dairy products, raw fruits and vegetables.
Restriction(s)	None.
Warning	None.
Other informations	The scope includes the use of the 3M™ Molecular Detection instrument and its software version 2.2 or later versions.

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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