



Validation of alternative analysis methods

NF102 – Application to the food industry

# Certificate

Certificate N#: **BIO 12/36-10/14**  
Validation decision dated: **02-10-2014**  
Expiry date: **02-10-2018**

The Company:

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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):

## D-COUNT<sup>®</sup> TVC

Validated for the enumeration of mesophilic aerobic flora

Technical sheet reference's

CHX – DC TVC Version 01

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. This NF VALIDATION certificate, included 2 pages, is valid until **02<sup>nd</sup> October 2018**. 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	<b>NF EN ISO 16140</b> (October 2003): Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs. Protocol for the validation of alternative methods.
Reference method(s)	<b>NF EN ISO 4833</b> (May 2003): Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs - Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms - Colony-count technique at 30° C.
Scope	Pasteurized dairy based desserts, UHT milks and meat products.
Restriction(s)	None.
Warning	None.
Other informations	The scope includes D-Count <sup>®</sup> and BactiFlow <sup>®</sup> ALS systems used with the System software 1.74.

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>.