Dear Sir,

Following the positive agreement expressed on November 28th, 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 granted to Eurofins GeneScan Technologies GmbH for the following alternative method:

**BACGene E.coli O157:H7**

*Certificate reference No. EGS 38/06-11/19, with end of validity 28-Nov.-2023*

The alternative method has been validated by comparison to the reference method NF EN ISO 16654/amendment 1 (2017)) and following the validation protocol NF EN ISO 16140-2 (2016) for the detection of *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 in raw meat, ready-to-eat and read-to-reheat meat (except poultry), raw milk and raw milk based products, fresh produces and fruits.

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