



Validation of alternative  
analysis methods

NF102 – Application to the food industry

# Certificate

Certificate No.: **AES 10/05-09/06**

Extension decision dated: **26-05-2025**

Expiry date: **15-09-2026**

The Company:

**bioMérieux**

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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):

## ALOA<sup>®</sup> COUNT

Validated for the enumeration of *Listeria* spp. and *Listeria monocytogenes*

Technical sheet  
reference's

Ref. 049971 version **06**

Ref. 049971 version **07**

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.afnor.org/en>.

This certificate supersedes all previous certificates (last version dated 13-12-2024). This NF VALIDATION certificate, included 2 pages, is valid until **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. 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:

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

Validation protocol	<b>NF EN ISO 16140-2</b> (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)	<b>NF EN ISO 11290-2</b> (July 2017): Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and of <i>Listeria</i> spp. - Part 2 : enumeration method
Scope	All human food products (by performing validation assays on a broad range of foods) and industrial production environmental samples.
Restriction(s)	Refer to the technical protocol of the manufacturer for restrictions on use on ALOA Confirmation test.
Warning	None.
Other information(s)	<p>The scope includes surface and pour-plate inoculation protocols, and master suspension preparations in Buffered Peptone Water (direct inoculation or after revivification), Half Fraser without selective agents (after revivification) and Half Fraser ½ with selective agents (direct inoculation).</p> <p>The scope includes the option of using a single plate and a single dilution (refer to the method's instructions for use).</p>

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>.