



Validation of alternative  
analysis methods

NF102 – Application to the food industry

# Certificate

Certificate No.: **3M 01/17-11/16**

Extension decision dated: **07-04-2025**

Expiry date: **25-11-2028**

The Company:

**NEOGEN Food Safety Corporation**

620 Leshar Place, Lansing

Michigan 48912, USA

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):

## Neogen® Petrifilm® Rapid Aerobic Count Plate (RAC)

Validated for the enumeration of mesophilic aerobic flora

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

This certificate supersedes all previous certificates (last version dated 06-06-2025). This NF VALIDATION certificate, included 2 pages, is valid until **November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2028**. 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 Health Care**  
601 22nd Avenue South  
P.O. Box 5227 Brookings SD, USA

Has been certified according to the reference documents and 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 4833-1</b> (October 2013): Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms - Part 1 : colony-count at 30 °C by the pour plate technique
Scope	All human food products (by performing validation assays on a broad range of foods).
Restriction(s)	None.
Warning	None.
Other informations	The scope includes the option of using a single plate and a single dilution (refer to the method's instructions for use). Plates can be read using the Petrifilm Plate Reader Advance (PPRA) instrument, validated with software version 4.1 and previous.

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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