Validation of alternative analysis methods

NF102 – Application to the food industry

Certificate

Certificat No.: 3M 01/09-04/03 B
Extension decision dated: 05-08-2025
Expiry date: 02-04-2027

The Company:

NEOGEN Food Safety Corporation
620 Lesher 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® Staph Express System (STX)

Validated for the enumeration of coagulase-positive *Staphylococcus*

Technical sheet reference's	FS00985C

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, limit of quantification, inclusivity and exclusivity), available on the certification dedicated website http://nf-validation.org/en.

This certificate supersedes all previous certificates (last version dated 22-08-2025). This NF VALIDATION certificate, included 2 pages, is valid until **April 2nd, 2027.** 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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Has been certified according to the reference documents and the application scope specified here after:

Validation protocol	**NF EN ISO 16140-2** (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)	**NF EN ISO 6888-2** (September 2021): Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the enumeration of coagulase-positive staphylococci (Staphylococcus aureus and other species) - Part 2: method using rabbit plasma fibrinogen agar medium.
Scope	All human food products (by performing validation assays on a broad range of foods) and pet food products.
Restriction(s)	None.
Warning	None.
Other information	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 4.5.xx and lower.

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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