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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This methodology has been developed to enumerate and differentiate probiotic bifidobacteria, to enable the European Commission to control proper labelling of animal feed stuffs (EU project SMT4-CT98-2235 - "Methods for the official control of probiotics (microorganisms) used in animals feeds") [1]. The proposed enumeration method for probiotic bifidobacteris was validated in an interlaboratory study [2].

The method is not selective for probiotic bifidobacteria but can be applied to enumerate them in additives, premixtures and feeding stuffs assuming that they are present in higher numbers than any other bacteria.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard defines general rules for the enumeration of probiotic bifidobacteria in feed samples (additives, premixtures and feeding stuffs) that contain bifidobacteria as a single bacterial component or in a mixture with other microorganisms. This standard is not applicable for mineral feeds which are defined as complementary feeding stuffs composed mainly of minerals and containing at least 40% crude ash (Council Directive 79/373/EEC) [3].

There are different categories of feed samples:

- a) Additives containing about  $10^{10}$  colony forming units (CFU)/g
- b) Premixtures containing about  $10^8$  CFU/g
- c) Feeds, meal or pellets, which contain about  $10^6$  CFU/g and include complete feeding stuffs, and milk replacers.

The detection limit is as defined in EN ISO 7218.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN ISO 6887-1, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs - Preparation of test samples, initial suspension and decimal dilutions for microbiological examination - Part 1: General rules for the preparation of the initial suspension and decimal dilutions (ISO 6887-1:1999)*

EN ISO 7218, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs - General requirements and guidance for microbiological examinations (ISO 7218:2007)*

ISO 6498, *Animal feeding stuffs – Preparation of test samples*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **bifidobacteria (described by their characteristics as used for this standard)**

bacteria which form colonies fitting the descriptions of the species, on the specified media of 36 h to 48 h at a temperature of 37°C under incubation; anaerobic conditions)

Morphology of colonies:

- a) circular;
- b) convex;
- c) entire;
- d) cream;