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ISO 16649 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the enumeration of β -glucuronidase positive Escherichia coli*:

- *Part 1: Colony-count technique at 44 °C using membranes and 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl- β -D-glucuronide*
- *Part 2: Colony-count technique at 44 °C using 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl- β -D-glucuronide*
- *Part 3: Detection and most probable number technique using 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl- β -D-glucuronide*

This corrected version of ISO 16649-3:2015 incorporates the following corrections:

- in [4.1.4](#), first line, “(22 ± 2) h” has been replaced with “(21 ± 3) h”;
- in [4.2.5](#), first line, “(22 ± 2) h” has been replaced with “(21 ± 3) h”;
- [Table 1](#) has been replaced;
- [Table 2](#) has been replaced;
- in [9.1.4](#), first line, “(22 ± 2) h” has been replaced with “(21 ± 3) h”;
- in [9.2.5](#), first line, “(22 ± 2) h” has been replaced with “(21 ± 3) h”;
- in [9.2.5](#), second line, “three” has been replaced with “six”.

Introduction

Because of the large variety of food and feed products, this horizontal method might not be appropriate in every detail for certain products. In this case, different methods which are specific to these products might be used if absolutely necessary, for justified technical reasons. Nevertheless, every attempt will be made to apply this horizontal method as far as possible.

When this part of ISO 16649 is next reviewed, account will be taken of all information available regarding the extent to which this horizontal method has been followed and the reasons for deviations from this method in the case of particular products.

The harmonization of test methods cannot be immediate and for certain groups of products, International Standards and/or national standards might already exist that do not comply with this horizontal method. It is hoped that when such standards are reviewed, they will be changed to comply with this part of ISO 16649 so that eventually, the only remaining departures will be those necessary for well-established technical reasons.

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WARNING — Strains of *Escherichia coli* that do not grow at 44 °C and, in particular, those that are β -glucuronidase negative, such as *Escherichia coli* O157 and some other strains of pathogenic *E. coli*, will not be detected by the method described in this part of ISO 16649.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 16649 specifies a horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of β -glucuronidase positive *Escherichia coli*, by means of the liquid-medium culture technique and calculation of the most probable number (MPN) after incubation at (37 ± 1) °C, then at (44 ± 1) °C. This part of ISO 16649 is applicable to the following:

- products intended for human consumption and the feeding of animals;
- environmental samples in the area of food production and food handling.

The method is suitable for the enumeration of cells of *E. coli* that might have been subjected to stress arising from dehydration, freezing, and exposure to a saline (such as marine) environment or damage by disinfectants such as chlorine-containing products.

A limitation of the applicability of this part of ISO 16649 is imposed by the susceptibility of the method to a large degree of variability. The method is intended to be applied and the results interpreted in the light of the information given in [Clause 11](#).

This method has not been fully evaluated for all matrices (e.g. for milk and milk products). ISO 7251 is intended to be used for milk and milk products.

2 Normative references

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

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 6887-2, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Preparation of test samples, initial suspension and decimal dilutions for microbiological examination — Part 2: Specific rules for the preparation of meat and meat products*

ISO 6887-3, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Preparation of test samples, initial suspension and decimal dilutions for microbiological examination — Part 3: Specific rules for the preparation of fish and fishery products*