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**Milk and milk products — Enumeration  
of colony-forming units of yeasts  
and/or moulds — Colony-count  
technique at 25 °C**

*Lait et produits laitiers — Dénombrement des unités formant colonie de  
levures et/ou moisissures — Comptage des colonies à 25 °C*



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# Milk and milk products — Enumeration of colony-forming units of yeasts and/or moulds — Colony-count technique at 25 °C

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the detection and enumeration of colony-forming units (CFU) of viable yeasts and/or moulds in milk and milk products by means of the colony-count technique at 25 °C.

The method is applicable to

- milk, liquid milk products,
- dried milk, dried sweet whey, dried buttermilk, lactose,
- cheese,
- acid casein, lactic casein, rennet casein,
- caseinate, acid whey powder,
- butter,
- frozen milk products (including edible ices),
- custard, desserts, fermented milk and cream.

NOTE This method is not suitable for a large number of thermolabile yeasts (in fresh cheese). In such cases the agar-surface-plating method is preferred.

## 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.

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 7218, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — General rules for microbiological examinations*

ISO 8261|IDF 122:2001, *Milk and milk products — General guidance for the preparation of test samples, initial suspensions and decimal dilutions for microbiological examination*