

**Mikrobioloogia. Üldjuhend *Bacillus cereus* arvu määramiseks. Kolooniade loendamise tehnika 30 °C juures**

Microbiology - General guidance for enumeration of *Bacillus cereus* - Colony-count technique at 30° C

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## 0 Introduction

**0.1** This International Standard is intended to provide general guidance for the microbiological examination of food products not dealt with by existing International Standards and to be taken into account by organizations preparing microbiological test methods for application to foods or to animal feeding stuffs. Because of the large variety of products within this field of application, these guidelines may not be appropriate in every detail for certain products and for some other products it may be necessary to use different methods. Nevertheless, it is hoped that in all cases every attempt will be made to apply the guidelines provided as far as possible and that deviations from them will only be made if absolutely necessary for technical reasons.

When this International Standard is next reviewed, account will be taken of all information then available regarding the extent to which the guidelines have been followed and the reasons for deviation from them 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 may already exist that do not comply with the guidelines. In cases where International Standards already exist for the product to be tested, they should be followed, but it is hoped that when such standards are reviewed they will be changed to comply with this International Standard so that eventually the only remaining departures from these guidelines will be those necessary for well-established technical reasons.

**0.2** It appears that the spores of many, if not most, strains of *B. cereus* germinate readily on the surface of culture media used for enumeration. In most cases there does not seem to be a need for heat shock treatment to provoke germination. Sometimes a heat shock procedure is desirable, for example for spore counts or to inhibit growth of vegetative bacterial cells. In such cases, treatment for 10 min at 80 °C is recommended.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a horizontal method for the enumeration of viable presumptive *Bacillus cereus* by means of the colony-count technique at 30 °C. It is applicable to

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

NOTE In order to have a practicable test method, the confirmatory stage has been restricted to the typical aspect on MYP agar and the haemolysis test. Thus the term "presumptive" has been introduced in order to acknowledge the fact that the confirmatory stage does not enable the distinction of *B. cereus* from other closely related but less commonly encountered *Bacillus* species, such as *B. anthracis*, *B. thuringiensis*, *B. weihenstephanensis*, *B. mycoides*. An additional motility test may help to differentiate *B. cereus* from *B. anthracis* in cases where the presence of the latter is suspected.

## 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 6887-1:1999, *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 7218:1996, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — General rules for microbiological examinations*, and Amd.1:2001

ISO/TS 11133-2:2003, *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Guidelines on preparation and production of culture media — Part 2: Practical guidelines on performance testing of culture media*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

**3.1**  
**presumptive *Bacillus cereus***  
microorganism that forms typical colonies on the surface of a selective culture medium and which gives a positive confirmation reaction under the conditions specified in this International Standard

NOTE See Note in Clause 1.

## 4 Principle

**4.1** A specified quantity of the test sample if the initial product is liquid, or a specified quantity of an initial suspension in the case of other products, is surface plated on a solid selective culture medium contained in Petri dishes.