

The Food Microbiology (QMS) proficiency testing scheme includes microbiological samples in food. The following form contains the calendar of rounds followed by descriptions of the samples and prices.

Please complete all sections below and return to LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing: axiopt@lgcgroup.com

Returning customer Lab
ID:

Purchase order no.:
(compulsory)

YOUR ORDER

If you would like to renew your order for the same samples/rounds as per previous year, please tick this box:

RENEW ME AS LAST YEAR

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We will copy over the samples/rounds purchased by you in the previous year and send you an order confirmation for your review. If you would like to add any other samples to your order, please mark them accordingly on the subsequent pages. If you would prefer to place a different/new order for this scheme year, please review the samples available on subsequent pages and indicate the number of samples required for each sample/round accordingly.

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Month	Round	Despatch Date	Reporting Deadline	Samples Available
JAN	MC369	11 Jan 2027	15 Feb 2027	06F, 07D, 08D, 09D, 10D, 15F, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 23F, 24F
FEB	MC370	01 Feb 2027	08 Mar 2027	05F, 06D, 06SP, 07F, 07VG, 09F, 10F, 13F, 16D, 16F, 17F, 18F, 20D, 21, 23D, 26D, 36, 36SP, 37, 42
MAR	MC371	01 Mar 2027	05 Apr 2027	06EG, 06F, 07F, 08F, 09D, 10F, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 22F, 23F, 24F, 33, 34, 35, 40, 40IF, 47, 52
MAR	MC372	30 Mar 2027	04 May 2027	04F, 06F, 06TE, 07D, 07EG, 09F, 10D, 11D, 12F, 14D, 15D, 16D, 16F, 17F, 23D, 26F, 29, 38, 39D, 41, 43, 46EG, 48
MAY	MC373	04 May 2027	07 Jun 2027	03D, 04D, 06D, 06HB, 07CH, 07F, 08F, 09D, 10F, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 18D, 21, 23D, 24D, 24HB, 32, 36, 36HB, 37, 44, 53, 56
JUN	MC374	01 Jun 2027	05 Jul 2027	06F, 06VG, 07F, 10F, 13F, 16D, 16F, 17F, 20F, 22D, 23F, 25F, 26D, 40EG, 45, 50
JUN	MC375	28 Jun 2027	02 Aug 2027	06F, 07D, 08D, 09D, 10D, 15F, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 23D, 24F, 27
AUG	MC376	02 Aug 2027	06 Sep 2027	04D, 06D, 06HB, 07F, 07HB, 09F, 16D, 16F, 17F, 18F, 21, 23F, 26F, 36, 36SP, 37, 51
AUG	MC377	31 Aug 2027	04 Oct 2027	05D, 06CH, 06F, 07F, 08F, 09D, 10F, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 22F, 23D, 24F, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 54, 55
SEP	MC378	27 Sep 2027	01 Nov 2027	06CF, 06F, 07D, 10F, 11F, 13F, 14D, 15D, 16D, 16F, 17F, 20D, 23D, 25D, 26D, 27, 38, 39D, 57
NOV	MC379	01 Nov 2027	06 Dec 2027	04D, 06D, 06SP, 07F, 08F, 09D, 10D, 16D, 16F, 17D, 17F, 18D, 21, 23F, 24D, 24SP, 32, 36, 36HB, 37, 40IFP
NOV	MC380	29 Nov 2027	17 Jan 2028	06F, 06NS, 07F, 09F, 10F, 11D, 16D, 16F, 17F, 22F, 23D, 26F

F = Generic food matrix. D = Dairy matrix (skimmed milk powder). Others = Please see Sample Availability section for matrix type.

Please ensure that LGC receive your order as soon as possible in order to avoid stock shortages. Please note that orders received the week prior to the despatch date may be subject to a despatch delay.

The despatch date shown above is the date the sample will leave our site in the UK. Please note, this is not the date the samples will arrive at your laboratory. Delivery times vary based on country, if you require further information, please contact LGC.

SAMPLE AVAILABILITY – PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR SPECIFIC DESPATCH AND REPORTING DATES

Please indicate the number of samples required per round in the grid. If you require a sample in all available rounds, please complete the **All Rounds** column.

Please note: Where a footnote symbol (* | # | ^ | †) appears in a column, the footnote description text may appear at the end of a table that may span across multiple pages. Please scroll to the end of the table for these details.

Samples Available				Round and Month (MC)												
Sample	Quantity	Supplied As	Target Analytes	All Rounds	JAN 369	FEB 370	MAR 371	MAR 372	MAY 373	JUN 374	JUN 375	AUG 376	AUG 377	SEP 378	NOV 379	NOV 380
PT-MC-03D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐					☐							
PT-MC-04D	25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Cronobacter</i> species in 10g; <i>Cronobacter</i> species in 25g	☐					☐			☐			☐	
PT-MC-04F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Cronobacter</i> species in 10g; <i>Cronobacter</i> species in 25g	☐				☐								
PT-MC-05D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of Osmophilic yeast; Osmophilic mould; Osmophilic yeast and mould (ISO 21527-2)	☐									☐			
PT-MC-05F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of Osmophilic yeast; Osmophilic mould; Osmophilic yeast and mould (ISO 21527-2)	☐		☐										
PT-MC-06CF.	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Chicken faeces	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐										☐		
PT-MC-06CH	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Hard cheese	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐									☐			
PT-MC-06D	25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐		☐			☐			☐			☐	

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PT-MC-06EG.	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Egg powder	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐			☐										
PT-MC-06F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐	☐		☐	☐		☐	☐		☐	☐		☐	
PT-MC-06HB	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Herbs	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐					☐			☐					
PT-MC-06NS	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Seeds and nuts	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐												☐	
PT-MC-06SP	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Spices	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐		☐									☐		
PT-MC-06TE	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Tea	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐				☐									
PT-MC-06VG.	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Mixed vegetables	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐						☐							
PT-MC-07CH	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Hard cheese	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	☐					☐								
PT-MC-07D	25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	☐	☐			☐			☐			☐			
PT-MC-07EG * NEW	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Egg powder	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	☐				☐									

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PT-MC-07F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	☐		☐	☐		☐	☐		☐	☐		☐	☐	
PT-MC-07HB	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Herbs	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	☐								☐					
PT-MC-07VG.	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Mixed vegetables	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	☐		☐											
PT-MC-08D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	☐	☐						☐						
PT-MC-08F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	☐			☐		☐				☐		☐		
PT-MC-09D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of Enterococci (faecal streptococci)	☐	☐		☐		☐		☐		☐		☐		
PT-MC-09F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of Enterococci (faecal streptococci)	☐		☐		☐				☐				☐	
PT-MC-10D	10g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Clostridium</i> species; <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ; Enumeration of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ; <i>Clostridium</i> species	☐	☐			☐			☐				☐		
PT-MC-10F	10g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Clostridium</i> species; <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ; Enumeration of <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ; <i>Clostridium</i> species	☐		☐	☐		☐	☐			☐	☐		☐	

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PT-MC-11D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of mesophilic aerobic bacterial spores; Thermophilic aerobic plate count; Thermophilic aerobic bacterial spores; High heat resistant thermophilic aerobic spores (HHR-TSC)	☐				☐								☐
PT-MC-11F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of mesophilic aerobic bacterial spores; Thermophilic aerobic plate count; Thermophilic aerobic bacterial spores; High heat resistant thermophilic aerobic spores (HHR-TSC)	☐										☐		
PT-MC-12F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Shigella</i> species	☐				☐								
PT-MC-13F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Vibrio</i> species; <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	☐		☐				☐				☐		
PT-MC-14D	25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Yersinia</i> species; <i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>	☐				☐						☐		
PT-MC-15D	10g	Dairy matrix	Total anaerobic mesophilic count Enumeration of anaerobic sulphite-reducing bacteria; Mesophilic anaerobic spores; Sulphite-reducing Clostridium spores	☐				☐						☐		
PT-MC-15F	10g	Food matrix	Total anaerobic mesophilic count Enumeration of anaerobic sulphite-reducing bacteria; Mesophilic anaerobic spores; Sulphite-reducing Clostridium spores	☐	☐						☐					
PT-MC-16D	10g	Dairy matrix	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of Coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; <i>Escherichia coli</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PT-MC-16F	10g	Food matrix	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of Coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; <i>Escherichia coli</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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PT-MC-17D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of <i>Staphylococcus</i> species; Coagulase positive staphylococci; <i>Bacillus</i> species; <i>Bacillus cereus</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
PT-MC-17F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of <i>Staphylococcus</i> species; Coagulase positive staphylococci; <i>Bacillus</i> species; <i>Bacillus cereus</i>	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
PT-MC-18D	10g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms Enumeration of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
PT-MC-18F	10g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms Enumeration of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
PT-MC-20D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Thermotolerant coliforms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
PT-MC-20F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; Thermotolerant coliforms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
PT-MC-21.	Vial	Vial	Detection of <i>Campylobacter</i> species in 10g; <i>Campylobacter</i> species in 25g	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
PT-MC-22D	25g	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157 (non-toxigenic strain)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
PT-MC-22F	25g	Food matrix	Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157 (non-toxigenic strain)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
PT-MC-23D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of Yeast; Mould; Yeast and Mould (ISO 21527-1) Identification of yeast and mould to genus and/or species level	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	

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PT-MC-23F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of Yeast; Mould; Yeast and Mould (ISO 21527-1) Identification of yeast and mould to genus and/or species level	☐	☐		☐			☐		☐			☐		
PT-MC-24D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of lactic acid bacteria	☐					☐						☐		
PT-MC-24F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of lactic acid bacteria	☐	☐		☐				☐		☐				
PT-MC-24HB	Vial+10g	Herbs	Enumeration of lactic acid bacteria	☐					☐								
PT-MC-24SP	Vial+10g	Spices	Enumeration of lactic acid bacteria	☐											☐		
PT-MC-25D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of aerobic psychrotrophic organisms	☐										☐			
PT-MC-25F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of aerobic psychrotrophic organisms	☐						☐							
PT-MC-26D	10g	Dairy matrix	Enumeration of <i>Pseudomonas</i> species Detection of <i>Pseudomonas</i> species	☐		☐				☐				☐			
PT-MC-26F	10g	Food matrix	Enumeration of <i>Pseudomonas</i> species Detection of <i>Pseudomonas</i> species	☐				☐				☐				☐	
PT-MC-27	Vial	Vial	Enumeration of <i>Bifidobacterium</i> species; <i>Lactobacillus</i> species; Combined Enumeration of <i>Lactobacillus</i> species and <i>Bifidobacterium</i> species	☐							☐			☐			

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PT-MC-29	Vial+10g	Tea	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of Coliforms; Coagulase positive staphylococci; Yeast; Mould; Yeast and Mould	☐				☐								
PT-MC-32.	Vial	Vial	Enumeration of <i>Campylobacter</i> species	☐					☐						☐	
PT-MC-33	Vial	Vial	Identification of unknown organism (non pathogen)	☐			☐						☐			
PT-MC-34	Vial	Vial	Identification of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐			☐						☐			
PT-MC-35-VIRTUAL	-	Paper exercise	Colony count and calculation of number of microorganisms	☐			☐						☐			
PT-MC-36	2 x Vial+min 20g sample	Dairy matrix	<u>Quantitative Package (2 samples)</u> Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of total coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; <i>Bacillus cereus</i> ; Coagulase positive staphylococci; Yeast; Mould; Yeast and mould Detection of coagulase positive staphylococci	☐		☐			☐			☐			☐	
PT-MC-36HB	2 x Vial+min 20g sample	Herbs	<u>Quantitative Package (2 samples)</u> Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of total coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; <i>Bacillus cereus</i> ; Coagulase positive staphylococci; Yeast; Mould; Yeast and mould Detection of coagulase positive staphylococci	☐					☐						☐	

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PT-MC-36SP	2 x Vial+min 20g sample	Spices	Quantitative Package (2 samples) Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of total coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; <i>Bacillus cereus</i> ; Coagulase positive staphylococci; Yeast; Mould; Yeast and mould Detection of coagulase positive staphylococci	☐		☐						☐					
PT-MC-37	2 x Vial + min 200g sample	Dairy matrix	Qualitative Package (2 samples) Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157 (non-toxigenic strain); <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> ; <i>Salmonella</i> species; Identification of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐		☐			☐			☐			☐		
PT-MC-38	Vial+min 20g sample	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Clostridium</i> perfringens; Coagulase positive staphylococci	☐				☐						☐			
PT-MC-39D	10g	Dairy matrix	Bacterial level by Bactoscan; Bacterial level by colony count	☐				☐						☐			
PT-MC-40	Vial + min 375g sample	Skimmed milk powder	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐			☐						☐				
PT-MC-40EG * NEW	Vial + min 375g sample	Egg powder	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐						☐							
PT-MC-40IF * NEW	Vial + min 375g sample	Infant formula	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐			☐										
PT-MC-40IFP * NEW	Vial + min 375g sample	Infant formula with probiotics	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐											☐		

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PT-MC-41 Ready meal	Vial+10g	Dried food matrix	Total aerobic mesophilic count Enumeration of Coliforms; Coagulase positive Staphylococci; Yeast; Mould; Yeast and Mould; Enterobacteriaceaec; <i>Escherichia coli</i>	☐				☐					☐				
PT-MC-42	2 x Vial+min 50g sample	Dairy matrix	Detection of <i>Cronobacter</i> species (low level)	☐		☐											
PT-MC-43	Vial + min 375g sample	Skimmed milk powder	Detection of <i>Cronobacter</i> species	☐				☐									
PT-MC-44	Vial+min 100g sample	Ready-to-eat food matrix	Detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> O157 (non-toxigenic strain); <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> ; <i>Salmonella</i> species Identification of <i>Listeria</i> species	☐					☐								
PT-MC-45	Vial+10g	Fruit	Enumeration of thermophilic acidophilic bacteria (<i>Alicyclobacillus</i> spp); Detection of guaiacol producing thermophilic acidophilic bacteria	☐						☐							
PT-MC-46EG	2 x 25g	Egg powder	Detection of <i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i> and/or <i>Salmonella Enteritidis</i> (2 samples)	☐				☐									
PT-MC-47	Vial+125g	Skimmed milk powder	Detection of <i>Listeria</i> species; <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	☐			☐										
PT-MC-48 *	2 x Vial + min 100g sample	Infant formula	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species in 25g; <i>Cronobacter</i> species in 10g or 25g (2 samples)	☐				☐									
PT-MC-50 *	Vial+10g	Cheese matrix	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae; Coliforms; Coagulase positive staphylococci	☐						☐							

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PT-MC-51 *	5 x 10ml vials	Vial containing lyophilised milk (may or may not contain microorganisms at low levels)	Commercial sterility; Identification of microorganism	☐								☐				
PT-MC-52	3 x 10ml vials	Vial containing single organism (contents may include pathogens and/or non-pathogens)	Confirmation and /or Identification of Gram-negative organisms (including <i>Salmonella</i>) to genus and/or species	☐			☐									
PT-MC-53	3 x 10ml vials	Vial containing single organism (contents may include pathogens and/or non-pathogens)	Confirmation and /or Identification of Gram-positive organisms (including <i>Listeria</i>) to genus and/or species	☐					☐							
PT-MC-54	1 x 10ml vial	Vial containing up to 5 different organisms (contents may include pathogens and/or non-pathogens)	Identification of organisms to genus and/or species	☐									☐			
PT-MC-55 *	Vial+10g	Nut matrix	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of coliforms; yeast; mould; yeast and mould	☐									☐			
PT-MC-56 *	2 x 25g	High lipid and protein peanut paste matrix	Detection of <i>Salmonella</i> species	☐					☐							
PT-MC-57 * NEW	Vial+10g	Egg powder	Total aerobic mesophilic count; Enumeration of coliforms; Enterobacteriaceae; <i>Escherichia coli</i> ; coagulase-positive Staphylococci	☐										☐		

*Please note that these samples are not currently within the scope of LGC's UKAS accreditation.

†Please note that a volume discount may apply to this price, depending on the number of Food Microbiology (QMS) PT Scheme samples purchased. For further details, please see the Volume Quantity Discount section.

Please note that all accredited samples are accredited within the boundaries of LGC's fixed and flexible scope of UKAS accreditation. For further details and the full technical specification of the scheme, please refer to the Scheme Description in the Scheme Information section on the [Food Microbiology \(QMS\)](#) webpage.

To access our General Protocol, covering our scheme organisation and operation, test materials, reporting of results, data analysis/performance assessment and information provided to participants, please click on the following link: [GENERAL PROTOCOL – PT Schemes](#)

YOUR DETAILS

Returning customers, if you would like to keep your contact/address details as per previous year, please tick here:

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If changes are required or you are a new customer, please complete your details below:

Send Test Materials to:	Send Invoices to:
Contact name:	Contact name:
Department:	Department:
Company:	Company:
Address:	Address:
Town/City:	Town/City:
County/State:	County/State:
Post/Zip Code:	Post/Zip Code:
Country:	Country:
Tel:	Tel:
E-mail:	E-mail:
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Name

Date

VOLUME QUANTITY DISCOUNT

Please note that any additional/duplicate samples ordered will not contribute to the calculation of volume discount, but will be charged at a lower rate (see Repeat/Additional samples section).

Samples purchased per order	Volume Discount
1-5	0.0%
6-9	10.0%
10-19	17.0%
20-29	27.0%
30-49	30.0%
50+	33.0%

REPEAT/ADDITIONAL SAMPLES PRICES

Repeat and duplicate samples will be charged at 50% of the main sample cost. Please contact LGC for a quotation.

The maximum number of repeat samples available is 10 per sample per round. If you require a larger quantity, please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for further information.

CARRIAGE CHARGES

Participants will pay an additional fee to cover courier charges. Please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for up-to-date charges.

CHANGES AND OTHER SCHEMES/SAMPLES OF INTEREST

CHANGES

We have introduced a number of new samples as follows:

- Sample PT-MC-07EG (Listeria in egg products). This sample is available in round MC374 (June 2027).
- Sample PT-MC-40EG (Salmonella in egg products). This sample is available in round MC374 (June 2027).
- Sample PT-MC-40IF (Salmonella in infant formula). This sample is available in round MC374 (June 2027).
- Sample PT-MC-40IFP (Salmonella in infant formula with probiotics). This sample is available in round MC374 (June 2027).
- Sample PT-MC-57 (TVC/indicator organisms in egg powder). This sample is available in round MC374 (June 2027).

We have changed the format of the following samples; 2 x 10ml vials plus minimum 50g of relevant matrix will now be provided – **please see further explanation about this change below:**

- PT-MC-06CF (Salmonella in chicken faeces)
- PT-MC-06CH (Salmonella in cheese)
- PT-MC-06EG (Salmonella in egg products)
- PT-MC-06HB (Salmonella in herbs)
- PT-MC-06NS (Salmonella in seeds and nuts)
- PT-MC-06SP (Salmonella in spices)
- PT-MC-06TE (Salmonella in tea)
- PT-MC-06VG (Salmonella in salads and vegetables)
- PT-MC-07CH (Listeria in cheese)
- PT-MC-07HB (Listeria in herbs)
- PT-MC-07VG (Listeria in salad and vegetables)
- PT-MC-42 (Detection of Cronobacter species at low-level)

Beyond Detection: Making Qualitative PT a True Test of Laboratory Performance

In routine testing, laboratories are often focused on avoiding false negatives because of food safety implications. However, false positives also have significant consequences such as unnecessary product holds or recalls, additional confirmatory testing costs or customer complaints. But what about Proficiency Testing?

Laboratories expect PT to assess their detection capability. For some, PT samples may be the only opportunity to test samples that are positive for the target pathogens. This explains why PT providers mostly include positive samples in their qualitative PT samples.

But if a PT program containing only positive samples answers the question: *"Can the laboratory detect the target when it is present?"*, it does **not** answer: *"Can the laboratory correctly demonstrate absence when the target is not present?"*

Negative samples reflect the reality of routine testing and challenge the entire analytical process (including identifying cross contamination issues), and a PT programme that never includes negative samples is largely unable to detect laboratories that are prone to false-positive reporting.

Unpredictability is a core value of proficiency testing; including negative samples prevents PT from becoming a simple "tick-box" exercise, whose outcomes have little benefit to the participant or their customers.

For this reason, we are enhancing the format of our qualitative food microbiology PT schemes by extending the two-sample (A and B) approach already used in a number of programmes to all qualitative samples currently offered in only one round per year. This will allow us to include more negative samples, as well as challenging strains and very low spike levels, providing a more comprehensive assessment of laboratory performance.

OTHER SCHEMES/SAMPLES OF INTEREST

We have a number of other Food and Feed schemes available which may be of interest to you. Further details can be found on [our Food and Feed schemes webpage](#).

We also have a sample which may be of interest to you PT-CH-68 (Staph enterotoxins). Further information can be found on our [PT-CH-68 web page](#).

GENERAL NOTES

Please note:

- All prices stated are exclusive of VAT and carriage charges.
- VAT (charged at the prevailing rate) is payable by all participants based in the UK.
- Participants will pay an additional fee to cover courier charges. Please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for up-to-date charges (where not specified previously in the application form).
- All courier charges set by LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing do not include local import charges, taxes (etc.), which will be covered by the participant.
- Do not send remittance with this form, you will be invoiced subsequently after the despatch of each round.
- No refunds will be given for failure to take part in any round of the PT scheme.
- LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing reserves the right to not send samples or the report for previous samples to any participant that has not paid their subscriptions within the terms stated on the invoice.
- LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing cannot guarantee the number of participants that will return results for any particular parameter in each round.
- The prices stated are for reporting results and receiving reports electronically via PORTAL (internet reporting).
- Surplus PT samples (Quality Control Material) are available; please contact LGC AXIO Proficiency Testing for further information.
- By submitting this application form, you are agreeing to comply by [LGC's Standard Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Laboratory Quality Products and Services](#). Furthermore, for test samples containing microorganisms with a bio safety level (BSL) of 1 or 2, you are confirming that you are complying with applicable laws and regulations when using such materials.

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