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## **Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds —**

Part 2:

### **Colony count technique in products with water activity less than or equal to 0,95**

*Microbiologie des aliments — Méthode horizontale pour le dénombrement des levures et moisissures —*

*Partie 2: Technique par comptage des colonies dans les produits à activité d'eau inférieure ou égale à 0,95*



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## Foreword

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ISO 21527 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Microbiology of food and animal feedings stuffs — Horizontal method for the enumeration of yeasts and moulds*:

- *Part 1: Colony count technique in products with water activity greater than 0,95*
- *Part 2: Colony count technique in products with water activity less than or equal to 0,95*

This part of ISO 21527, together with ISO 21527-1, cancel and replace ISO 7698:1990, ISO 7954:1987 and ISO 13681:1995.

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## Introduction

Because of the large variety of food and feed products, the applications of the horizontal method specified in ISO 21527 (all parts) may not be appropriate for certain products. In this case, different methods, which are specific to these products, may be used if absolutely necessary for justified technical reasons. Nevertheless, every attempt shall be made to apply the horizontal method as specified in ISO 21527 (all parts) as far as possible.

When ISO 21527 (all parts) is next reviewed, account will be taken of all information then available regarding the extent to which the 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 may already exist that do not comply with the horizontal method as specified in ISO 21527 (all parts). It is hoped that when such standards are reviewed they will be changed to comply with ISO 21527 (all parts) so that eventually the only remaining departures from this horizontal method will be those necessary for well-established technical reasons.