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Foreword

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- ISO 5552:1997, *Meat and meat products — Detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae without resuscitation — MPN technique and colony-count technique*;
- ISO 7402:1993, *Microbiology — General guidance for the enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae without resuscitation — MPN technique and colony-count technique*;
- ISO 8523:1991, *Microbiology — General guidance for the detection of Enterobacteriaceae with pre-enrichment*.

ISO 21528 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Horizontal methods for the detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae*:

- *Part 1: Detection and enumeration by MPN technique with pre-enrichment*
- *Part 2: Colony-count method*

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Introduction

This part of ISO 21528 is intended to provide general guidance for the examination of 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 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 part of ISO 21528 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 this horizontal method. It is hoped that when such standards are reviewed they will be changed to comply with this part of ISO 21528 so that eventually the only remaining departures from this horizontal method will be those necessary for well-established technical reasons.