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## Part 1: Detection of *Salmonella* spp.

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pour la recherche, le dénombrement et le sérotypage des  
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## Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 6579-1 cancels and replaces ISO 6579:2002 and ISO 6785:2001, which have been technically revised. It also incorporates ISO 6579:2002/Amd 1:2007 and ISO 6579:2002/Cor 1:2004.

The main changes, compared to ISO 6579:2002, are the following.

- ISO 6785 has been incorporated in this document.
- Samples from the primary production stage have been added to the scope.
- Detection of *Salmonella* Typhi and *Salmonella* Paratyphi is described in [Annex D](#).
- Descriptions of preparations of initial suspensions have been removed and references made to relevant parts of ISO 6887, whenever possible.
- The temperature range for incubation of non-selective media has been extended from 37 °C ± 1 °C to 34 °C to 38 °C without further tolerance.
- For selective enrichment, there is a choice between using the broth or the semi-solid agar of Rappaport Vassiliadis medium (RVS or MSRV) for food, animal feed samples, and for environmental samples from the food production area.
- The inoculation of the isolation medium has become less prescriptive; the objective is to obtain well-isolated colonies after incubation.
- For confirmation, it is acceptable to perform the tests on only one suspect colony (instead of one suspect colony of each medium combination). If this isolate tests negative for *Salmonella*, four more suspect isolates from different media combinations shall be tested.

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- It is permitted to perform the biochemical confirmation directly on a suspect, well-isolated colony from the selective plating medium. The purity check on the non-selective agar medium can then be performed in parallel.
- Two confirmation tests have become optional ( $\beta$ -galactosidase test and indole reaction) and one confirmation test has been deleted (Voges-Proskauer reaction).
- In this document, serological confirmation (to serogroup level) is described. For guidance on serotyping (to serovar level), reference is made to ISO/TR 6579-3.
- [Table 1](#) has been improved.
- Performance testing for the quality assurance of the culture media has been added to [Annex B](#).
- Performance characteristics of MSRV have been added to [Annex C](#).

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## Introduction

This document describes a horizontal method for the detection of *Salmonella* spp. in food (including milk and milk products, originally described in ISO 6785), in animal feed, in animal faeces, and in environmental samples from the primary production stage (the latter two were originally described in ISO 6579:2002/Amd 1:2007).

The main changes, listed in the foreword, introduced in this document compared to ISO 6579:2002, are considered as minor (see ISO 17468[37]).

A procedure for the enumeration of *Salmonella* spp. is described in ISO/TS 6579-2.[3]

Guidance for serotyping of *Salmonella* spp. is described in ISO/TR 6579-3.[24]