
**Microbiology of the food chain —
Horizontal method for the
detection and enumeration of
Enterobacteriaceae —**

**Part 2:
Colony-count technique**

*Microbiologie de la chaîne alimentaire — Méthode horizontale
pour la recherche et le dénombrement des Enterobacteriaceae —
Partie 2: Technique par comptage des colonies*





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Foreword

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- the confirmation step has been changed by replacing glucose agar by glucose OF medium;
- precision data based on the results of an interlaboratory study using the method according to this revised edition has been included in an informative annex.

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This corrected version of ISO 21528-2:2017 incorporates the following corrections:

- in [6.4](#), a water bath capable of being maintained between 44 °C to 47 °C has been added to the list of equipment;
- in [9.3.2](#), the temperature has been reduced from “47 °C to 50 °C” to “44 °C to 47 °C”.