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enumeration of sulfite-reducing bacteria
growing under anaerobic conditions**

*Microbiologie des aliments — Méthode horizontale pour le
dénombrement des bactéries sulfito-réductrices se développant en
conditions anaérobies*



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Introduction

Because of the large variety of food and feed products, this horizontal method may not be appropriate in every detail for certain products. In this case, different methods specific to these products may be used if absolutely necessary for justified technical reasons. Nevertheless, every attempt will be made to apply this horizontal method as far as possible.

When this International Standard is next reviewed, account will be taken of all information then available regarding the extent to which this horizontal method has been followed and the reasons for deviations from this method in the case of particular products.

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