



Equivalent Testing Methodologies for *Listeria* species and *Listeria monocytogenes* in Environmental Samples

FDA has determined that the following methods are “scientifically valid” and “at least equivalent to the method of analysis in § 112.152(a) in accuracy, precision, and sensitivity”¹ in detecting *Listeria* species and *L. monocytogenes*. The method of analysis in § 112.152(a) is "[Testing Methodology for *Listeria* species or *L. monocytogenes* in Environmental Samples](#)" (October 2015, Version 1).

1. AOAC Official Method 2013.10. VIDAS[®] UP *Listeria* (LPT), *Listeria* in select foods and environmental surfaces.
2. AOAC Official Method 2016.07. 3M Molecular Detection Assay (MDA) 2, *Listeria* in select foods and environmental surfaces.
3. AOAC Official Method 996.14. Assurance polyclonal enzyme immunoassay method (EIA), *Listeria* in select foods and environmental surfaces.

¹ 21 CFR § 112.152(b)