

Recommendations

Sampling protocol

Before entering the sampling zone, walk through a foot bath. Disinfect your hands. Wearing gloves is recommended, during all stages of sampling.

Sampling with a swab cloth

Wipe vigorously several distinct parts of the test surface ($\geq 1 \text{ m}^2$), using a zigzag movement, in two perpendicular directions, using both sides of the cloth.



Sampling with SteriSox®

Put on the over-boots then the SteriSox®. Rub the ground walking in the selected area in two perpendicular directions.



Pack, close, identify

Place the sampling device in the sampling bag. Close the sampling bag tightly by rolling it. Identify: date, time, place, name... DO NOT FREEZE



Put the sampling device in the bag



Close the bag tightly



Identify

Send to the laboratory

We recommend using an isotherm bag. Send the samples as soon as possible to the laboratory:

- Within 24 hours of sampling for those sent at room temperature.
- Within 72 hours for those sent refrigerated.

Samples of faecal matter and environment taken to test for salmonella can be sent at room temperature, provided the samples are examined within 72 hours. Temperatures of more than 25°C and direct exposure to sunlight must be avoided.
Norm ISO 13707: Food microbiology applicable at primary stage of production.

Storage conditions for devices

General rules for good preservation

- Store from +15 °C to +25 °C in a dry non humid place.
- **Do not refrigerate** before sampling.
- Avoid wide variations in temperature, which will produce condensation.

Specific rules for storage of Economical devices

(Devices in packs of 15 or 25 items in an outer zip bag).

To avoid any risk of contamination, when opening the outer bag for the first time:

- Never leave loose in the open air, (particularly in the boot of a car),
- Before taking a sampling device, disinfect your hands, or use clean gloves,
- After taking sampling device, make sure the outer bag is properly closed,
- If you keep your sampling devices in storage boxes, always keep them in the outer bag,
- Put in place a method for cleaning and disinfecting the storage boxes followed by a bacteriological test.

