

Fapas[®] – Food Microbiology (FEPAS[®])

SAFETY INFORMATION FOR SAMPLES

The samples are real food/environmental specimens, which may contain microorganisms in one of the following base matrices:

Beef	Milk powder	Mixed vegetables
Pork	Infant formula	Salad
Chicken	Cheese	Sprouting seeds and lettuce
Fish	Soft cheese	Fruit juice
Dry cured meat	Chocolate	Ready To Eat (RTE) meal
Smoked fish	Chocolate powder	Cooked rice
Egg (dried)	Flour	Ground peanuts
Animal feed	Herbs	Cotton swab
Spices	Ground pepper	Sponge swab

DESCRIPTION

The microorganisms present in the proficiency test material are naturally found in the food products and belong to Hazard groups 1 and 2. The products are not for human consumption and are harmful if swallowed.

HANDLING and STORAGE

Storage: Store at $5 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a dry place in tightly closed container until use. Keep in the original container and away from other food products.

Handling: **The samples should only be opened under controlled laboratory conditions by workers trained in their safe handling. Use the appropriate controls and personal protective equipment (PPE) for Hazard groups 2 in order to avoid contact with the product.**

FIRST AID

Inhalation: Supply fresh air; consult a doctor in case of complaints.

Eyes: Avoid contact with eyes. If affected, wash with plenty of water. Seek medical advice if irritation occurs

Skin: Wash contaminated skin thoroughly with antibacterial soap and water. If skin is broken and wound contamination is suspected, seek immediate medical advice.

Ingestion: Avoid hand to mouth contact. In the event of ingestion, rinse the mouth and do not induce vomiting, seek immediate medical advice.

ACCIDENTAL SPILLAGE

If spillage occurs, prevent a contact with the sewage system or any other water source. Soak the contaminated area with disinfectant. Allow sufficient contact time between the spillage and the disinfectant to ensure that the process is efficient and then absorb the spillage. Dispose the contaminated materials according to the disposal procedure below.

DISPOSAL

Do not dispose of together with the household garbage. Do not allow product to reach sewage system. As a precaution dispose of as microbiologically contaminated waste safely according to all local and national regulations.