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HORIZONTAL METHOD FOR THE ENUMERATION OF MICROORGANISMS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

IN VIEW OF Article 2, paragraph iv of the Agreement of 3 April 2001 establishing the International Organisation of Vine and Wine,

CONSIDERING the work of the "Methods of Analysis" Sub-Commission on the development of methods of analysis for grape juices, concentrated grape juices, reconstituted grape juices and grape nectars,

CONSIDERING the ISO standard ISO 4833-1:2013 and ISO 4833-2:2013 on enumeration of microorganisms which can be access through the ISO website [1]

CONSIDERING the work of the OIV "Microbiology" Expert Group and the favourable opinion of the Scientific and Technical committee of the OIV to make reference to this ISO standard knowing that some of the elements of this ISO standard may be the subject of copyright protection,

AT THE PROPOSAL OF the Commission Oenology,

DECIDES to adopt the following microbiological method of analysis for grape juices, concentrated grape juices, reconstituted grape juices and grape nectars:

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 34, Food products, Subcommittee SC 9, Microbiology.

This first edition, together with ISO 4833-1, cancels and replaces ISO 4833:2003.

ISO 4833 consists of the following parts, under the general title Microbiology of the food chain — Horizontal method for the enumeration of microorganisms:

- Part 1: Colony count at 30 °C by the pour plate technique
- Part 2: Colony count at 30 °C by the surface plating technique

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1. Scope

This part of ISO 4833 specifies a horizontal method for enumeration of microorganisms that are able to grow and form colonies in a solid medium after aerobic incubation at 30 °C. The method is applicable to:

- a) products intended for human consumption and for animal feed;
- b) environmental samples in the area of food and feed production and handling.

This part of ISO 4833 is applicable to:

- 1) products that require a reliable count when a low limit of detection is specified (below 102/g or 102/ml for liquid samples or below 103/g for solid samples);

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- 2) products expected to contain spreading colonies that obscure colonies of other organisms, e.g. milk and milk products likely to contain spreading Bacillus spp.

The applicability of this part of ISO 4833 to the examination of certain fermented food and animal feeds is limited and other media or incubation conditions can be more appropriate. However, this method can be applied to such products even though it is possible that the predominant microorganisms in those products are not detected effectively.

For some matrices, the method specified in this part of ISO 4833 can give different results to those obtained using the method specified in ISO 4833-2.

2. Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

- ISO 6887 (all parts), Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — Preparation of test samples, initial suspension and decimal dilutions for microbiological examination
- ISO 7218, Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs — General requirements and guidance for microbiological examinations
- ISO 11133, Microbiology of food, animal feed and water — Preparation, production, storage and performance testing of culture media

3. Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1. microorganism

entity of microscopic size, encompassing bacteria, fungi, protozoa and viruses

[SOURCE:ISO/TS 11139:2006,3 2.26]

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this part of ISO 4833, microorganisms are bacteria, yeasts and moulds that are able to produce colonies under the conditions specified in this part of ISO 4833.

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Part 2: Colony count at 30 °C by the surface plating technique

1. Scope

This part of ISO 4833 specifies a horizontal method for enumeration of microorganisms that are able to grow and form colonies on the surface of a solid medium after aerobic incubation at 30 °C. The method is applicable to:

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- b) environmental samples in the area of food and feed production and food handling.

This part of ISO 4833 is applicable to:

- 1) products containing heat-sensitive organisms that are likely to form a significant proportion of the total flora (e.g. psychrotrophic organisms in chilled and frozen foods, dried foods, other foods that may contain heat-sensitive organisms);
- 2) products containing obligately aerobic bacteria that are likely to form a significant proportion of the total flora (e.g. Pseudomonas spp.);
- 3) products that contain small particles that can prove difficult to distinguish from colonies in a pour plate;
- 4) products whose intense colour prevents the recognition of colonies in a pour plate;
- 5) products for which distinction between different types of colony is required as part of the assessment of food quality.

In addition to the manual spread plating technique, this part of ISO 4833 also specifies the use of a spiral plater, a rapid method of performing surface colony counts (Annex A).

The applicability of this part of ISO 4833 to the examination of certain fermented food and animal feeds is limited and other media or incubation conditions can be more appropriate. However, this method can be applied to such products even though it is possible that the predominant microorganisms in these products are not detected effectively.

For some matrices, the method described in this part of ISO 4833 can give different results to those obtained using the method described in ISO 4833-1.

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