Schedule 27 Microbiological limits in food

***Note 1*** This instrument is a standard under the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (Cth). The standards together make up the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.* See also section 1.1.1—3.

 Microbiological limits in food are regulated by subsection 1.1.1—11 and Standard 1.6.1. This Standard lists information for section 1.6.1—2 and subsection 1.6.1—3(2).

***Note 2*** The provisions of the Code that apply in New Zealand are incorporated in, or adopted under, the *Food Act 2014* (NZ). See also section 1.1.1—3.

S27—1 Name

 This Standard is *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code –* Schedule 27 – Microbiological limits in food.

 ***Note*** Commencement:This Standard commences on 1 March 2016, being the date specified as the commencement date in notices in the *Gazette* and the New Zealand Gazette under section 92 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (Cth). See also section 93 of that Act.

S27—2 Definitions

***Note*** In this Code (see section 1.1.2—2):

 ***SPC*** means a standard plate count at 30°C with an incubation time of 72 hours.

 In this Schedule:

***processed***, in relation to egg product, means pasteurised or subjected to an equivalent treatment.

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 For section 1.6.1—2, the table is:

Microbiological limits in food

| Column 1 | Column 2(n) | Column 3(c) | Column 4(m) | Column 5(M) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| All cheese |
| *Escherichia coli* | 5 | 1 | 10/g | 102/g |
| **Raw milk cheese** |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Staphylococcal enterotoxins | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Soft and semi-soft cheese (moisture content > 39%) with pH > 5.0 |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Dried milk |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Unpasteurised milk for retail sale |
| *Campylobacter* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 mL |  |
| Coliforms | 5 | 1 | 102/mL | 103/mL |
| *Escherichia coli* | 5 | 1 | 3/mL | 9/mL |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 mL |  |
| SPC | 5 | 1 | 2.5x104/mL | 2.5x105/mL |
| Packaged cooked cured/salted meat |
| Coagulase-positive staphylococci | 5 | 1 | 102/g | 103/g |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Packaged heat treated meat paste and packaged heat treated pâté |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| All comminuted fermented meat which has not been cooked during the production process |
| Coagulase-positive staphylococci | 5 | 1 | 103/g | 104/g |
| *Escherichia* *coli* | 5 | 1 | 3.6/g | 9.2/g |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Cooked crustacea |
| Coagulase-positive staphylococci | 5 | 2 | 102/g | 103/g |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| SPC | 5 | 2 | 105/g | 106/g |
| Raw crustacea |
| Coagulase-positive staphylococci | 5 | 2 | 102/g | 103/g |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| SPC | 5 | 2 | 5x105/g | 5x106/g |
| Bivalve molluscs, other than scallops |
| *Escherichia coli* | 5 | 1 | 2.3/g | 7/g |
| Ready-to-eat food in which growth of Listeria monocytogenes can occur |
| *Listeria monocytogenes* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Ready-to-eat food in which growth of Listeria monocytogenes will not occur |
| *Listeria monocytogenes* | 5 | 0 | 102cfu/g |  |
| Cereal-based foods for infants |
| Coliforms | 5 | 2 | less than 3/g | 20/g |
| *Salmonella* | 10 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Powdered \*infant formula, other than powdered \*follow-on formula  |
| *Cronobacter* | 30 | 0 | not detected in 10g |  |
| *Salmonella* | 60 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| **Powdered follow-on formula** |
| *Salmonella* | 60 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Pepper, paprika and cinnamon |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Dried, chipped, desiccated coconut |
| *Salmonella* | 10 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Cocoa powder |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Cultured seeds and grains (bean sprouts, alfalfa etc) |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Processed egg product |
| *Salmonella* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 25 g |  |
| Mineral water |
| *Escherichia coli* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 100 mL |  |
| Packaged water |
| *Escherichia coli* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 100 mL |  |
| Packaged ice |
| *Escherichia coli* | 5 | 0 | not detected in 100 mL |  |

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Application, saving and transitional provisions

The table below details information on application, saving or transitional provisions in instruments affecting this Standard.

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| **Food Standards (Proposal P1039 – Microbiological Criteria for Infant Formula) Variation** |
| Instrument items affected | A’ment No. | FRL registrationGazette  | Instrument’s transitional provision  | Description of transitional arrangement |
| Items [1] and [2] of the Schedule | 163 | F2016L0078412 May 2016FSC10519 May 2016 | Clause 4 | Clause 4 provides that section 1.1.1—9 of the Codedoes not apply to the variations. |

Amendment History

The Amendment History provides information about each amendment to the Schedule The information includes commencement or cessation information for relevant amendments.

These amendments are made under section 92 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* unless otherwise indicated. Amendments do not have a specific date for cessation unless indicated as such.

**About this compilation**

This is compilation No. 3 of Schedule 27 as in force on **13 April 2017** (up to Amendment No. 168). It includes any commenced amendment affecting the compilation to that date.

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**Uncommenced amendments or provisions ceasing to have effect**

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The following abbreviations may be used in the table below:

ad = added or inserted am = amended

exp = expired or ceased to have effect rep = repealed

rs = repealed and substituted

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| Section affected | A’ment No. | FRL registrationGazette  | Commencement(Cessation) | How affected | Description of amendment |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sched heading | 157 | F2015L013741 Sept 2015FSC993 Sept 2015 | 1 March 2016 | am | Title of Standard previously included in the Code as part of P1017 and related cross-reference in Note 1. |
| 27—1 | 157 | F2015L013741 Sept 2015FSC993 Sept 2015 | 1 March 2016 | am | Title of Standard previously included in the Code as part of P1017. |
| Note to 27—2 | 163 | F2016L0078412 May 2016FSC10519 May 2016 | 19 May 2016 | rs | Note.*For application, saving and transitional provisions, see above table.* |
| 27—3 | 163 | F2016L0078412 May 2016FSC10519 May 2016 | 19 May 2016 | rep | Section.*For application, saving and transitional provisions, see above table.* |
| 27—4, table to 27—4 | 157 | F2015L013741 Sept 2015FSC993 Sept 2015 | 1 March 2016 | am | Headings to section and related table included in the Code as part of P1017. |
| table to S27—4  | 157 | F2015L013741 Sept 2015FSC993 Sept 2015 | 1 March 2016 | am | Entries relating to cooked crustacea and ready-to-eat foods included in the Code as part of P1017. |
| table to S27—4  | 157 | F2015L013741 Sept 2015FSC993 Sept 2015 | 1 March 2016 | rep | Entries relating to butter, all raw milk cheese, raw milk unripened cheeses (moisture content > 50% with pH > 5.0) arising from P1022. |
| table to S27—4  | 157 | F2015L013741 Sept 2015FSC993 Sept 2015 | 1 March 2016 | ad | Entry relating to raw milk cheese included in the Code as part of P1022. |
| table to S27—4  | 157 | F2015L013741 Sept 2015FSC993 Sept 2015 | 1 March 2016 | rs | Entries relating to unpasteurised milk for retail sale and powdered infant formula products included in the Code as part of P1017.  |
| table to S27—4  | 163 | F2016L0078412 May 2016FSC10519 May 2016 | 19 May 2016 | rs | Entry relating to powdered infant formula products.*For application, saving and transitional provisions, see above table.* |
| table to S27—4  | 168 | F2017L0041411 April 2017FSC11013 April 2017  | 13 April 2017 | am | Corrections to typographical errors in the headings for powdered infant formula products and powdered follow-on formula. |