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Laboratory Guidebook Notice of Change

Chapter <u>new</u>, revised, or archived: MLG 5B Appendix 4.00

Title: Non-O157 STEC Method Flow Chart

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Description and purpose of change(s):

This flow chart was issued in association with MLG 5B.02 Detection and Isolation of non-O157 Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) from Meat Products.

The methods described in this guidebook are for use by the FSIS laboratories. FSIS does not specifically endorse any of the mentioned test products and acknowledges that equivalent products may be available for laboratory use. Method validation is necessary to demonstrate the equivalence of alternative tests. FSIS provides guidance at:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Validation_Studies_Pathogen_Detection_Methods.pdf

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O antigen gene cluster (+)

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O antigen gene cluster (-)

Report as **NEGATIVE**

TO BITES³ AND LEARN²

agar deep for PFGE testing at OSEL⁶

FSIS Laboratories: Pick isolates to nutrient

Further Testing Required.

FSIS Laboratories send

isolate to OSEL

CONFIRMED

POSITIVE TO BITES³

AND LEARN²

Pick isolates to cryobeads for storage.