

The final date for return of results is indicated on the accompanying request/report form

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Results may be returned by fax, mail or e-mail



Food Law Scheme - Instruction Sheet

Each distribution consists of **three** LENTICULE discs in screw-cap plastic vials (with desiccant).

The LENTICULE discs require reconstitution by a process of re-hydration and dispersion prior to examination.

Refer also to the Safety Data Sheet: www.hpa.org.uk/eqa/foodlaw

Storage:

- Store the samples at **-20 ± 5°C** on receipt.
- Allow the LENTICULE discs to reach ambient temperature (5 - 10 minutes) **before** reconstituting in diluent.

Reconstitution:

- Open the sample container and transfer the LENTICULE disc into **100ml buffered peptone water (BPW)**.
- Leave at ambient temperature for a minimum of 10 minutes to dissolve.
- Ensure that the LENTICULE disc has completely dissolved and disperse the inoculum by inverting approximately 30 times.

Examination:

- **Each reconstituted sample is equivalent to a 100 g food sample.**
- Undertake sample examination within 45 minutes of reconstitution.
- Examine in accordance with routine procedures.

Reporting:

- On the request/report form indicate which examinations were undertaken, record the results and provide the requested information.

Return of Results:

- Return results to the organisers before the deadline shown on the request/report form.
- Results returned after that date will **not** be assessed.