



Listeria monocytogenes **criteria for RTE foods able to** **support growth of Lm**

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Current EU legislation

3 Lm FS criteria in Regulation (EC) 2073/2005:

(1.1) RTE for infants and special medical purposes:
absence/25 g during shelf-life

(1.2) Other RTE able to support growth: absence/25 g
or 100 cfu/g according FBO ability to demonstrate compliance
with 100 cfu/g during shelf-life

(1.3) Other RTE unable to support growth: 100 cfu/g
during shelf_life

Criterion 1.2

Requirement for FBO not able to demonstrate compliance with the 100 cfu/g limit: absence in 25 g before the food has left his immediate control

If food already at market level: no criterion laid down during shelf-life

=> Unharmonised approach

International standard

For RTE able to support growth, Codex recommends:

- absence/25 g

or

- "another validated limit" based on information to be provided by FBO



DG SANTE draft discussion paper

To be presented at the next working group with MS
(28/4/2015)

Purpose: present the issue + get a better picture of
the practices in MS when implementing criterion 1.2

Accompanying questionnaire



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Questions?