



# PACKAGING CONSULTANTS INTERNATIONAL



Laboratory Certificate #36-B-00155

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## RE: *Listeria* spp. & *Salmonella* spp. Detection Accreditation

This letter is to inform you that Packaging Consultants International (PCI) has added *Listeria* species and *Salmonella* species detection in packaging and environmental samples to our ISO 17025 scope of accreditation utilizing methods from U.S. Food and Drug Administration *Bacteriological Analytical Manual (BAM)* (online). Our updated scope and certificate of accreditation can be found directly at the [A2LA Accreditation Directory](#). (Updates to our website link are in progress).

This accreditation applies to these specific pathogens, performed using selective mediums inoculated with broth directly from environmental samples or aliquots from packaging material analyzed using *Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products*, 17th ed. APHA, that PCI has utilized for several years prior to accreditation.

These pathogenic analytes can be added to current packaging testing schemes for an additional fee upon request. There are no changes in collection procedures for adding *Listeria* spp. and *Salmonella* spp. detection to packaging sample analyses, other than indicating the additional request on the "Sample Submission Form." Samples already receiving these analyses will now fall under accredited testing on applicable test reports.

PCI has subsequently been more stringent with the acceptance parameters of environmental samples to meet the requirements of the reference methods to ensure the validity of test results. PCI began this transition when different environmental samplers were implemented in January 2022, including a separate swab sampler for pathogen analyses (BLU-HC-P). [Find additional swab collection details here](#).

We look forward to working with you for these added accredited testing services. Please contact us at [customerservice@pcilabs.com](mailto:customerservice@pcilabs.com) with any questions or for current pricing to add these services to your environmental and/or packaging sample testing needs.

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