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**Update on the activities carried out by CEN TC463 WG2 on
Shiga Toxin producing *Escherichia coli***

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Part 1



+ enrichment broth (BPW)



Incubation (41,5° C)



Real Time PCR for *stx* genes



Positive to *stx* genes:
Streak enrichment culture onto
solid media to isolate the STEC
(up to 50 colonies tested)

Based on isolation results:
STEC detected in XX g

Part 2



STEC serogroup determination (top 5
+ O45 and O121), virulotyping
(including *stx* genes subtyping)

EN ISO/NP 13136-1 Microbiology of the food chain – Real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based method for the detection of food-borne pathogens – Part 1: Horizontal method for the detection and isolation of Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC)

EN ISO/NP 13136-2 - Part 2 Horizontal method for the characterization of Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC)

Draft of both Parts have been submitted to CEN

Activation NWI: Enquiry launched from 2022-04-06 to 2022-06-06

The EN ISO 13136 projects have been approved at ISO and CEN level

EN ISO 13136-1

Result of voting

CEN level: 10 Yes -1 No

ISO level: 21 Yes – 1 No

EN ISO 13136-2

Result of voting

CEN level: 10 Yes -1 No

ISO level: 19 Yes – 1 No

Comments on both parts have been received
Results of voting, as well as the comments to be addressed, have been shared with WG2 experts

- ✓ How long the enrichment can be stored at 4°C before attempting the isolation
- ✓ Detail the protocol for bovine faecal samples analyses
- ✓ Maldiott discrimination between Shigella and Escherichia
- ✓ Description of the colony morphology

An online meeting with WG2 experts organized on 5 September 2022 – revised documents and response to comments are due by October 2022

EN ISO 16654/AMD2

Amendment 2 includes the performance parameters of the media used in ISO 16654

CEN Enquiry (// ISO DIS) from
2022-02-10 to 2022-05-03

Following ballot: positive results both at ISO and CEN level

A few more comments have been addressed, and the final document submitted in August 2022

the final votes (ISO FDIS and CEN Formal Vote) are ongoing

Voting begins on: 2022-09-27

Voting terminates on: 2022-11-22