

# MICROBIOLOGY TESTING

# Canada Food Services

Foodborne illnesses caused by pathogens or spoilage can have serious consequences for consumers and brands alike. To protect public health and comply with food safety regulations, testing for the presence of potentially harmful microorganisms is crucial.



Microbiological testing demands significant expertise not available to most food producers and therefore a third-party laboratory is utilised to undertake the analysis and minimise the risk of cross contamination. Your choice of partner is particularly important to ensure that accurate and reliable results are delivered on an ongoing basis by a trusted provider, such as Intertek.

From our state-of-the-art laboratory, our experienced microbiologists test the full range of potentially harmful foodborne microorganisms, including pathogens like Salmonella, E.coli and Listeria, along with spoilage organisms such as yeasts and moulds.

Our specialists can also develop and carry out shelf-life and challenge testing for your products. Our testing services help to ensure that products are safe to consume and free from harmful microorganisms once they reach the market. We test the full product lifecycle, starting from when the packaging is opened to analysis of the product under 'normal' conditions commonly referred to as direct testing. We constantly review and update our testing methodologies to keep pace with the ever-evolving threats posed by foodborne microorganism throughout the supply chain to



help you deliver safe quality products to your customers.

#### Why Choose Intertek?

Intertek is a partner you can trust for this critical service. With our experience and expertise, you can rest easy that your customers and brand are protected, and you fully comply with all relevant food safety regulations.

- Our microbiological testing services are part of a global network of food testing facilities.
   We blend local expertise with world-class talent to help you navigate local, national and international regulations
- Our specialists can deliver reliable results with fast turnaround times, essential for maintaining your standards and credibility.

## With You All the Way

Allergen testing is just one of many services we can provide to ensure the safety and quality of your products. Intertek food laboratories can offer a full range of food testing services that include allergen, GMO, food authenticity, food contamination, nutrition labelling and shelf life.

We can also assist with:

- Risk Management: improve performance, reduce risk and free up valuable resources
- Traceability through supply chains: including raw and semi-manufactured foodstuffs and final products in all food categories and special interest products
- Global Coverage: network of highly skilled and experienced experts to ensure smooth transition in the supply chain.

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