

Executive Summary and Recommendation

This was a re-assessment visit to assess the continued competence of Microsearch Laboratories Ltd for the accredited testing activities performed and to assess continuing conformity with ISO 17025: 2005.

This report incorporates the findings of the Technical Assessors and the Assessment Manager, although separate reports on technical competence from each of the assessors is included as appendices.

Staff competence was demonstrated in the performance of the procedures. Maintenance of the quality system was evident with policies and procedures remaining generally appropriate.

The laboratory's commitment to the accreditation process is evident; the level of detail recorded in internal audits, contract review and the Quality Alert reports is exceptional and extremely impressive. The attention to detail and level of customer care together with the competency demonstrated in the testing activities witnessed gives this assessment team great confidence in the quality of the results produced by this laboratory.

Based on the testing witnessed and the quality system areas reviewed at this visit the assessment team concluded that conformity with ISO 17025: 2005 was demonstrated.

The recommendation is for accreditation for the testing laboratory to be maintained for the current scope and amended to include *Listeria monocytogenes* detection (TP4151) and enumeration (TP4152) subject to the submission of evidence, where requested, to satisfactorily address all mandatory issues raised.

Evidence may be submitted to UKAS by post.