

REPORT of a BIENNIAL EVALUATION

Microbac (Chicagoland)

250 West 84th Drive

Merrillville, IN 46410

IMS LAB #18-B-0137

On

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By

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Date of Last Evaluation: 03/2023.

Prior Procedures (IMS Code): 5a, 20a, 22.

Current Procedures (IMS Code): 5a, 20a, 22.

Prior Lab Status: Fully Accredited.

Present Lab Status: Fully Accredited.

Changes to IMS List: Renew IMS Listing-- Expires 03/2027.

A copy of the Grade "A" Milk Laboratory Evaluation Request and Agreement Form is signed and on file.

DEVIATIONS AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Cultural Procedures- General Requirements 2400 Rev. 03-2024.

Item	Method
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No Observations.

Petrifilm Aerobic Count, Petrifilm Coliform Count (5 PAC, 20 PCC) 2400a-4 Rev. 03/2024.

Item	Method
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No Observations.

Pasteurized Milk Containers & Closures (22) 2400i Rev. 03-2024.

Item Method

26a. The template for surface area used in the swabbing of films should be sanitized on both sides. Both analysts sanitized the top of the template, but not the bottom.

At the time of the evaluation, the analysts and their supervisor were informed by this LEO of the necessity to ensure that the template is fully sanitized on both sides before it contacts the film. On further reading of item 26a of the NCIMS 2400 form the requirement is that the surface be "sterile." Best practice would be that it goes straight from autoclaved storage to usage. Another option for clear film is a simple dark colored template sitting under the film, only in contact with the non-product contact side.

PERSONNEL & PROCEDURES CERTIFIED:

Analyst Name	Analyst Number	5	20	22	Last 2 Evaluations	Last 2 Split Sample Participations
Stephanie Deel	12402	F	F	F	03/2025, 03/2023	03/2025, 03/2024
Hailey Seiler	12403	F	F	F	03/2025, 03/2023	03/2025, 03/2024

Status	
F	Fully Certified
Ps	Provisional Certification as of Split Samples
Po	Provisional Certification as of Onsite Evaluation
Cs	Conditional Certification as of Split Samples
Co	Conditional Certification as of Onsite Evaluation
Ns	Not Certified as of Split Samples
No	Not Certified as of Onsite Evaluation
NA	Not Attempted.

To maintain certification, analysts shall successfully participate in the Annual Proficiency Testing Program for all procedures for which certification has been granted. Split samples will next be available in **March of 2026**.

CONCLUSION:

This laboratory is accredited as the procedures, records, facilities and equipment in use at the time of the on-site survey were in compliance with the requirements of the Grade "A" PMO.