

Listeria / Salmonella flexi-swabs

These pre-moistened swabs should be kept at 4-8°C before and after sampling. One flexi-swab is to be used for each test requested.

Sample collection:

- Label swab tube with appropriate details.
- Check seal is unbroken - if it is broken, discard and replace with another swab.
- Hold the handle only and remove the flexi-swab from the tube by twisting and pulling. DO NOT touch the stem or foam swab.
- Rub the flexi-swab over the area to be sampled, ensuring that all likely contamination points are swabbed. Use the shaped tip for sampling from crevices.
- Place swab back in plastic tube.
- Record sample site(s) on record sheet provided, ensuring details are correct.
- If multiple sites are to be tested, use a new swab for each area to prevent cross-contamination from one site to another. Combine all relevant swabs together with a rubber band or Sellotape.

Sending to laboratory:

- Dispatch to testing laboratory as soon as possible, so testing can begin within 24 hours.
- If any delay is anticipated, store swabs at 4°C until ready to send.
- DO NOT delay testing for longer than 48 hours.



Please refer to our current price book for sample types, test turn-around times and pricing. If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact your local Awanui Scientific laboratory or Territory Manager.