

TESTING AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (LAP)

Scope of Accreditation

Legal Name of Accredited Laboratory: Health Canada, RORB, Microbiology Laboratory

Location Name or Operating as (if applicable): MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY

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Accreditation Standard(s):	ISO/IEC 17025:2017 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories
Fields of Testing:	Biological Chemical/Physical
Program Specialty Area:	Agriculture Inputs, Food, Animal Health and Plant Protection (AFAP) Environmental Testing (ET) Test Method Development and Evaluation and Non-Routine Testing (TMDNRT)
Initial Accreditation:	2006-04-25
Most Recent Accreditation:	2024-10-22
Accreditation Valid to:	2026-04-25

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TEST METHOD DEVELOPMENT & EVALUATION AND NON-ROUTINE TESTING

Description of Activities – Chemical Tests:

1. Development and validation of methods for the analysis of chemical contaminants and multielements.
2. Modification, adaptation, improvement and validation of existing methods for the analysis of chemical contaminants and multielements.
3. Development of methods using techniques such as chromatography, spectrometry and spectrophotometry for the analysis of chemical contaminants and multielements.
4. Performance of non-routine tests to meet client needs in the techniques listed below.

Description of Activities – Molecular Biology Tests:

1. Development, evaluation and validation of molecular detection or characterization methods for the detection and characterization of microorganisms (bacteria, moulds, yeast and viruses).
2. Development, evaluation and validation of new molecular methods/testing kits, including commercial testing kits for the detection and/or identification of pathogenic microorganisms.
3. Modification, improvement and validation of published or existing molecular methods for the detection and/or identification of microorganisms.
4. Performance of non-routine molecular tests to meet client needs in the techniques listed below.

Description of Activities – Microbiological Tests:

1. Development, evaluation and validation of testing methods for the detection, isolation, identification and characterization of microorganisms.
2. Development, evaluation and validation of new analysis/rapid testing kits, including commercial testing kits for the detection and/or enumeration of microorganisms.
3. Modification, improvement and validation of published or existing methods for the detection and/or enumeration of microorganisms.
4. Performance of non-routine tests to meet client needs in the techniques listed below.

Description of Techniques – Chemical Tests:

1. Liquid chromatography (HPLC, UHPLC)
2. Gas chromatography (GC)
3. Inductively coupled plasma triple quadrupole mass spectrometry (ICP-MSMS)
4. Gas chromatography/triple quadrupole Mass spectrometry (GC-QQQ)

Description of Techniques – Microbiological and Molecular Biology Tests:

1. Detection and/or enumeration of microorganisms by conventional and/or genetic microbiology techniques.
2. Identification/characterization of microorganisms by biochemical and/or immunological tests and/or protein profiling and/or genetic tests (PCR, qPCR, qRT-PCR, molecular hybridization, Vitek, Vidas, BAX, MALDI-TOF, genomic sequencing, etc.).

ANIMAL AND PLANTS (AGRICULTURE)

Foods and Edible Products (Human and Animal Consumption):

(Microbiological)

MFHPB-30	Isolation of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> and other <i>Listeria spp.</i> from foods and environmental samples
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Cannabis and Cannabis Products

(Microbiology)

QLA-MA-0074	Determination of Water Activity (Aw) by AquaLab 4 TEV
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ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Water Quality:

Process Waters

Surface Waters

Drinking Waters

(Chemical)

QLA-MA-0022	Determination of metals in drinking water by ICP-MSMS Al, Sb, As, Ba, B, Cd, Cr, Co, Cu, Fe, Mn, Ni, Pb, Se, U, Zn, Ca, Mg, Na, Hg
QLA-MA-0038	Determination of haloacetic acids in drinking water by GC-MSD Chloroacetic acid (MCAA), bromoacetic acid (MBAA), dichloroacetic acid (DCAA), trichloroacetic acid (TCAA), dibromoacetic acid (DBAA)
QLA-MA-0044	Determination of pH and alkalinity in drinking water by pH-electrode and automatic titrator
QLA-MA-0045	Determination of colour in drinking water by UV/VIS spectrophotometer
QLA-MA-0048	Determination of conductivity and total dissolved solids in drinking water by automatic titrator with conducting electrode
QLA-MA-0049	Determination of water turbidity by nephelometer
QLA-MA-0053	Analysis of pesticides in drinking water by LC-MSMS MCPA, hexazinone, atrazine-desethyl, 2,4-D, Picloram, atrazine, metribuzin, metolachlor, Simazine
QLA-MA-0054	Measurement of anions in drinking water by ion chromatography Chlorite, chlorate, chloride, fluoride, nitrite, nitrate et sulphate
QLA-MA-0069	Analysis of lead and copper in drinking water ICP-MSMS
QLA-MA-0071	Analysis of N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) in drinking water by GC-MS

Other (specify):

Hair

(Chemical)

QLA-MA-0050	Analysis of total and inorganic mercury in hair by cold vapor atomic fluorescence spectrophotometer (CVAFS)
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Number of Scope Listings: 13

Number of TMDNRT:6

Notes:

MFHPB: Microbiological Analysis of Foods Health Protection Branch, Health Canada Compendium of Analytical Methods

QLA-MA: Internal Laboratory Method

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