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Testing in Food Safety Management**



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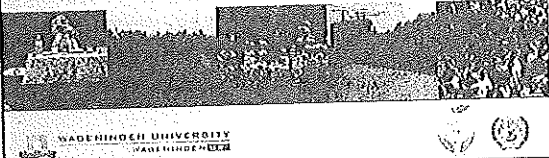
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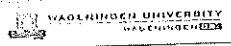


230 FALL SICK AFTER EATING SALMONELLA - CONTAMINATED CHOCOLATE

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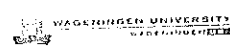
DUESSELDORF, German authorities were cited as issuing an EU health alert Tuesday after at least 230 people got food poisoning from eating chocolate contaminated with salmonella.

Tests showed the chocolate contained the rare *Salmonella oranienburg* bacterium, despite heating techniques during production meant to kill bacteria, the ministry said.



What to do ?

- You have a similar batch of 100.000 chocolate bars in stock (40 pellets).
- The producer says that this batch is OK.
- You do not trust the batch.



Sample the batch of chocolate bars

- Batch
- Homogeneous quantity of products = " lot "
- How many samples ?
- n = 5 (example)
- Sample unit size ?
- Analytical unit e.g. 25 grams
- What is the chance of detection ?
- ?

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Probability that all samples are negative

$P_{\text{defective}}$	n=1 negative (1- Pdef) =	n=2 negative (1- Pdef) ² =	n=5 negative (1- Pdef) ⁵ =	n=60 negative (1- Pdef) ⁶⁰ =
0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
0.01	0.99	0.98	0.95	0.55
0.05	0.95	0.90	0.77	0.05
0.10	0.90	0.81	0.59	0.00
0.15	0.85	0.72	0.44	0.00
0.20	0.80	0.64	0.33	0.00
0.25	0.75	0.56	0.24	0.00
0.30	0.70	0.49	0.17	0.00

1 % defectives of 100.000 products is still 1000 products

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Probability of 5 negative results

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Microbiological Criteria Components

- Number of samples ($n=10$) and size of analytical units (e.g. 25 gram)
- Microbiological limits ($m=100$ cfu/g)
- Numbers of units to be in conformity ($c=2$ two out of 10 can be above 100)

- P defective sample ($C>m$)
- P defective batch: depending on n and c

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Illusions from Microbiological Criteria

- The microbiological limit m is equal to the FSO
- If the test is negative, the batch is free from pathogens

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