



HYGIENE* – Environmental hygiene monitoring proficiency

Regular hygiene monitoring of environmental surfaces and equipment, in manufacturing and healthcare, is a key part of any quality system. Ensuring control of microbial contamination can directly affect the quality of both products and patient care.

Environmental hygiene is a critical issue in many industries. In food and beverages it can help avoid food spoilage and food poisoning, both of which can damage brand value and profits. In pharmaceutical

manufacturing, parenteral medicines, and the environment they are produced in, need to be free from microbes, and other products and areas are screened to ensure absence of potentially harmful strains. In healthcare, regular environmental monitoring can demonstrate cleaning and disinfection has been carried out correctly, helping to reduce the potential spread of infection.

The HYGIENE scheme provides a defined surface to test, monitoring the entire process in one go, (both the swabbing technique and the laboratory analysis). The HYGIENE scheme can help you prove your environmental monitoring is effective and in control.



Scheme operation

The HYGIENE scheme year operates from January to December and test materials are despatched three times per annum. Round despatch dates and reporting deadlines are available on the current HYGIENE application form, and further information can be found in the HYGIENE scheme description. These documents can be downloaded from our website www.lgcstandards.com

Test material	Analytes
Surface testing Swabbing	Microbiological enumeration Enterobacteriaceae, Total aerobic mesophilic count, Yeast and Mould
Surface testing Swabbing	Microbiological detection <i>Listeria</i> species, <i>Salmonella</i> species
Surface testing Contact plates	Microbiological enumeration Total aerobic mesophilic count

* Not included in our scope of accreditation.

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