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**SUBJECT: AOAC 2014.06 - AOAC Official Methods of Analysis<sup>SM</sup> (OMA) First Action**

Dear Ms. Monteroso:

We are pleased to inform you that the Expert Review Panel for Microbiology in Food and Environmental Surfaces (ERP) has adopted the method **3M<sup>TM</sup> Molecular Detection Assay (MDA) *Listeria*** for the rapid and specific detection of *Listeria* species in selected foods and environmental surfaces as an AOAC First Action Official Method on December 10, 2014. The method was assigned the AOAC Official Methods<sup>SM</sup> number **2014.06**. A notice of the adopted method will be published in the AOAC magazine, *Inside Laboratory Management*. AOAC staff editors will prepare the manuscript for publication in the *Journal of AOAC INTERNATIONAL*. The method will be published as part of the method manuscript and has been published in the *Official Methods of Analysis* of AOAC INTERNATIONAL online at <http://eoma.aoac.org/> and will be published in the next printed edition. Please note that method status changes are published in the AOAC *Inside Laboratory Management* magazine.

Please note that this method will be tracked by the Expert Review Panel for a maximum period of two (2) years which is December 2017. Based upon performance feedback, the Expert Review Panel will submit a recommendation to the AOAC Official Methods Board for Final Action, a continuance, or the repeal of AOAC First Action Official Methods status for this method.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions at +1.301.924.7077 x157 or at [dmckenzie@aoac.org](mailto:dmckenzie@aoac.org). AOAC would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your contributions in the development of this method.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah McKenzie".

Deborah McKenzie  
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Staff Liaison, AOAC Official Methods Board  
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cc: Expert Review Panel for Microbiology for Foods and Environmental Surfaces, Co-Chair: Wendy McMahon  
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AOAC Official Methods Board Expert Review Panel Liaisons, Brad Stawick and Erin Crowley