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**SUBJECT: AOAC 2016.01 - AOAC Official MethodsSM First Action Status
3M™ Molecular Detection Assay 2 –*Salmonella* for the Detection of *Salmonella* species in
Select Foods and Environmental Surfaces
Test Kit Name: 3M™ Molecular Detection Assay 2 – *Salmonella***

Dear Mrs. Monteroso,

We are pleased to inform you that the AOAC Expert Review Panel for Microbiology Methods for Foods and Environmental Surfaces (ERP) has adopted the method 3M™ Molecular Detection Assay 2 – *Salmonella* for the Detection of *Salmonella* species in Select Foods and Environmental Surfaces as an AOAC Official Methods of AnalysisSM in First Action status on March 16, 2016. The method was assigned the AOAC Official MethodsSM number **2016.01**. 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, and notification of this method's adoption will be published in the next issue.

Please note that this method will be tracked by the Expert Review Panel for a maximum period of two (2) years which expires March 16, 2018. 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 Official MethodsSM First Action 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. 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".

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