

**APPENDIX N BULK MILK TANKER SCREENING TEST FORM**

**CHARM® ROSA TETRACYCLINE-SL TEST (DILUTION CONFIRMATION)  
(Raw Commingled Cow Milk)  
IMS #9-C17**

[Unless otherwise stated all tolerances are  $\pm 5\%$ ]

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. See Appendix N General Requirements (App. N GR) items 1-8 & 15 \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLES**

2. See App. N GR item 9 \_\_\_\_\_

**APPARATUS & REAGENTS**

3. **Equipment** \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Charm Sciences Strip Incubator:

56 $\pm$ 1°C 8 min timer – same incubator as SL beta-lactam test;  
56 $\pm$ 1°C Charm EZ or EZ Protect+ \_\_\_\_\_

1. Clean, properly maintained and located on a level surface \_\_\_\_\_

2. Check temperature daily (day of use); maintain records \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Charm EZ and EZ Protect+ printout acceptable for daily temperature  
check (annual accuracy check required); maintain records \_\_\_\_\_

3. Temperature measuring device for each incubator (App N. GR item 3) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Lid when not running tests \_\_\_\_\_

- a. 4 strip incubator lid closed (slightly sprung so that timer not active) \_\_\_\_\_

- b. 2 strip incubator lid may be open \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Charm EZ- reader lid open \_\_\_\_\_

- d. Charm EZ-Protect+ not applicable \_\_\_\_\_

5. Incubator Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Timer if not included in incubator  
Incubation Time of internal timer: \_\_\_\_\_

- b. ROSA® Reader, ROSA Pearl Reader (with or without ROSA Barcode option), Charm EZ Reader, EZ-Protect+, or Charm Sciences equivalent with print out or download of data; manual available

Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ROSA Reader V1.03 or higher

- a. Calibrators - 2 line for ROSA Tetracycline-SL Performance on SL Beta-lactam channel acceptable

Two Line Range(s):

Result

Low: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

High: \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. Maintain records

2. ROSA Pearl Reader V3.00 or higher

- a. Calibrators - Low and High for use in all assay channels

Solid Color Ranges:

Result

Low: \_\_\_\_\_  
(darker magenta)

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High: \_\_\_\_\_  
(lighter pink)

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- b. Maintain records

3. Charm EZ reader

- a. Calibrators – Low and High for use in all assay channels

Range(s)

Result(s)

Low: \_\_\_\_\_  
(darker magenta)

\_\_\_\_\_

High: \_\_\_\_\_  
(lighter pink)

\_\_\_\_\_

- b. Maintain records

4. Charm EZ-Protect+ each optics module in base unit

a. Calibrators – Low and High for use in all assay channels. Shall be tested in all optics modules used each day attached to EZ Protect+ base with matching serial number \_\_\_\_\_

b. Low and High Calibrators results – IN RANGE=1, OUT OF RANGE=0  
Result(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Low: \_\_\_\_\_  
(darker magenta)

High: \_\_\_\_\_  
(lighter pink)

c. Maintain records \_\_\_\_\_

5. Calibrator serial numbers match reader SN or base of EZ Protect+ \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Do not proceed if out of range.** Manufacturer should be contacted for corrective actions \_\_\_\_\_

7. Printer or computer link for hardcopy download \_\_\_\_\_

c. Pipettors \_\_\_\_\_

1. 300 µL and disposable tips (see App. N GR item 7) \_\_\_\_\_

2. 1000 µL and disposable tips (see App. N GR item 7) \_\_\_\_\_

d. **FOR SCREENING ONLY** - Single use 300 µL ROSA-pipet with overflow bulb to accurately measure amount of sample, supplied by manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

e. Vials capable of holding 2.0 mL with adequate headspace \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Test Strips \_\_\_\_\_

a. Test Strips \_\_\_\_\_

Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

QC Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. Sample and control agitation and dilution \_\_\_\_\_

a. Mix milk sample(s)/control(s) 25 times in 7 sec with a 1 ft movement or vortex for 10 sec at maximum setting; use within 3 min. (samples/controls must be in appropriate containers to allow the use of vortexing) \_\_\_\_\_

b. Determine if sample is to be run diluted or undiluted \_\_\_\_\_

1. Initial screening of tanker samples and initial testing of producer samples for traceback and re-instatement **MUST** be run **Undiluted** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Verification of Initial Positive Tanker Samples, Confirmation of Presumptive Positive Tanker Samples, Confirmation of Producer Traceback on a Confirmed Positive Tanker Samples, and Confirmation of Positive Producer Re-Instatement Samples are all run **Diluted** \_\_\_\_\_

a. Dilute the sample using 1.0 mL (one 1000 µL dispense) of Tetracycline Dilution Buffer (item 6.c) and adding 1.0 mL (one 1000 µL dispense) of sample and mix before testing \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Reagent Stability and Preparation** \_\_\_\_\_

a. ROSA- Tetracycline reagents must be received within 72 hours if shipped non-refrigerated; over 72 hours must be refrigerated. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Store reagents at 0.0-4.5°C, desiccant blue, maintain no longer than manufacturers expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Do not use if desiccant indicator is white, pink or purple** \_\_\_\_\_

c. Tetracycline Dilution Buffer \_\_\_\_\_

1. Commercially supplied by manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_

Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

d. Positive Control \_\_\_\_\_

1. Manufacturer supplied, do not use after manufacturer's expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

2. Lyophilized or tablet 100 ppb Oxytetracycline \_\_\_\_\_

Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reconstitute 3 tablets with 5 mL Negative Control (qualified raw milk) item 6.e.1&2 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Tested +400 or more positive, used within 48 hours when maintained at 0.0-4.5°C \_\_\_\_\_

Lab Prep. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Lab Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Or, aliquot within 24 hours and freeze at -15°C or colder in a non-frost-free freezer or in an insulated foam container in a frost-free freezer; use within 1 month \_\_\_\_\_

Lab Prep. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Lab Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

a. Thaw slowly overnight in refrigerator or more rapidly in cold water. Mix well until sample is homogeneous \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Do not use if there is visible protein precipitation** \_\_\_\_\_

b. Store at 0.0-4.5°C and use within 24 hours; do not refreeze \_\_\_\_\_

6. Day of use, must produce +400 or greater reading; maintain records \_\_\_\_\_

Test Value: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not proceed if out of range** \_\_\_\_\_

e. Negative Control \_\_\_\_\_

1. Previously tested tetracycline negative raw milk \_\_\_\_\_

2. Milk can be screened (previously tested) by the testing location making and or using the controls \_\_\_\_\_

3. Must be undiluted milk \_\_\_\_\_

4. Negative control must test -600 or more negative \_\_\_\_\_

Sample ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Date tested: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Use within 72 hours when maintained at 0.0-4.5°C \_\_\_\_\_

6. Or, aliquot within 24 hours and freeze at -15°C or colder in a non-frost-free freezer or in an insulated foam container in a frost-free freezer; use within 2 months \_\_\_\_\_

Lab Prep. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Lab Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

a. Thaw slowly overnight in refrigerator or more rapidly in cold water. Mix well until sample is homogeneous \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Do not use if there is visible protein precipitation** \_\_\_\_\_

b. Store at 0.0-4.5°C and use within 24 hours; do not refreeze \_\_\_\_\_

7. Day of use must produce -600 or more negative; maintain records \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not proceed if out of range** \_\_\_\_\_

f. Optional Use of Negative Control Qualifier (NCQ) – Negative Control Qualifier is used if no previously tested Negative Control (qualified raw milk, item 6.e) is available \_\_\_\_\_

1. Rehydrate NCQ \_\_\_\_\_

a. Allow bottle to warm at room temperature for 10 minutes \_\_\_\_\_

b. Reconstitute with 5.0 mL of 45°C potable water. Shake well \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Allow to stand refrigerated or on ice for 15 minutes \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Shake before use \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Use within 48 hours when maintained at 0.0-4.5°C \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. DO NOT use NCQ to rehydrate Positive Control \_\_\_\_\_
2. Qualification of raw milk as Negative Control \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Test prepared NCQ twice \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1. Both NCQ readings must be -600 or more negative \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Test raw commingled milk twice \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1. Both raw commingled milk readings must be -600 or more negative \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Average the two NCQ readings and the two raw commingled milk readings \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1. The average of the two commingled milk readings must be within  $\pm 1300$  of the average of the two NCQ readings \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. If these conditions are met, the raw commingled milk is qualified as a Negative Control, item 6.e \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Proceed to item 7 to run Performance Monitoring \_\_\_\_\_

## TECHNIQUE

### 7. Daily Performance and Operation Check

- a. See App. N GR items 10.b-d. If a reader/optics module is used to test multiple tests, one of those tests shall be performance tested daily \_\_\_\_\_
- b. If using ROSA reader Versions 1.05 and higher, or ROSA-Pearl, use ESC 5 reader function to enter performance monitoring mode of reader; if using Charm EZ, use Menu to enter Performance Monitoring mode and "Perf Mon" to enter daily performance check; if using Charm EZ Protect+, use "PM" button and select "Performance Monitoring" to enter daily performance check. Each EZ Protect+ optics module in use must complete Daily Performance and Operation Check, item 7; refer to manual for directions \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Check Calibrators; items 3.b.1, 3.b.2, 3.b.3 or 3.b.4 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Positive and negative controls must give appropriate readings prior to any sample analysis (see App. N GR item 10.b) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Controls in-range when in performance monitoring mode, ROSA reader \_\_\_\_\_

version 1.05 and higher, ROSA Pearl, Charm EZ or EZ Protect+

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f. **Do not proceed if c., d. and e. are not met**

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**8. Initial Test Procedure (First screening sample run UNDILUTED)**

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a. Set out required number of test strips and place them in a dry labeled container at room temperature, or take out strips as needed

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1. Discard unused test strips at the end of the day

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b. Label test strips, one for each test sample and each control. Avoid crushing sample compartment(s). Re-shape dented sample compartments to fit into incubator

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c. Mix milk sample(s)/control(s) (See Item 5 a)

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d. Place strip into incubator

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1. EZ reader and EZ Protect+ in incubate and read mode displays appropriate test name and message when in correct temperature range, 55-57°C

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a. EZ reader displays “add milk to strip and close door”. Follow item 8.i

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b. EZ Protect+ displays “add milk to strip”. Follow item 8.i within 1 minute of message display

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e. While holding strip flat, peel back plastic (to ‘peel to here’ line) to expose sample pad compartment. Avoid lifting the wick and sponge under tape

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1. For multiple samples, complete steps 8.d-g for each sample/control, before starting test of next sample

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2. Complete all samples within 2 min of placing first strip in incubator

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f. Add 300 µL of mixed sample/control to corresponding strip

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1. Using pipettor (item 3.c.1) with new tip for each sample/control, draw up 300 µL avoiding foam or bubbles

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a. Remove tip from liquid

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b. While holding the pipettor vertically, expel test portion slowly into either side well of appropriate strip

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2. **FOR SCREENING ONLY** - Using new manufacturer-provided ROSA-pipet (item 3.d) for each sample/control

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- a. Squeeze top bulb while holding vertically with bulb and overflow reservoir side pointing down, draw up test portion avoiding foam and bubbles. Sample should completely fill pipet shaft and overflow into the bottom half of the overflow reservoir \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Remove tip from liquid \_\_\_\_\_
- c. While holding the ROSA-pipet vertically, expel test portion slowly into either side well of appropriate strip. Excess portion should remain in reservoir \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Re-seal plastic firmly around sample pad compartment. DO NOT press on compartment or sponge in compartment \_\_\_\_\_
- h. ROSA Reader and Charm EZ and EZ Protect+ (read only mode) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Close lid and latch ROSA incubator to start automatic timer in the incubator. If no automatic timer in incubator, set external timer for 8 min. Incubate 8 min not to exceed 9 min. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. At end of incubation visually inspect C (Control) line. An absent C line, a partial C line or an indistinct C line indicates an invalid test; and the sample/control must be re-tested \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Insert only valid test(s) in reader \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. ROSA reader set to appropriate channel \_\_\_\_\_
      - 1. TETRA slow blink for ROSA Tetracycline test \_\_\_\_\_
      - 2. Press ENTER, reading and interpretation appear in 5 sec, read strips within 5 min of completion of incubation \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Charm EZ and EZ Protect+ automatically sets channel when color/bar coded strip inserted \_\_\_\_\_
      - 1. Charm EZ- Close door; reading and interpretation appear in 5 sec after entering required information, read strips within 5 min of completion of incubation \_\_\_\_\_
      - 2. Charm EZ Protect+ - reading and interpretation appear in 5 sec on strip insertion, detection and entering required information \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Charm EZ and EZ Protect+ (incubate and read mode) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Charm EZ and EZ Protect+ automatically sets channel and incubator temperature when color/bar coded strip inserted. Optionally enter sample ID and/or operator. Wait for "Add milk to strip" message indicating incubator temperature is in range \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Peel strip (8.e), add milk (8.f), and re-seal strip (8.g) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Start Reading \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. EZ-Reader - Close door to begin \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. EZ-Protect+- Count starts automatically on strip and milk flow detection and times out if milk not detected in specified time \_\_\_\_\_
4. Charm EZ and EZ Protect+ automatically prompts for further testing when positive \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Interpretation with Reader** \_\_\_\_\_

- a. If there is a negative or zero reading on the reader, sample is a **Negative (NF)** \_\_\_\_\_
- b. If there is a positive reading on the reader, sample is **an Initial Positive** \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Verification of Initial (SCREENING UNDILUTED SAMPLE) Positive Tanker Samples done at the Same Testing Facility using DILUTION Confirmation Procedure (see App. N GR item 11)** \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Set out four test strips and label as negative control, positive control, and two strips with the initial positive sample ID. Avoid crushing sample compartment(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Label three vials with same sample identities, one for each control, and one for the initial positive sample. Using 1000 µL pipet (Item 3.c.2) add 1.0 mL (one 1000 µL dispense) of Tetracycline Dilution Buffer (item 6.c) to each vial. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Add 1.0 mL (one 1000 µL dispense) of each sample/control to the appropriately labeled vial containing Tetracycline Dilution Buffer. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Mix milk sample(s)/control(s) 25 times in 7 sec with a 1 ft movement or vortex for 10 sec at maximum setting; use within 3 min (samples/controls must be in appropriate containers to allow the use of vortexing) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Place a labeled strip into incubator \_\_\_\_\_
- f. While holding strip flat, peel back plastic (to 'peel to here' line) to expose sample pad compartment. Avoid lifting the wick and sponge under tape \_\_\_\_\_
  1. Complete steps 10.e-h for each sample/control, before starting test of next sample/control \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Complete pipetting all samples within 2 min of placing first strip in incubator \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Add 300 µL of Tetracycline Dilution Buffer mixed sample/control to corresponding strip \_\_\_\_\_
  1. Using pipettor (item 3.c.1) with new tip for each sample/control, draw up 300 µL avoiding foam or bubbles \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Remove tip from liquid \_\_\_\_\_
- b. While holding the pipettor vertically, expel test portion slowly into either side well of appropriate strip \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Re-seal plastic firmly around sample pad compartment \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ROSA Reader, Charm EZ and EZ Protect+ (must confirm in read only mode) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Close lid and latch ROSA incubator to start automatic timer in the incubator. If no automatic timer in incubator, set external timer for 8 min. Incubate 8 min not to exceed 9 min. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. At end of incubation remove strips from incubator. Visually inspect each strip C (Control) line. An absent C line, a partial C line or an indistinct C line indicates an invalid test; and the sample/control must be re-tested \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Insert only valid test(s) in reader \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. ROSA reader set to appropriate channel \_\_\_\_\_
      - 1. TETRA slow blink for ROSA Tetracycline test \_\_\_\_\_
      - 2. Press ENTER, reading and interpretation appear in 5 sec, read strips within 5 min of completion of incubation \_\_\_\_\_
      - 3. Diluted positive and negative controls must give appropriate readings prior to any sample analysis (see items 6. d-e) \_\_\_\_\_
        - a. Controls in-range when in performance monitoring mode, ROSA reader version 1.05 and higher, ROSA Pearl \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Charm EZ and EZ Protect+ automatically sets channel when color/bar coded strip inserted \_\_\_\_\_
      - 1. From initial positive screen, on Charm EZ press Continue or Confirm Later on Charm EZ Protect+ press Verify or Verify Later \_\_\_\_\_
        - a. If press Confirm/Verify Later, then call the confirmation routine back by pressing Main Menu \_\_\_\_\_
        - b. On Charm EZ- Select Perf Mon. then from next menu select CNFM-Later button. On Charm EZ Protect+ select PM icon from main page. Select Verify/Confirm Positive \_\_\_\_\_
        - c. Select initial positive sample ID and click ok \_\_\_\_\_

2. Follow Prompts to insert negative and then positive control. Click Continue Confirmation upon successful completion of positive control. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Follow prompts to enter the first duplicate sample. Insert the strip and on ROSA and Charm EZ readers close door; reading and interpretation appear in 5 sec. Follow prompts to enter the second reading and interpretation appear in 5 sec. Read strips within 5 min of completion of incubation \_\_\_\_\_
4. Charm EZ and Charm EZ Protect+ automatically determines Presumptive Positive or Not Found. \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Confirmation of Presumptive Positive Tanker Samples (see App. N GR item 12) [Only in an accredited laboratory or by a CIS]** \_\_\_\_\_

- a. If performing confirmation on the Charm ROSA Tetracycline SL test, perform testing technique as outlined in Item 10 (Dilution Confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. If performing confirmation on an equivalent test follow confirmation procedure for that test. **(refer to M-a-85 current revision for a listing of test kits to assure equivalence)** \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Traceback of Producer(s) on a Confirmed Positive Tanker (see App. N GR item 13) [Only in an accredited laboratory or by a CIS (refer to M-a-85 current revision for a listing of test kits to assure equivalence)]** \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Initial test on producer samples is run on undiluted sample \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Any producer sample that is positive must be re-tested \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Duplicate testing of producer is performed following the testing technique as outlined in Item 10 (Dilution Confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Re-instatement of Producer(s) [Only in an accredited laboratory or by a CIS (refer to M-a-85 current revision for a listing of test kits to assure equivalence)]** \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Initial test on producer samples is run on undiluted sample \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Any producer sample that is positive must be re-tested \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Duplicate testing of producer is performed following the testing technique as outlined in Item 10 (Dilution Confirmation) \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Reporting (see App. N GR item 14)** \_\_\_\_\_