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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee FT-035, Food Microbiology, to supersede AS 5013.11.2-2006 *Food microbiology, Method 11.2: Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs—Preparation of test samples, initial suspension and decimal dilutions for microbiological examination—Specific rules for the preparation of meat and meat products*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify rules for the preparation of meat and meat product samples and their suspensions for microbiological examination when the samples require different preparation from the methods described in AS 5013.11.1 (ISO 6887-1). AS 5013.11.1 defines the general rules for the preparation of the initial suspension and dilutions for microbiological examination.

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1 Scope

This document specifies rules for the preparation of meat and meat product samples and their suspension for microbiological examination when the samples require different preparation from the methods described in ISO 6887-1. ISO 6887-1 defines the general rules for the preparation of the initial suspension and dilutions for microbiological examination.

This document excludes preparation of samples for both enumeration and detection test methods where preparation details are specified in the relevant International Standards.

This document is applicable to the following fresh, raw and processed meats, poultry and game and their products:

- refrigerated or frozen;
- cured or fermented;
- minced or comminuted;
- meat preparations;
- mechanically separated meat;
- cooked meats;
- dried and smoked meats at various degrees of dehydration;
- concentrated meat extract;
- excision and swab samples from carcasses.

This document excludes the sampling of carcasses (see ISO 17604) and preparation of samples from the primary production stage (see ISO 6887-6).