Polywipes™ with Peptone Saline for Carcass Sampling

Medical Wire’s new Polywipes™ with Peptone Saline have been developed to meet the requirements of the new European & International Standards for sampling of red meat carcasses.

- Non-inhibitory sponge material
- Blue sponge for visibility
- Premoistened ready to use – no need to carry containers of moistening liquid.
- Moistened with Sterile Peptone Saline (ISO17604 & ISO 6887)
- 5cm² x 10cm² area as specified (e.g. UK Meat Industry Guide)
- Sterile sealable bag with writing are for transport of sponge to laboratory
- No vials or tubes to get broken in transit
- Label for recording Farm, Species, Reference Number, etc.

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Recent European and International standards (e.g. (EC) No. 2073/2005) require the regular sampling of carcases of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and horses using sponges swabs. Many sponge materials contain antimicrobial substances which can interfere with the recovery of pathogens and indicator organisms and so would give a false indication of the level of any contamination.

Polywipes™ are premoistened sponges manufactured from special cellulose processed to ensure that it contains none of these inhibitors, and ensuring an accurate analysis of any contamination present. They have been used for many years in the food and pharmaceutical industries for environmental monitoring of food contact surfaces and sterile areas.

Now Medical Wire’s new Polywipes™ with Peptone Saline have been developed to meet the requirements of the new regulations.

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**Procedure (for EU**)**

Use Polywipe™ sponge lengthwise, ideally folded over.

Sample carcass according to prescribed procedure for species.

Estimate surface area swabbed by multiplying approximate length of carcass in cm by the width of the Polywipe™ sponge (10cm).

E.g. Swabbing 1 metre (100cm) of pig carcass surface with sponge with width 10cm gives swabbed area of 100cm x 10cm = 1000cm².

Place Polywipe™ in sample bag.

Label bag indicating carcass reference, farm (with postcode) Species, area swabbed, and send sample to laboratory.

**In non-EU countries please refer to national authorities for details of any statutory procedures.**

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