Reagent for food inspection

NH IMMUNOCHROMATO SALMONELLA <<Instruction Manual>>
* Please read this manual carefully before using the kit.

[Development history]

Salmonella food poisoning is one of the most important food poisoning in the world. In recent years, Salmonella has been one of the leading causes of food poisoning in Japan: a total of 144 food poisonings affected 3,700 people, resulting in one death in 2005. Salmonella has more than 2,500 serotypes\(^1\), about 1,500 of which are pathogenic to humans and animals. Among them, S. Enteritidis has been rapidly emerging as a cause of food poisoning through chicken eggs and their products: food poisoning by S. Enteritidis accounts for 50% to 62% of all salmonella food poisonings\(^2\).

This kit is designed to detect S. Enteritidis, the most problematic bacterium among salmonella in food and provide a test result in a short time with only a simple method due to its immuno-chromatographic principle.

[Characteristics]

1) This product does not need skill because it can be handled only with a one-step procedure.
2) It rapidly provides a test result.
3) It needs no specific detector.

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[Objective]

1) Detection of Salmonella (S. Enteritidis) in food products

Note) This kit is intended to specifically detect S. Enteritidis and therefore cannot detect other serotypes of Salmonella.

[Test strip part name and detection principle*]

1) Part names*

   - a. Sample dropping part (Take care not to touch it with your hands)
   - b. Reagent containing part
   - c. Spread area (Take care not to touch it with your hands or damage it)
   - d. Absorption pad
   - e. Measurement item entering area
   - f. Test line appearance position (about 30 mm from the sample dropping part)
   - g. Control line appearance position (about 38 mm from the sample dropping part)

2) Detection mechanism*

When a sample solution is dropped at the sample dropping part of the test strip, the gold colloid labeled anti-Salmonella antibody (2) is dissolved to form complexes with Salmonella (1) in the sample solution. The complexes migrate across the spread area by capillarity and are then trapped by the anti-Salmonella antibody (3) fixed at the test line appearance position to develop a reddish purple line by the gold colloid. Thus, whether the sample solution contains Salmonella or not can be determined by visually inspecting the test line appearance position. Irrespective of the presence/absence of Salmonella in the sample solution, the excess gold colloid labeled antibody further migrates across the spread area and is then trapped by the anti-rabbit immunoglobulin antibody (4) fixed at the control line appearance position to develop a reddish purple line. It can be confirmed that the sample solution has migrated across the spread area by the development of the line.
**Preparation of sample solution**

*: The preparation of the sample solution is based on the Guidelines on Food Hygiene Testing\(^3\).

1) **Necessary apparatus and equipment**
   Stomacher bag (that with a filter is recommended), stomacher, incubator (35.0 ± 1.0°C and 43.0 ± 1.0°C), autoclave, enrichment medium, etc.

2) **Sample preparation**
   (1) When the food is solid, collect small samples from as many sites as possible to make up a solid sample of 25 g. When the food is liquid, stir it well before collecting a sample of 25 mL.

3) **Enrichment culture**
   (1) Add the sample to the pre-enrichment medium (buffered peptone water, EEM bouillon, and lactose bouillon) at a volume that is nine times as much as the sample. Treat it with a stomacher for an appropriate time depending on the sample and culture it at 35.0 ± 1.0°C for 18 ± 2 hours.
   (2) Add 1 ml of the pre-enrichment culture solution to 15 ml of the selected enrichment medium (Rappaport-Vassiliadis [RV] culture medium, selenite brilliant green [SBG] culture medium, and Hajna tetrathionate [TT] culture medium) and culture it at 43.0 ± 1.0°C for 18 hours.

   **Note 1:** When a liquid egg is used as a sample, use a buffered peptone water containing L-cysteine (0.2 g/L) or FeSO₄·7H₂O (64 mg/L) as a pre-enrichment medium and culture it at 36.0 ± 1.0°C for 22 ± 2 hours.

   **Note 2:** When a liquid egg is used as a sample, inoculate 0.5 mL of the pre-enrichment culture solution to 10 mL each of the RV and TT culture media and culture them at 42.0 ± 0.5°C for 22 ± 2 hours.

   **Note 3:** Keep the remaining culture solution safely without sterilizing it until the end of the test because it may be used for confirming the test result of the kit.

   **Note 4:** Use the culture solution without sterilization with full attention to prevent infection because sterilizing the culture solution may reduce detection sensitivity.

**Test procedure**

1) **Test procedure of NH IMMUNOCHROMATO Salmonella**
   (1) Allow test strips to room temperature without removing them from the aluminum pouch and remove a necessary number of the test strips from the pouch immediately before use.*
   (2) Write the sample name or specimen number on the absorption pad of each test strip using a felt pen.*
   (3) Place the test strip on a horizontal plane and drop 100 μL of the sample solution onto the sample dropping part (see the following left figure). Alternatively, dispense 150 μL of the sample solution into a test tube and place the test strip into the test tube so that the sample dropping part will be immersed in the sample solution (see the following right figure).*
   (4) Allow the test strip to stand for 15 minutes and visually determine the result.*

   ![Dropping 100 μL of the sample solution](image1)

   ![Dispensing 150 μL of the sample solution](image2)

   **Note 1:** Do not remove the test strip from the aluminum pouch until it has returned to room temperature, otherwise incorrect test results may be obtained as a result of moisture absorption. Test strips which are not used should be placed in the plastic pouch bag again together with a desiccant, and should be preserved in a refrigerator.*

   **Note 2:** Take care not to touch or damage the sample dropping part and spread area of the test strip. Hold the test strip by the absorption pad.*

   **Note 3:** Use only a sterilized pipette or tip to drop or dispense the sample solution. Do not use one pipette or tip for more than one sample solution.

   **Note 4:** Take care not to make the sample solution overflow from the test strip when dropping 100 μL of the sample solution. Take appropriate measures for preventing the overflow, such as dividing the solution into two portions and dropping them separately, as required.*

   **Note 5:** To prevent infection, spread a plastic wrap or equivalent and place a test strip on it when you choose to perform the test by dropping the sample solution onto the test strip.*
3) Determination of result

(1) Determine the sample as positive when a reddish purple line is observed at both the test line appearance and control line appearance positions 15 minutes after the test is started. When no or only a light reddish purple line is observed at the test line appearance position at that time, check the position again 60 minutes after the test is started.

(2) Determine the sample as negative when a reddish purple line is not observed at the test line appearance position, but is observed only at the control line appearance position.

(3) When no reddish purple line is observed at the control line appearance position, repeat the test, irrespective of the presence/absence of a reddish purple line at the test line appearance position because the spread of the sample solution may have been abnormal.

Note 1: For the sample determined as positive by this kit, confirm the result with other test methods, such as the official inspection method. The sample cultured in the enrichment medium for this kit can be used for confirmation tests, such as the official inspection method.

[Performance]

1) Sensitivity test

When a sample containing S. Enteritidis ATCC 13076 is tested according to the "Preparation of sample solution" and "Test procedure" of the present instruction manual, a positive test result is obtained when the bacterial concentration of the sample is $1 \times 10^6$ CFU/mL or higher.

2) Reproducibility test

When S. Enteritidis-positive and -negative sample solutions are simultaneously tested three times each, the positive solution is determined as positive and the negative solution as negative for all the repetitions.

3) Minimum detection sensitivity

It was confirmed from a test using two standard and three isolated strains of S. Enteritidis that the minimum detection sensitivity of the kit ranged from $1 \times 10^5$ to $1 \times 10^7$ CFU/mL.

Note 1: The minimum detection sensitivity of the kit may vary depending on the strains of S. Enteritidis, type of the enrichment culture medium, and sample components.

4) Cross-reactivity

(1) No cross-reactivity has been detected with the following strains.

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(2) Among serotypes other than S. Enteritidis, this kit has been confirmed to respond to S. abaetetuba and S. anatum.
1) Precautions for use
(1) Read the instruction manual carefully before using this kit. Follow the instructions of the manual.
(2) Do not use a kit whose use-by date has passed. The expiry date is indicated on the label on the external package of the kit and on the aluminum pouch of the test strip.*
(3) This kit is intended for detecting *S. Enteritidis* in food and not intended for making a clinical diagnosis.
(4) This kit may show a false-positive result due to the effect of sample components. For the sample determined as positive by this kit, confirm the result with other test methods, such as the official inspection method.
(5) For the equipment and reagents (including culture media) used for preparing a sample solution, follow the instructions provided by their manufacturers or distributors.
(6) This instruction manual is intended to be a guideline for inspectors. Verify the appropriateness of the procedure of the manual and the applicability of this kit to each food.
(7) The specifications of the kit are subject to change without prior notice.

2) Precautions for preventing risk
(1) Take appropriate safety measures in performing the test, such as putting on protective gloves and glasses, because *Salmonella*, the target bacteria of this kit, may cause infection even at a trace level and because other microbes can cause infection.
(2) Use this kit with appropriate equipment and facilities under the supervision of an eligible manager according to an appropriate standard microbiological test procedure.
(3) When the sample solution accidentally enters the eye or mouth, take immediate emergency measures, such as rinsing it with tap water, and receive medical attention.
(4) Immediately receive medical attention if you feel any physical abnormality after using this kit.

3) Precautions for disposal
(1) Since the test strips, enrichment media, and any remaining sample or sample solution used for the test may be infectious, sterilize them with an appropriate method, such as autoclaving them at 121°C for 20 minutes or immersing them in a 0.1% sodium hypochlorite solution for at least one hour.*
(2) Dispose of this kit and any remaining sample or sample solution according to local regulations on waste disposal with full attention to the possible effect on sanitation and environment.

[Storage and expiration date]
1) Storage: Keep this kit refrigerated (2 to 8°C) in a dark place. Take care not to freeze it.
2) Expiration date: 12 months after the date of manufacture

[Package unit]
NH IMMUNOCHROMATO Salmonella for 20 tests

[References]

[Distributor and contact]
Listed on the label of external package

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