

The Tesco Laboratory Approval Scheme Standard has been updated and revision 3 is now available on the TLAS website. The key changes to the Standard are:

- Some minor changes to Chapter 4 regarding cross contamination control and environmental monitoring.
- Some changes to Chapter 6 regarding transportation of samples and checking of samples on receipt.
  - Significant changes to Chapter 7, "Test methods":
    - Clarifying the method authorization process, and making it easier to understand how new methods or modifications can be authorized between audits.
- Requiring laboratories conducting Listeria detection tests to also have an approved Listeria enumeration test available.

The TLAS protocol has also been updated to reflect the changes to the Standard, and a new application form is available for new and modified method approval. Both are available on the TLAS website.

Download the letter launching the new version by [clicking this link](#)