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Neogen launches revolutionary new mycotoxin tests

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 31, 2017 — Neogen Corporation (NASDAQ: NEOG) has announced the launch of a revolutionary complete new line of quick and easy tests for detection of the six significant mycotoxins in a format that uses only a water-based common extraction.

The Reveal® Q+ MAX format offers significant cost and time savings as it eliminates the need to use hazardous solvents in the testing process, and enables testers to test the same common sample extract for each of the six major mold toxins. Neogen's new Reveal Q+ MAX tests for deoxynivalenol (DON), fumonisin, zearalenone and T-2/HT-2 toxin join the previously available Reveal Q+ MAX tests for aflatoxin and ochratoxin.

"The Reveal Q+ MAX line combines all of the latest mycotoxin testing innovations into the industry's only truly simple format. The line eliminates the need for labs to handle and dispose of harsh chemical solvents, and provides fully quantitative results using a test strip that you simply dip into the extracted sample — it doesn't get any easier," said Ed Bradley, Neogen's vice president of Food Safety. "As easy as it is to test, our technology also provides testers with a permanent, objective, traceable and actionable test result that is required by a company's own testing protocols, as well as the various global regulatory agencies, including the USDA, European Food Safety Authority, and others."

Individually, each of the six Reveal Q+ MAX test kits offer advantages over all competitive products. Among these, the line's test for aflatoxin offers the highest cross-reactivity for the four major aflatoxins (B1, B2, G1 and G2) — ensuring there are no false negatives; its test for zearalenone is the fastest available; and its test for ochratoxin is the only lateral flow test strip validated to test green coffee for the mycotoxin.

"In the 32 years since we introduced the first rapid test for mycotoxins, we've worked on making our tests better, faster, easier and safer for our testers to use," said Bradley. "Eliminating the need for harsh solvents is significant. But, also significant is how this new format greatly simplifies the use of the tests — and therefore training. These revolutionary new tests will make a substantial difference for testing laboratories."

Neogen Corporation develops and markets products dedicated to food and animal safety. The company's Food Safety Division markets dehydrated culture media and diagnostic test kits to detect foodborne bacteria, natural toxins, food allergens, drug residues, plant diseases and sanitation concerns. Neogen's Animal Safety Division is a leader in the development of animal genomics along with the manufacturing and distribution of a variety of animal healthcare products, including diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, veterinary instruments, wound care and disinfectants.