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### ***Neogen's one-hour Listeria Right Now™ receives AOAC approval***

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 20, 2018 — Neogen's revolutionary *Listeria* Right Now™ environmental pathogen detection system has officially achieved AOAC approval, license number #081802.

The approval adds another level of assurance to the food safety community, as the product has now been validated by one of the industry's leading third-party accreditation groups.

"It's extremely gratifying to receive this approval," said John Adent, Neogen's president and chief executive officer. "It comes as the result of a lot of hard work and ingenuity on the part of Neogen's R&D and validation groups. The *Listeria* Right Now system is truly revolutionary, and having this approval validates this new technology platform."

*Listeria* Right Now is a complete system for taking environmental *Listeria* tests with molecular-level accuracy that requires no enrichment, so there's no need for processors to grow bacteria cultures on-site. The system provides results in under one hour, much faster than traditional methods, which can take up to several days.

The system works so quickly thanks to a technology that targets rRNA, which is present in much greater numbers than the traditional DNA target. An isothermal reaction also causes the replication and amplification to occur at a constant rate instead of the normal thermal-cycle technology from traditional PCR systems. The technology allows food production and processing facilities to seek and eliminate *Listeria* more quickly, which can reduce the risk of cross-contamination of food products — keeping consumers safe.

*Listeria* Right Now has now been validated by AOAC and NSF International, and is the winner of the 2018 Innovation Award from the French organization Carrefour des Fournisseurs de l'Industrie Agroalimentaire.

Neogen Corporation (NASDAQ: NEOG) 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 worldwide biosecurity products, animal genomics testing and the manufacturing and distribution of a variety of animal healthcare products, including diagnostics, pharmaceuticals and veterinary instruments.

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