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AFFI Announces Collaboration with Mérieux NutriSciences

Advancing Food Safety Through Environmental Monitoring Data Analysis and Trend Forecasting

Arlington, Va. – The [American Frozen Food Institute](#) (AFFI) today announced a new collaboration with [Mérieux NutriSciences](#) on the development of a food safety program to measure the implementation of AFFI’s best food safety practices for environmental monitoring. The program is designed to reduce the prevalence of *Listeria monocytogenes* (*Lm*) in frozen food facilities.

Mérieux NutriSciences will offer *Lm* testing and analysis to monitor pathogen control progress in frozen food facilities. In addition, AFFI and Mérieux NutriSciences will provide blinded, high-level data aggregation so companies will be able to see how their facilities perform relative to industry peers. This industry-level analysis will allow AFFI to identify trends and provide real-time response.

“This partnership represents AFFI’s commitment to advancing food safety,” said AFFI President and CEO Alison Bodor. “Understanding and promoting the best sampling and testing for *Lm* will foster better education and training resources for our members.”

The program will also provide data to assess progress of *Lm* control systems within specific frozen food categories, such as frozen fruits, vegetables, breakfast items, and entrees.

“We are excited to partner with AFFI on their latest food safety program,” said Mérieux NutriSciences President North America Jim Miller. “They are doing great things for their members and have a solid plan in place to get the frozen food industry recognized as leaders in food safety and quality. As partners with similar missions, we are happy to be able to support them in whatever capacity.”

The *Lm* testing and data analysis is available exclusively for AFFI members.

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The American Frozen Food Institute is the member-driven national trade association that advances the interests of all segments of the frozen food and beverage industry. AFFI works to advance food safety and advocates before legislative and regulatory entities on the industry’s behalf to create an environment where members’ foods and beverages are proudly chosen to meet the needs of a changing world.

Mérieux NutriSciences is dedicated to protecting consumers’ health throughout the world, by offering customers a complete food safety and quality program from testing and consulting services to labeling and environmental monitoring. Visit merieuxnutrisciences.com for more information.