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Horizontal method for the
enumeration of coagulase-positive
staphylococci (*Staphylococcus aureus*
and other species) —**

**Part 2:
Method using rabbit plasma
fibrinogen agar medium**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 6888-2:1999), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 6888-2:1999/Amd 1:2003. The main changes compared with the previous edition are as follows:

- the title has been changed to relate to the “food chain”;
- the status of ISO 6888-1 and this document has been clarified;
- the document has been aligned with ISO 7218:2007, i.e. and pour molten agar medium at 44 °C to 47 °C;
- all occurrences, when appropriate, have been changed from “35 °C or 37 °C” to “34 °C to 38 °C”;
- all occurrences of incubation time, when appropriate, have been changed from “18 h to 24 h” to “24 h ± 2 h”;
- requirements have been added to use ISO 11133;
- all available standards related to sampling techniques have been updated;
- flow diagram procedure in [Annex A](#) has been updated;
- culture media and reagents with performance testing have been added and moved to [Annex B](#);
- performance testing for rabbit plasma fibrinogen agar (RPFA) medium has been added;
- results of the interlaboratory study (from ISO 6888-2:1999/Amendment 1:2003 Precision data) have been updated;