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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 7889 | IDF 117:2003), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- The culture medium M17 has been amended: lactose is replaced by sucrose to (also) enumerate lactose-negative strains of *S. thermophilus*.
- The concentration  $\beta$ -glycerophosphate, the main selective agent of M17 culture medium and a powerful buffer,<sup>[14][15]</sup> is lowered from 1,9 % to 1 %. This reduction improved the size and morphology of *S. thermophilus* colonies during pilot studies and can improve the productivity.<sup>[10]</sup>
- For better performance, microaerobic incubation of M17-S has been changed to mandatory.
- Spread plates have been added to the method as alternative for pour plates.
- Performance characteristics, with the results of an interlaboratory study, which are based on the method of this second edition have been included as [Annex C](#).

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