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## MilliporeSigma Lab Earns ISO Accreditation for Quality Control of Culture Media

- **Ensures culture media meet international standards for laboratory quality systems**
- **Provides benchmark for compliance and accuracy in microbial testing of food and water samples**

Billerica, Massachusetts, September 13, 2016 — [MilliporeSigma](#) today announced that its microbiology quality control laboratory in Eppelheim, Germany, is now accredited for the quality control of the ReadyPlate™ and ReadyTube™ culture media tested there.

The [ISO/IEC-17025:2005](#) accreditation, issued by Germany's national accreditation body, is the international standard in testing and calibration for laboratory quality systems, and ensures full compliance of the lab's [ReadyPlate™ and ReadyTube™ culture media](#) with the new mandatory standard ISO 11133:2014 concerning the preparation, production, storage and performance testing of culture media.

The accreditation reflects MilliporeSigma's commitment to ensure that the company's facilities and products meet the latest and the most stringent international standards for laboratory quality systems. The accreditation also provides a benchmark for lab competence for specific types of testing, measurement and calibration, informing global customers that test data supplied by the lab are accurate and reliable.

Earlier this year, the company's microbiology quality control laboratory in Darmstadt, Germany, received the same accreditation.



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Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany completed its \$17 billion acquisition of Sigma-Aldrich in November 2015, creating a leader in the \$125 billion global life science industry.

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