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Microbiology of the food chain - Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of *Clostridium* spp. - Part 2: Enumeration of *Clostridium perfringens* by colony-count technique (ISO 15213-2:2023)

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