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RE: Approval of a Level 2 Modification for the VIDAS Easy *Salmonella* Assay for the Detection of *Salmonella* in Pet Food (Dog and Cat), Dark Chocolate and Environmental Surfaces

Dear Ron,

Congratulations! The Level 2 Modification of the VIDAS Easy *Salmonella* Assay for the Detection of *Salmonella* in Dog and Cat Foods, Dark Chocolate and Environmental Surfaces has been approved for *Performance Tested Method*<sup>SM</sup> (PTM) status. For this Level 2 modification additional matrices were added to the original PTM claim. A method comparison study was performed on five environmental surfaces, pet foods and one food type.

Product Enrichment: Buffered Peptone Water + SX2 broth

**Environmental Surfaces: rubber, ceramic, plastic, concrete and stainless steel**

**Pet Foods: dog and cat**

Product Enrichment: Nonfat Dry Milk + SX2 broth

**Food: dark chocolate**

The data from this evaluation demonstrated equivalent performance of the new VIDAS Easy SLM enrichment protocol with the performance of the FDA cultural methods for testing **rubber, ceramic, plastic, concrete, stainless steel, dog and cat food and dark chocolate**. This kit will remain assigned certification license number **020901**.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Silbernagel'.

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