

Meat species testing

In order to minimise the risk of food fraud and to ensure all labelling requirements are accurate, identifying the meat content in your products has never been more important.

So how do you accurately test your products to ensure that the meat species is identified and your labels are correct?





Meat speciation testing requires both accurate and quick results, making working with a trusted partner particularly important. You need to be sure that the provider understands the technology and applies the latest methods of detection.

At Intertek, we are fast to adapt to your testing needs and able to offer you analysis at our state-of-the-art laboratory facilities with experts able to perform Real Time PCR or ELISA testing.

Our Service

We understand that the problem of accurate meat species identification stems from incorrect traceability and challenges with food product labelling.

With our global network of food laboratories we can provide you with analytical services to detect traces of species contaminants including horse and pig amongst other species.

Qualitative methods quickly determine the presence of specific meat species present in the sample.

We use polymerase chain reaction (PCR) based testing methods, and apply rigorous controls to effectively eliminate false positives and negatives.

The immuno assay test (ELISA) conducted currently detects the presence of species including:

- Horse (equine)
- Beef (bovine)
- Pork (porcine)
- Lamb (ovine)
- Poultry

Benefiting You

As a leading provider of testing services to the global food and agricultural industry, we can also help you to implement comprehensive food safety and quality strategies, and achieve compliance with local, national and international regulations.

With our experience, expertise and cutting-edge facilities, you can have confidence that your products will meet requirements and our experts stay up to date with the latest developments in regulations, so we can provide you with the best advice and support.

We are part of a global network of food testing facilities. We currently operate 29 state-of-the-art food-dedicated laboratories worldwide, with centres of excellence in the UK, Germany and Shanghai, and testing facilities in Beijing, India, Vietnam and the Philippines, among others.

Our testing services deliver reliable results with fast turnaround times; essential for maintaining your standards and credibility. As well as analytical expertise, we offer day-to-day support and consultation services.

Our teams blend local expertise with world-class talent, and help you navigate local, national and international standards and regulations.

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With You All the Way

Species testing is just one of a suite of services we provide for ensuring the safety and quality of your products.

Our full range of food testing services covers microbiology, shelf life testing, GMO and food authenticity, nutritional labelling, allergens and legionella.

The risk of contamination isn't exclusive to food products. Our Intertek laboratories are equipped to provide microbiology testing services for a range of industries including agricultural products, cosmetics, water, fuels, pharmaceuticals, and many other products and materials.

At Intertek, it is our sole mission to provide not only the one-stop-shop you seek for all food services but to establish a trusted partnership with your business - consistently adding value and increasing your competitive advantage in the industry with every step we take together.

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