

SUGGESTED REGIME FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MICROBIOLOGICAL AIR SAMPLING ROUTINE

Classification	Room/area	Sampler position	Initial programme for base data	Routine control
HOSPITALS	Operating Theatre	As close to operating area as possible	2 cycles per day for 21 days taken at different time in the day	1 cycle per 5 days
	Intensive Care Units	At various sites	idem	idem
	Maternity Units	At various sites	idem	idem
	General Wards	At various sites	1 cycle per day for 21 days	1 cycle per 10 days
	Examination Rooms	At various sites	idem	idem
	Kitchens	At various sites	idem	idem
	Canteen	At counters	idem	idem
	Laundry	In dirty and clean areas	idem	idem
	Bacterial Labs.	At various sites	idem	1 cycle per 5 days
FOOD INDUSTRY	Processing Room	As close as possible to working areas	1 cycle per day for 14 days	1 cycle per week
	Packing Rooms	idem	idem	idem
	Fermentation Room	idem	idem	idem
	Storage Area	At various sites	1 cycle per day for 14 days	1 cycle per week
	Ventilation Rooms	As close as possible to air inlet and outlet systems	1 cycle per day for 7 days	1 cycle per month
BACTERIOLOGY LABORATORIES	Laminar Flow	At front of cabinet in line with laminar flow	1 cycle per day for 14 days	1 cycle per 7 days
	Laboratory Bench	As close as possible to working areas	1 cycle per day for 14 days	1 cycle per 14 days
	Animal Room	At various sites from centre of room to exhaust ducting	1 cycle per day for 14 days	1 cycle per 5 days
DISINFECTATION CONTROL	Process Room	In various sites in the area	Samples must be taken prior to disinfection to establish efficacy of disinfection	Samples should be taken after disinfection from same sites and repeated at various times after disinfection
PHARMACEUTICAL AND COSMETIC INDUSTRIES	Sterile Rooms	As close to working areas as possible	1 cycle per day for 14 days	2 cycles per week
	Processing Rooms	idem	idem	3 cycles per week
	Anti-biotic Production	idem	idem	idem
	Packing Rooms	idem	idem	1 cycle per week
	Storage	At various sites	idem	1 cycle per week
	Animal Rooms	At various sites from centre of room to exhaust ducting	1 cycle per day for 14 days	1 cycle per 5 days
COMMUNITY	Schools	In class-rooms	—	1 cycle per month
	Kitchens	At various sites	1 cycle per day for 14 days	1 cycle per week
	Waiting Rooms	At various sites	—	1 cycle per month
	Offices	At various sites	—	1 cycle per month
	Canteens	At various sites	1 cycle per day for 14 days	1 cycle per week