

## SALMONELLA, CULTURE, STOOL

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Health inspections of food industry workers or other workers, monitoring of detected salmonella levels and epidemiological investigations.

### Sampling equipment

- Bacterial transport tube
- Disposable sampling container
- Name tag
- Plastic bag (for example, Minigrip®)



### Sampling

The bacterial transport tubes are stored in room temperature before sampling.

- Defecate into the disposable container or onto a piece of toilet paper. No urine can be mixed with the stool. Immediately after defecating, transfer the sample into the bacterial transport tube.
- Open the bacterial transport tube package. Bend the cap off the tube along the dotted line. Dispose of the cap.
- Push the cotton swab into the stool so that plenty of stool sticks to the swab.
- Push the swab with the stool all the way into the transport tube, inside the gel. The cap on the cotton swab will seal the tube.
- Stick the name tags provided by the laboratory or which you filled in yourself onto the transport tubes. The tag must display your name, social security number and day of sampling.
- After sampling, seal the transport containers carefully in the plastic bag.

### Storage and transport

After sampling, the bacterial transport tube is stored in a refrigerator (2–8°C) and is transported to the laboratory at room temperature preferably on the day of sampling, the day after at the latest.

**If the diarrhoea symptoms have started within 7 days of a trip abroad, state the destination of the trip to the laboratory.**

