



## **FOOD MICROBIOLOGICAL ACTION LEVELS**

Staph  Fact Sheet dfs-3049	Vac Pak Meats/Sausages Sliced Deli Meats	Low Level of Concern Moderate Level of Concern High Level of Concern  <b>Action Level</b> – Immediately put product on hold and resample.	<10/g 10 – 1,000/g 1,000 – 50,000/g  >50,000/g
E. coli  Fact Sheet dfs-3053	Sliced Deli Meats	Low Level of Concern Moderate Level of Concern High Level of Concern  <b>Action Level</b> – If e-coli counts are greater than 1,000/gm. Immediately put product on hold and resample.	<100/g 100 –500/g 500 – 1,000/g  >1,000/g
Coliform  Fact Sheet dfs-3047	Sushi Sliced Deli Meats Deli Salads Cold Pack Cheese/Cheese Food Ice	Low Level of Concern Moderate Level of Concern High Level of Concern  <b>Action Level</b> – Notify establishment & verify clean-up	<100/g 100 –1000/g > 1,000/g
SPC or APC  Fact Sheet dfs-3048 or dfs-3046	Soft Serve Ice Creams Deli Salads	Low Level of Concern Moderate Level of Concern High Level of Concern  <b>Action Level</b> – If e-coli > 450 OR SPC > 500,000/gm. Resample requesting SPC, coliform and listeria analysis.	<2500 – 10,000/g 10,000 – 100,000/g 100,000 – 500,000/g  >500,000/g
Yeast  Fact Sheet dfs-3051	Pasteurized Process Cheese / Cheese Foods	Low Level of Concern Moderate Level of Concern High Level of Concern  <b>Action Level</b> – Notify establishment and resample	<100/g 100 –500/g 500 – 1,000/g  >1,000/g

**Low Level** – No action required.

**Moderate Level** – Deliver fact sheet and resample product within 60 days.

**High Level** – Deliver fact sheet, schedule inspection and resample within 30 days.