**3M™ Petrifilm™ Plates**

**Liquid Sample**

1. Add sample to dilution buffer
   - Adjust pH
   - Shake
   - Plate

**Viscous or Solid Sample**

1. Weigh sample
   - NOTE: Use of a stomacher bag with filter makes any "settle" step unnecessary.
   - Add dilution buffer
   - Adjust pH
   - Stomach or blend or shake
   - Settle
   - Plate

**References**

1. Petrifilm Plate Guide to Dilution Preparation
2. Adjust pH so that the final pH is between pH 6.6 - 7.2.
   - Note: Once a protocol has been developed, pH adjustment can become routine at this step.
3. Shake. Milk Guidelines: Make 25 complete up and down (or back and forth) movements of about 30cm in 7 seconds.
4. Settle. Some samples may need a few minutes to settle before inoculation. Settling makes pipetting easier and minimizes the number of food particles on the plate.
5. Petrifilm Plate package insert.
   Petrifilm Plate Reminders for Use.
Additional Comments

• Questions? U.S., call 1-800-328-6553.

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