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CURRENT VERSION AMENDMENTS

Each LP has an individual record of amendments. The amendments for the current version are listed below.

Amendment Number/ Date	Version no. Discarded	Version no. Issued	Page	Section(s) involved	Amendment
1/28.10.11	1	1.1	1	Title	Updated title to National <i>Salmonella</i> , <i>Shigella</i> & <i>Listeria</i> Reference Laboratory (NSSLRL)
			1	First line	Included <i>Shigella</i> and <i>Listeria</i>

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The NSSLRL was established to perform typing on human clinical isolates of *Salmonella* from Ireland and has subsequently has started to provided a typing service for *Shigella* and *Listeria*. This is the priority for the NSSLRL. However in so far as capacity permits NSSLRL is pleased to accept routine isolates from food and veterinary laboratories as this enhances the value of our overall database for public health purposes. NSSLRL also seeks to support research and development with respect to these pathogens and in so far as resources permit is pleased to work as a partner with researchers and institutions engaged in such research. There have been several occasions on which people have contacted NSSLRL at an advanced stage of a project requesting typing of a large number of isolates at short notice and requesting rapid turnaround. In such circumstances NSSLRL may not be in a position to assist. The purpose of the following policy is to clarify the basis for NSSLRL cooperation in research with a view to avoiding such misunderstandings in the future.

The head of the department/principal investigator planning/conducting the research should contact the director of NSSLRL, Prof. M.Cormican (martin.cormican@hse.ie) to arrange for submission of the isolates. For funded research this contact should be made before the submission of the grant application and resource issues for NSSLRL should be considered in the budget for the grant application.

Please specify in the email

- A brief outline of the project and how the typing by the NSSLRL will assist
- The number of isolates for testing
- The testing required e.g. antimicrobial susceptibility testing, serotyping, phage typing
- The time scale you would hope for with respect to turnaround
- The proposed arrangements for presentation/publication of the research and the proposed arrangements for recognition of the contribution of NSSLRL to the research project

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Following agreement with NSSLRL on submission of isolates

- Each isolate must be submitted on a fully completed NSSLRL request form
- Slopes must be packaged and submitted according the IATA regulations
- Only Bijoux size nutrient agar slopes will be accepted

See NSSLRL Users guide and Specimen rejection policy.