

# PJLA Update Notification

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Attention All **Food, Dietary Supplement, Pharmaceutical and Feed** Testing Applicant and Accredited Laboratories:

PJLA has now updated our LF-562k AOAC checklist to now include the updated 2015 version of *AOAC Guidelines for Laboratories Performing Microbiological and Chemical Analyses of Food, Dietary Supplements, and Pharmaceuticals – An Aid to the Interpretation of ISO/IEC 17025:2005 (2015)" (ALACC Guidelines)*. Laboratories should obtain a copy of this standard and begin to implement these requirements within your laboratory. This can be downloaded from the AOAC website [www.aoac.org](http://www.aoac.org). PJLA will begin to assess compliance to the revised requirements during 2017 assessments. Certificates will be amended upon the completion of these assessments. For those laboratories conducting documentation review assessments in 2017 will be provided with a checklist of items to submit in addition to routine surveillance criteria. Certificates will not be amended until full compliance has been demonstrated.

**Additionally, we have now included The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)-- Quality Assurance/Quality Control Guidelines For Feed Laboratories supplement to ISO/IEC 17025:2005 General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories including AAFCO Accreditation Requirements 2014** document to this checklist. Similar to the AOAC Guideline document, we strongly recommend that all laboratories utilize these additional guidelines within their facility. However, this program is voluntary and laboratories will not be held to additional requirements above and beyond ISO/IEC 17025:2005, unless you request that these specific documents be referenced on your certificate.

This checklist, along with a PPT overview of the changes can be located on our website at <http://www.pjlabs.com/accreditation-programs/food-testing>.

Laboratories wishing to add one or both of these additional requirements to your assessment should contact PJLA directly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tracy Szerszen at [tszerszen@pjlabs.com](mailto:tszerszen@pjlabs.com) or via telephone at (248) 519-2603.

Thank you.