

# Interim Summary Report

## EURL-*Salmonella* Proficiency Test Serotyping 2022

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## **1. Introduction**

This interim summary report describes the overall results on the serotyping part of the Proficiency Test (PT) on typing of *Salmonella*, organised by the European Union Reference Laboratory for *Salmonella* (EURL-*Salmonella*, Bilthoven, the Netherlands) in November 2022. Results regarding the part on Cluster Analysis will be reported separately.

A total of 34 laboratories participated in the PT 2022. These included 27 National Reference Laboratories for *Salmonella* (NRLs-*Salmonella*) in the 27 EU Member States and 7 NRLs from third countries (EU candidate or potential EU candidate Member States, members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), and the United Kingdom).

The main objective of this PT was to evaluate the performance of the NRLs for serotyping of *Salmonella*.

## **2. Materials and Methods**

### **2.1. *Salmonella* strains for serotyping**

A total of 20 *Salmonella* strains (coded S1 - S20) had to be serotyped by the participants. As agreed at the 27<sup>th</sup> EURL-*Salmonella* Workshop (Mooijman, 2022), a less common strain (S21) was additionally included. Testing this strain was optional and results were not included in the evaluation.

The *Salmonella* strains used for the PT on serotyping originated from the National *Salmonella* Centre collection in the Netherlands. The strains were verified by the Centre before distribution. The complete antigenic formulas of the 21 serovars, in accordance with the most recent White-Kauffmann-Le Minor scheme (Grimont and Weill, 2007) plus published supplements no. 47 (Guibourdenche et al., 2010) and no. 48 (Issenhuth-Jeanjean et al., 2014) are shown in Table 1. However, participants were asked to report only the results as detected and on which the identification of serovar names was based. Eleven strains (Table 1) represented serovars included in the EURL-*Salmonella* serotyping PTs for the first time.

### **2.2 Laboratory codes**

Each participant was randomly assigned a laboratory code 1 - 34.

Table 1. Antigenic formulas of the 21 *Salmonella* strains according to the White-Kauffmann-LeMinor scheme used in the EURL-*Salmonella* PT Serotyping 2022

| Strain code         | O-antigens         | H-antigens (phase 1) | H-antigens (phase 2) | Serovar                     |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| S1 <sup>a)</sup>    | 6,7                | k                    | e,n,x                | Singapore                   |
| S2 <sup>b)</sup>    | <u>1</u> ,4,[5],12 | i                    | -                    | 1,4,[5],12:i:-              |
| S3 <sup>a)</sup>    | 4,12               | z <sub>10</sub>      | 1,6                  | Tudu                        |
| S4                  | <u>1</u> ,4,[5],12 | f,g,s                | [1,2]                | Agona                       |
| S5                  | <u>1</u> ,9,12     | g,m                  | -                    | Enteritidis                 |
| S6 <sup>a)</sup>    | 6,7                | l,z <sub>13</sub>    | e,n,x                | Kenya                       |
| S7                  | <u>1</u> ,13,23    | m,t                  | -                    | Kintambo                    |
| S8 <sup>a) c)</sup> | 4,[5],12           | i                    | e,n,x                | Farsta                      |
| S9                  | 6,8                | z <sub>10</sub>      | e,n,x                | Hadar                       |
| S10 <sup>a)</sup>   | 16                 | b                    | 1,2                  | Hull                        |
| S11 <sup>a)</sup>   | 11                 | d                    | [e,n,x]              | Chandans                    |
| S12                 | 6,7, <u>14</u>     | r                    | 1,2                  | Virchow                     |
| S13 <sup>a)</sup>   | <u>1</u> ,4,[5],12 | g,m,s                | [1,2]                | Hato                        |
| S14                 | <u>1</u> ,9,12     | e,h                  | 1,5                  | Eastbourne                  |
| S15 <sup>a)</sup>   | 3,10               | z <sub>35</sub>      | z <sub>6</sub>       | Cairina                     |
| S16 <sup>a)</sup>   | 1,6,14,25          | a                    | 1,5                  | Garba                       |
| S17 <sup>a)</sup>   | <u>1</u> ,13,23    | d                    | 1,5                  | Mishmarhaemek               |
| S18                 | <u>1</u> ,4,[5],12 | i                    | 1,2                  | Typhimurium                 |
| S19 <sup>a)</sup>   | 28                 | c                    | 1,5                  | Hermannswerder              |
| S20                 | 6,7, <u>14</u>     | r                    | 1,5                  | Infantis                    |
| S21 <sup>d)</sup>   | 47                 | k                    | z <sub>35</sub>      | 47:k:z <sub>35</sub> (IIIb) |

a) Represented in an EURL-*Salmonella* PT Serotyping for the first time.

b) Monophasic variant of Typhimurium based on genomic sequences.

c) In accordance with Supplement no. 48 to the White-Kauffmann-LeMinor scheme.

d) *Salmonella enterica* subspecies *diarizonae* (optional strain).

## 2.3 Transport

The parcels containing the strains for typing were sent by the EURL-*Salmonella* on 7 November 2022. All samples were packed and transported as Biological Substance Category B (UN 3373) and transported by a door-to-door courier service.

## 2.4 Evaluation of the serotyping results

The evaluation of the serotyping results is described in Table 2.

Table 2. Evaluation of serotyping results

| Results  | Evaluation     |
|--|----------------|
| Auto-agglutination or,<br>Incomplete set of antisera (outside range of antisera)   | Not typable    |
| Partly typable due to incomplete set of antisera or,<br>Part of the formula (for the name of the serovar) or,<br>No name serovar | Partly correct |
| Wrong serovar or,<br>Mixed sera formula  | Incorrect      |

In 2007, the following criteria for 'good performance' in PTs on serotyping were defined (Mooijman, 2007).

Penalty points are given for the incorrect typing of strains, but a distinction is made between the five most important human health-related *Salmonella* serovars (as indicated in EU legislation, also sometimes referred to as 'top-5'), and all other strains:

- 4 penalty points: incorrect typing of *S. Enteritidis*, *S. Typhimurium* (including the monophasic variant), *S. Hadar*, *S. Infantis* or *S. Virchow*, or assigning the name of one of these five serovars to another strain.
- 1 penalty point: incorrect typing of all other *Salmonella* serovars.

The total number of penalty points is calculated for each NRL-*Salmonella*. The criterion for good performance is set at less than 4 penalty points.

All EU Member State NRLs not meeting the criterion of good performance (scoring four penalty points or more) have to participate in a follow-up study, in which 10 additional strains have to be serotyped.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1 Serotyping results of the NRLs-*Salmonella*

##### 3.1.1. General comments on this year's evaluation

As decided at the 27<sup>th</sup> EURL-*Salmonella* Workshop (online, 23 May 2022), Strain S21 was an additional strain to the study. Testing of this strain was optional and results were not included in the evaluation.

##### 3.1.2. Serotyping results per laboratory

The evaluation of the type of errors for O- and H-antigens and for identification of the strains are shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3.

The percentages of correct results per laboratory are shown in Figure 4.

The O-antigens were typed completely correctly by 31 of the 34 participants (91%). This corresponds to nearly 100% of the total number of strains. The H-antigens were typed completely correctly by 27 of the 34 participants (79%), corresponding to 98% of the total number of strains. As a result, 25 participants (74%) reported all serovar names correctly, which corresponds to 98% of all strains evaluated.

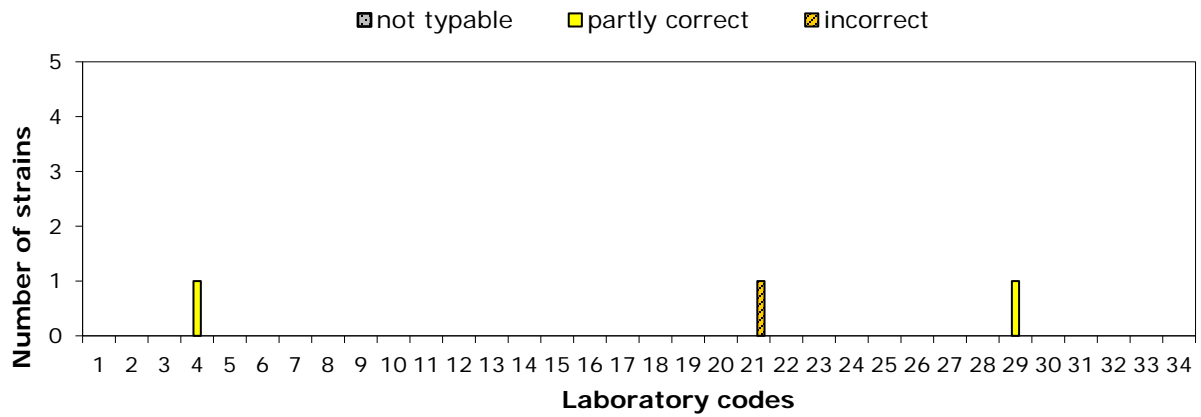


Figure 1. Evaluation of the type of errors for O-antigens, per participant

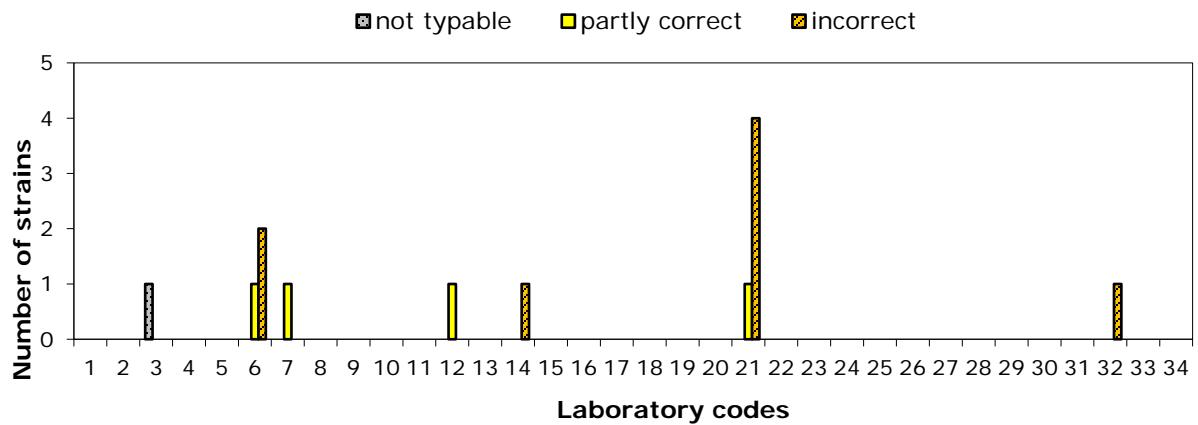


Figure 2. Evaluation of the type of errors for H-antigens, per participant

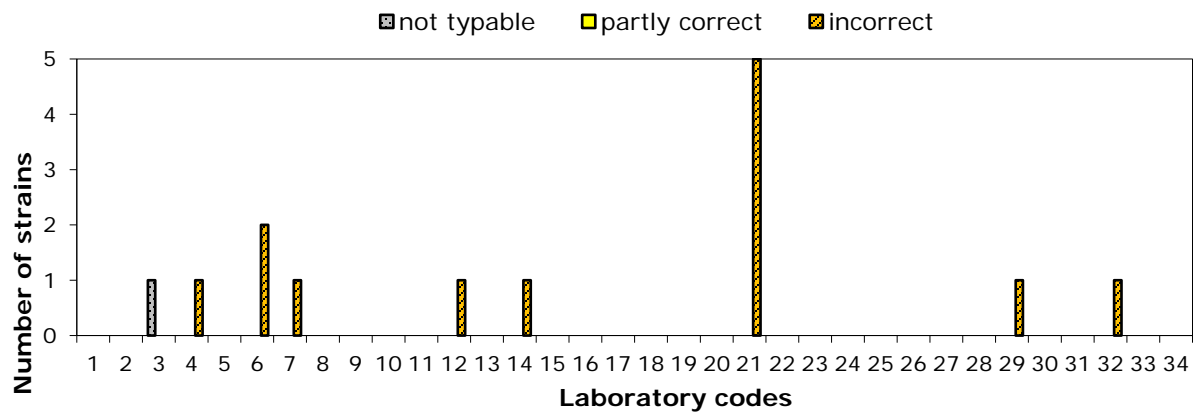


Figure 3. Evaluation of the type of errors in the identification of the serovar names, per participant

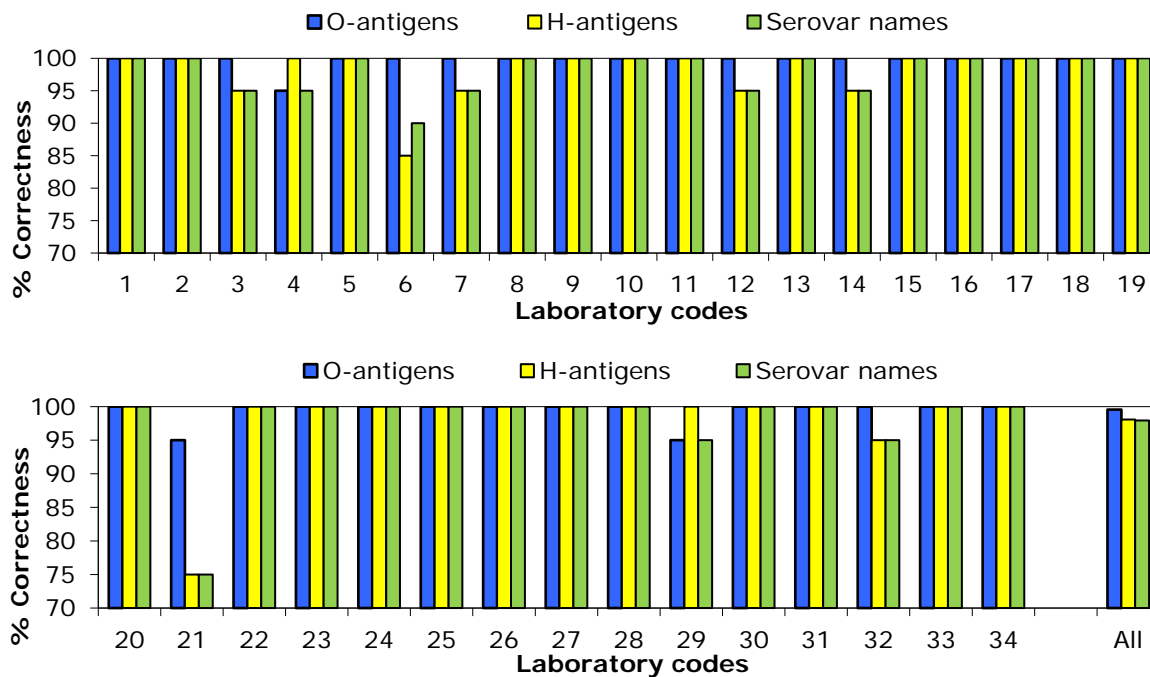


Figure 4. Percentages of correct serotyping results, per participant

The number of penalty points was determined for each NRL using the guidelines described in section 2.4. Table 3 shows the number of penalty points for each NRL and indicates whether the level of good performance was achieved (yes or no).

Overall, the performance of the participants in the PT Serotyping 2022 was very good. Two EU Member State NRLs (Lab 14 and Lab 21) did not meet the level of good performance at the first stage of the study and a follow-up study for these laboratories will be organised.

Table 3. Evaluation of serotyping results per NRL

| Lab code | Penalty points | Good performance | Lab code | Penalty points | Good performance |
|----------|----------------|------------------|----------|----------------|------------------|
| 1        | 0              | yes              | 18       | 0              | yes              |
| 2        | 0              | yes              | 19       | 0              | yes              |
| 3        | 0              | yes              | 20       | 0              | yes              |
| 4        | 1              | yes              | 21       | 5              | <b>NO</b>        |
| 5        | 0              | yes              | 22       | 0              | yes              |
| 6        | 2              | yes              | 23       | 0              | yes              |
| 7        | 1              | yes              | 24       | 0              | yes              |
| 8        | 0              | yes              | 25       | 0              | yes              |
| 9        | 0              | yes              | 26       | 0              | yes              |
| 10       | 0              | yes              | 27       | 0              | yes              |
| 11       | 0              | yes              | 28       | 0              | yes              |
| 12       | 1              | yes              | 29       | 1              | yes              |
| 13       | 0              | yes              | 30       | 0              | yes              |
| 14       | 4              | <b>NO</b>        | 31       | 0              | yes              |
| 15       | 0              | yes              | 32       | 1              | yes              |
| 16       | 0              | yes              | 33       | 0              | yes              |
| 17       | 0              | yes              | 34       | 0              | yes              |

### 3.1.3. Serotyping results per strain

Final naming results reported per strain (S1 – S20) and per laboratory (1 - 34) are given in Annex A.

A completely correct identification was obtained for ten *Salmonella* serovars: Singapore (S1), Agona (S4), Enteritidis (S5), Kenya (S6), Hadar (S9), Hull (S10), Virchow (S12), Hato (S13), Mishmarhaemek (S17), and Infantis (S20).

The reported serovar names for strain 1,4,[5],12:i:- (S2) are also shown in Annex A. Fourteen participants used a PCR method to confirm this strain to be monophasic Typhimurium.

Strain S8 was characterised with antigenic formula 4,5,12:i:e,n,x, and in accordance with Supplement 2008-2010 (no. 48) to the White-Kauffmann-LeMinor scheme this new variant of the previously described serovar Farsta (4,12:i:e,n,x) is now recognised with the updated antigenic formula: 4,[5],12:i:e,n,x (Issenhuth-Jeanjean et al., 2014).

Most problems occurred with the serovar Kintambo (S7). Four laboratories had difficulties assigning the correct serovar name to this strain, due to problems with completing the designation of the O-antigens. Details on all strains that caused problems in serotyping are shown in Annex B.

Details on the additional and optional strain S21 are given in Annex C. All but five participants tried to serotype strain S21, a *Salmonella enterica* subsp. *diarizonae* (IIIb). A few laboratories did not have access to all required antisera to finalise this (47:k:z35).

## List of abbreviations

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| EFTA                    | European Free Trade Association                           |
| EU                      | European Union  |
| EURL- <i>Salmonella</i> | European Union Reference Laboratory for <i>Salmonella</i> |
| NRLs- <i>Salmonella</i> | National Reference Laboratories for <i>Salmonella</i>     |
| REF                     | Reference   |
| RIVM                    | National Institute for Public Health and the Environment  |

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



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## Annex A. Serotyping results per strain and laboratory

| Lab: REF | S1<br>Singapore | S2<br>1,4,[5],12:i:-                  | S3<br>Tudu | S4<br>Agona | S5<br>Enteritidis | S6<br>Kenya | S7<br>Kintambo | S8<br>Farsta | S9<br>Hadar | S10<br>Hull |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1        | Singapore       | 4:i:-                                 | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 2        | Singapore       | 1 4:i:-                               | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 3        | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 4        | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 5        | Singapore       | 1,4,5,12:i:-                          | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 6        | Singapore       | Typhimurium monofaza                  | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | enterica II    | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 7        | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Agbeni         | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 8        | Singapore       | 1,4,12:i:-                            | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 9        | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 10       | Singapore       | monophasic Typhimurium                | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 11       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:- (mST)                        | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 12       | Singapore       | 4,5,12:i:-                            | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Agbeni         | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 13       | Singapore       | monophasic Typhimurium                | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 14       | Singapore       | Tumodi                                | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 15       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 16       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 17       | Singapore       | Monophasic Typhimurium 4:i:-          | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 18       | Singapore       | 4,5,12:i:-                            | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 19       | Singapore       | Sub I 4,12:i:-                        | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 20       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 21       | Singapore       | Monophasic Salmonella Typhimurium     | Lexington  | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Agbeni         | Chester      | Hadar       | Hall        |
| 22       | Singapore       | 4,5,12:i:-                            | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 23       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Fasta        | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 24       | Singapore       | 4:i:-                                 | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | 4,5:i:e,n,x  | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 25       | Singapore       | 4:i:- (monophasic Typhimurium)        | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 26       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 27       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 28       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 29       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 30       | Singapore       | Typhimurium, monophasic (4,12:i:-)    | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 31       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 32       | Singapore       | 4,12:i:-                              | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 33       | Singapore       | 4,5:i:-                               | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| 34       | Singapore       | 4,[5],12:i:- (monophasic Typhimurium) | Tudu       | Agona       | Enteritidis       | Kenya       | Kintambo       | Farsta       | Hadar       | Hull        |
| X        | 0               | 1                                     | 1          | 0           | 0                 | 0           | 4              | 1            | 0           | 0           |

| S11      | S12     | S13  | S14        | S15          | S16     | S17           | S18          | S19            | S20      | Lab: |
|----------|---------|------|------------|--------------|---------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------|------|
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | REF  |
| Chandas  | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 1    |
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 2    |
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | 3,10: - : z6 | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 3    |
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Waedenswil | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 4    |
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 5    |
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | enterica II  | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 6    |
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| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 8    |
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| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 12   |
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| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 20   |
| Findorff | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Vanier         | Infantis | 21   |
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| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 27   |
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| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Sanjuan | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 29   |
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 30   |
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 31   |
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | 4,5,12: i: - | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 32   |
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 33   |
| Chandans | Virchow | Hato | Eastbourne | Cairina      | Garba   | Mishmarhaemek | Typhimurium  | Hermannswerder | Infantis | 34   |
| 1        | 0       | 0    | 1          | 1            | 1       | 0             | 1            | 1              | 0        | X    |

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|  | remark (e.g., spelling error)                            |
|  | not typable (e.g., antisera not available, rough strain) |
|  | partly correct, in the naming: no penalty points         |
|  | incorrect; in the naming: 1 penalty point                |
|  | incorrect; in the naming: 4 penalty points               |

X = number of deviating laboratories (by penalty points) per strain.

Results for strain S21 are given in Annex C.

**Annex B. Details per strain that caused problems in serotyping**

| Strain code | O-antigens        | H-antigens |                | Serovar               | Lab code   |
|-------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------|
|             |                   | (phase 1)  | (phase 2)      |                       |            |
| <b>S-2</b>  | <b>1,4,[5],12</b> | <b>i</b>   | <b>-</b>       | <b>1,4,[5],12:i:-</b> | <b>REF</b> |
| S-2         | 1,4,12            | i          | z6             | Tumodi                | 14         |
| <b>S-3</b>  | <b>4,12</b>       | <b>z10</b> | <b>1,6</b>     | <b>Tudu</b>           | <b>REF</b> |
| S-3         | 3                 | z10        | 1,5            | Lexington             | 21         |
| <b>S-7</b>  | <b>1,13,23</b>    | <b>m,t</b> | <b>-</b>       | <b>Kintambo</b>       | <b>REF</b> |
| S-7         | 1,13,23           | g,m,t      | 1,5            | enterica II           | 6          |
| S-7         | 13,23             | g,m,t      | -              | Agbeni                | 7          |
| S-7         | 13,23             | g,m        | -              | Agbeni                | 12         |
| S-7         | 13,23             | g,m,t      | -              | Agbeni                | 21         |
| S-7         | 13,23             | m,t        | -              | Kintambo              | 34         |
| <b>S-8</b>  | <b>4,[5],12</b>   | <b>i</b>   | <b>e,n,x</b>   | <b>Farsta</b>         | <b>REF</b> |
| S-8         | 4,5,12            | e,h        | e,n,x          | Chester               | 21         |
| S-8         | 4,5,12            | i          | e,n,x          | Fasta                 | 23         |
| S-8         | 4,5               | i          | e,n,x          | 4,5:i:e,n,x           | 24         |
| <b>S-10</b> | <b>16</b>         | <b>b</b>   | <b>1,2</b>     | <b>Hull</b>           | <b>REF</b> |
| S-10        | 16                | b          | 1,2            | Hall                  | 21         |
| <b>S-11</b> | <b>11</b>         | <b>d</b>   | <b>[e,n,x]</b> | <b>Chandans</b>       | <b>REF</b> |
| S-11        | 11                | d          | e,n,x          | Chandas               | 1          |
| S-11        | 11                | d          | z6             | Findorff              | 21         |
| <b>S-12</b> | <b>6,7,14</b>     | <b>r</b>   | <b>1,2</b>     | <b>Virchow</b>        | <b>REF</b> |
| S-12        | 6,7               | r          | 1,2            | Virchow               | 6          |
| S-12        | 6,7               | r          | 1,2            | Vichow                | 27         |
| <b>S-14</b> | <b>1,9,12</b>     | <b>e,h</b> | <b>1,5</b>     | <b>Eastbourne</b>     | <b>REF</b> |
| S-14        | 9,46              | e,h        | 1,5            | Waedenswil            | 4          |
| <b>S-15</b> | <b>3,10</b>       | <b>z35</b> | <b>z6</b>      | <b>Cairina</b>        | <b>REF</b> |
| S-15        | 3,10              | -          | z6             | 3,10:-:z6             | 3          |
| S-15        | 3,10              | z35        | e,n,x,z15      | enterica II           | 6          |
| S-15        | 3,1               | z35        | z6             | Cairina               | 13         |
| <b>S-16</b> | <b>1,6,14,25</b>  | <b>a</b>   | <b>1,5</b>     | <b>Garba</b>          | <b>REF</b> |
| S-16        | 6,7,14            | a          | 1,5            | Sanjuan               | 29         |
| <b>S-18</b> | <b>1,4,[5],12</b> | <b>i</b>   | <b>1,2</b>     | <b>Typhimurium</b>    | <b>REF</b> |
| S-18        | 4,5,12            | i          | -              | 4,5,12:i:-            | 32         |
| <b>S-19</b> | <b>28</b>         | <b>c</b>   | <b>1,5</b>     | <b>Hermannswerder</b> | <b>REF</b> |
| S-19        | 28                | z          | 1,5            | Vanier                | 21         |

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|  | not typable (e.g. antisera not available, rough strain) |
|  | partly correct; in the naming: no penalty points        |
|  | incorrect; in the naming: 1 penalty point               |
|  | incorrect; in the naming: 4 penalty points              |

**Annex C. Details on serotyping results strain S21**

| Strain code | O-antigens | H-antigens |            | Serovar   | Lab code   |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|---|------------|
|             |            | (phase 1)  | (phase 2)  |   |            |
| <b>S-21</b> | <b>47</b>  | <b>k</b>   | <b>z35</b> | <b>47:k:z35</b>   | <b>REF</b> |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | S. IIIb (Salmonella enterica subsp. diarizonae) 47:k:z35  | 1          |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | IIIb 47:k:z35   | 2          |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | -          | 47:k:-  | 3          |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:k:z35  | 4          |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | Salmonella enterica subspecies diarizonae 47:k:z35 (IIIb) | 5          |
| S-21        | -          | -          | -          | -   | 6          |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | -          | enterica subsp diarizonae                                 | 7          |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | IIIb 47:k:z35   | 8          |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:5:z35  | 9          |
| S-21        |            | k          | z35        | S.enterica subsp. diarizonae IIIb                         | 10         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:k:z35 (IIIb)   | 11         |
| S-21        |            |            |            |   | 12         |
| S-21        |            |            |            |   | 13         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | III b   | 14         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | IIIb 47:k:z35   | 15         |
| S-21        |            |            |            |   | 16         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | IIIb:47:k:z35   | 17         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:k:z35  | 18         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | Sub IIIb 47:k:z35 (diarizonae)                            | 19         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:k:z35 (IIIb)   | 20         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | Lyon III b  | 21         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | IIIb 47:k:z35   | 22         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:k:z35  | 23         |
| S-21        | OME+       | k          | z35        | OME+:k:z35  | 24         |
| S-21        | -          | -          | -          | -   | 25         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:k:z35  | 26         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:k:z35  | 27         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:k:z35 (IIIb)   | 28         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:z:z35 sg IIIb  | 29         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | Salmonella enterica subsp. diarizonae serovar 47:k:z35    | 30         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:k:z35 (IIIb)   | 31         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | 47:k:z35  | 32         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | S.enterica subsp.diarizonae (Group O:X)                   | 33         |
| S-21        | 47         | k          | z35        | IIIb  | 34         |