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# *Important News*

## **Product withdrawal VCC Selective Supplement SR0190A**

We are sending this letter to inform you of the withdrawal from sale of VCC Selective Supplement (SR0190A) used for selective enrichment of *E. coli* O157.

This product was originally manufactured in accordance with FDA/BAM 8<sup>th</sup> edition (1998) in which modified Tryptone Soya Broth (mTSB) was supplemented with VCC selective supplement for the isolation of *E. coli* O157:H7 from food. However, in September 2000 this method was revised and the level of cefixime was reduced from 0.05mg/L to 0.0125mg/L as the original concentration was found to be inhibitory to the growth of some O157:H7 strains.

Most method standards are now aligned with BS EN ISO 16654: 2001: Horizontal method for the detection of *E. coli* O157. This method recommends the use of mTSB (CM0898B) + novobiocin 20mg/l (SR0181E) for selective enrichment of *E. coli* O157. Consequently, VCC supplement (SR0190A) is no longer compliant with either FDA/BAM or ISO methods. As a consequence of this we have made the decision to withdraw the product from sale.

If you have any questions please contact Technical Support on +44 1256 69 4281 or [oxid.techsupport@thermofisher.com](mailto:oxid.techsupport@thermofisher.com).

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you for purchasing Thermo Fisher Microbiology products.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alastair Thomas".

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