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ISO 16140 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Microbiology of the food chain — Method validation*:

- *Part 1: Vocabulary*
- *Part 2: Protocol for the validation of alternative (proprietary) methods against a reference method*

The following parts are under preparation:

- *Part 3: Protocol for the verification of reference and validated alternative methods implemented in a single laboratory*
- *Part 4: Protocol for single-laboratory (in-house) method validation*
- *Part 5: Protocol for factorial interlaboratory validation of non-proprietary methods*
- *Part 6: Protocol for the validation of alternative (proprietary) methods for microbiological confirmation and typing*

## Introduction

Today, many alternative, mostly proprietary, methods exist that are used to assess the microbiological quality of raw materials and finished products and the microbiological status of manufacturing procedures. These methods are often faster and easier to perform than the corresponding standardized method. The developers, end users, and authorities need a reliable common protocol for the validation of such alternative methods. The data generated will also provide potential end users with performance data for a given method, thus, enabling them to make an informed choice on the adoption of a particular method. The data generated can also be the basis for the certification of a method by an independent organization.

This part of ISO 16140

- is intended to provide a specific protocol and guidelines for the validation of proprietary methods intended to be used as a rapid and/or easier method to perform than the corresponding reference method,
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- is intended as the successor of the validation protocol published in the first version of ISO 16140 (ISO 16140:2003), and
- is mainly written for the validation of methods that are capable of culturing the target microorganism, but can also be applied to methods for microorganisms that cannot be cultured such as viruses (e.g. Norovirus) and protozoan parasites (e.g. *Cryptosporidium* or *Giardia*). In these cases, some wordings are to be interpreted so as to fit the situation for non-culturable organisms.

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