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Scientific Backing for a Hygiene Audit

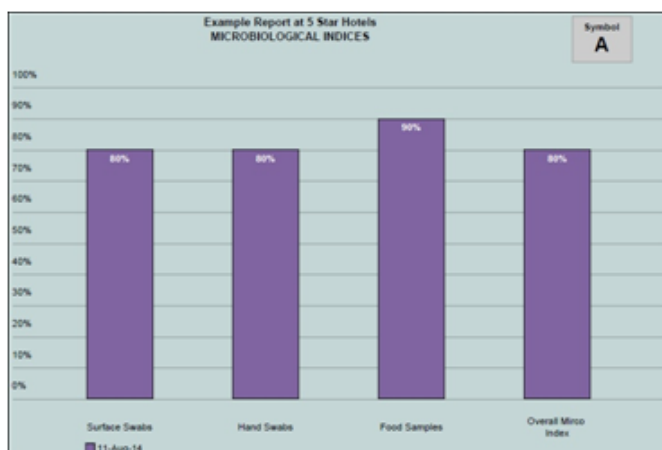
The Overall Microbiological Index serves as an objective, scientific measure of the actual sanitation and hygiene achieved on the day—and in fact particular hour(s)—of the Technical Survey. It is the final and unquestionable validation of whether satisfactory sanitation and other hygiene practices have occurred. The quality of these results is guaranteed by our laboratory’s SANAS-accreditation to ISO/IEC17025:2005. In fact, these results have legal standing in a South African Court of Law.

However, the Microbiological Index is essentially a “lagging” indicator; it shows what has been achieved in the past, up to the exact time of the audit. It cannot, of itself, predict the future performance of the Facility.

This is where the Walkthrough Visual Index comes in. By evaluating the overall appearance of the kitchen and (especially) the provision of chemicals, temperature control of foods, personal hygiene and other practices, we are able to indicate whether there is a proper hygiene management system in place and thus whether the Unit is likely to suffer from problems in the future.

In this sense, the Walkthrough Visual Index is a “leading” or predictive indicator.

Neither Index can replace the other.



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