

**PATHOGENIC MICROBIOLOGICAL ACTION LEVELS
FOR READY-TO-EAT FOODS
U.S. ARMY VETERINARY COMMAND
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<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Action Level</u>
<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	1,000 CFU/g or mL
<i>Bacillus cereus</i> Diarrheal or Emetic Toxin	Zero Tolerance
<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	Zero Tolerance
<i>Clostridium botulinum</i> Neurotoxin	Zero Tolerance
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	1,000 CFU/g or mL
<i>E. coli</i> O157:H7	Zero Tolerance
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	Zero Tolerance
<i>Salmonella</i> species	Zero Tolerance
<i>Shigella</i> species	Zero Tolerance
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	10,000 CFU/g or mL
Staphylococcal Enterotoxin	Zero Tolerance
<i>Vibrio cholera</i> (serogroups O1 and non-O1)	Zero Tolerance
<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	1,000 CFU/g or mL
<i>Vibrio vulnificus</i>	Zero Tolerance
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>	Zero Tolerance

Notes.

Other tests may be performed at the discretion of the laboratory.

Reference: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA),
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)