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## Quality Control for Commercially Prepared Microbiological Culture Media; Approved Standard—Third Edition

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This document contains quality assurance procedures for manufacturers and users of prepared, ready-to-use microbiological culture media.

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