

## **Affected Product**

For microbial issues, the affected product represented by the sample is usually interpreted as the product produced from clean-up to clean-up of the post-lethality processing environment unless the plant can support that potential contamination would be limited to individual production lines or individual product lots. Factors like the plant's coding system, the pathogen of concern, the processing and packaging, the equipment, the plant's sampling programs, the HACCP plan monitoring and verification activities, and the SSOP records are considered when determining how much product is actually represented by the sample.