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Vytřasová J., Fousová J., Šnévajsová P.,

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Influence of the preservative material HOLDBACTM on the growth and proliferation of *Listeria* on the surfaces of cheeses

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Three varieties of cheese were selected for the experiment: Genuine Olomoucbrand soft ripened cheese, Loose-brand acid curd cheese, and Slovak-style string cheese. Their surfaces were inoculated with *Listeria* cells of a defined density and then treated with the preservative materia HOLDBACTM at its optimal concentration. The cheeses were stored at two different temperatures for the periods of 2, 5, 9, and 14 days, after which the effectiveness of the treatment with the preservative material was determined. The results were compared with the effectiveness of the material on

the growth and proliferation of *Listeria* when the application of the preservative material was made before the artificial contamination of the cheese surface with *Listeria*. The experiment demonstrated