

Annex E (informative)

Information on the application and interpretation of European Standards on chemical disinfectants and antiseptics

CEN/TC 216 would like to draw the attention of the reader of this standard to the agreements which were reached concerning the relationship between this standard and future standards.

This information should be followed when using the European Standards on chemical disinfectants and antiseptics :

E.1 General guidelines for the application and interpretation of test methods in accordance with European Standards for chemical disinfectants and antiseptics

- a) All "use recommendations" for chemical disinfectant and antiseptic products should be supported by results of bactericidal, fungicidal, sporicidal and virucidal EN tests which are appropriate to the intended field and method of application.
- b) To achieve this, chemical disinfectant and antiseptic products should be subjected to a specified programme of testing which will include phase 1, phase 2/step 1 and phase 2/step 2 tests, except for situations as given in points e), f) and g).
- c) "Use recommendations" may be supported by results of phase 3 tests which are appropriate to the intended field and method of application.
- d) The various phases and steps are defined as follows :
 - phase 1 suspension test for the basic activity of the product ;
 - phase 2/step 1 suspension test under conditions representative of practical use ;
 - phase 2/step 2 other laboratory tests e.g. handwash, handrub and surface tests simulating practical conditions ;
 - phase 3 field tests under practical conditions.
- e) It is accepted that for certain applications, the phase 2/step 1 and phase 2/step 2 tests may provide sufficient information for the particular application and that additional phase 1 tests may not be relevant.

For applications where phase 2/step 1 and phase 2/step 2 tests without phase 1 tests are used to support use recommendations, the justification for omitting phase 1 tests should be given. Such applications will be indicated either in the standard itself or in the additional standard which specifies guidelines for the application and interpretation of the tests.

f) It is accepted that for certain applications, the phase 2/step 1 suspension tests may provide sufficient information for the particular application and that additional phase 2/step 2 tests may not be relevant.