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This document is currently submitted to the CEN-Enquiry.

This document will supersede EN 14885:2022.

EN 14885:2022 was revised to update the information on existing standards, to include standards published since 2023 and to give more details how to use the standards for making claims. CEN/TC 216 has prepared a series of standards on chemical disinfectants and antiseptics specifying requirements and test methods. The purpose of this document is to specify the relationship of the various standards to one another and to claims and use recommendations.

To allow for different requirements in different areas of application, separate tests and pass criteria have been or will be prepared for each of the following three areas of application: medical, veterinary, and a group comprising food, industrial, domestic and institutional areas.

This document only refers to test methods which are currently included in the work programme of CEN/TC 216 and which are described in Clause 2. It is likely that additional standards which relate to specific situations will be produced at a later time.

This document was revised to adapt it to the latest state of CEN/TC 216, to correct errors and ambiguities. The following is a list of significant changes since the last edition:

- Harmonization of the standard: introduction changed accordingly and clarification was added with the scope that medical devices are encompassed by the standards of WG 1;
- Normative references (2) updated, the standards revised after the last revision of EN 14885 are signposted;
- Definition for biocidal products added;
- Addition of testing in compliance with EN ISO/IEC 17025 (new 6.2);
- Further aspects for phase 3 tests added;
- New Annex G “Translation of definitions (claims)”;
- New Annex ZA Relationship between this European standard and the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 aimed to be covered”

The changes mentioned above have no impact on the use of test results obtained with reference to the former version of EN 14885 if a standard has not been revised in the meantime. Those results are still valid. If there is a new edition in Clause 2 cited (standard revised) refer to the information in Clause 8.

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For the relationship with EU Legislation, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document

Introduction

This document specifies the laboratory methods to be used for testing the activity of products, i.e. chemical disinfectants (including those considered as medical devices) and antiseptics in order to support claims that they have specific properties appropriate to their intended application. These laboratory methods may also be used for active substances and products under development. This document is not intended to represent disinfection policy guidelines, i.e. guidelines for choosing and assessing the suitability of products for particular situations.

The CEN standards relate to only a limited range of microbial species. These have been chosen as representative species taking into account their relative resistance and their relevance to practical use. The handling properties and the microbiological safety have also been considered in choosing the test organisms.

The test methods in this document are based on the current scientific state of the art. It is recognized that at the present time there is only limited knowledge regarding the relationship between the activity of products as determined by suspension as compared with surface tests, and the relevance of the results of both tests to conditions of use.

Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics need to always be used responsibly. This needs to take into account the environmental impact of inappropriate product in-use concentrations (too high or too low) and of unnecessary use.

This document is continuously updated as the standards it refers to are advanced and evolve. To simplify the update process, dated references are included in Clause 2, but not throughout the document. Users should refer to Clause 2 to identify the date of the referenced standard.

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