Rules of Procedure of the VAH Disinfectants Commission

As of 26 September 2025

The Disinfectants Commission has drawn up the following Rules of Procedure in accordance with Section 7 of the Statutes of the Association for Applied Hygiene (VAH). The Rules of Procedure have been approved by the VAH Executive Board.

The work of the Disinfectants Commission is exclusively dedicated to public health protection. In particular, it aims to ensure that only disinfectants and disinfection processes that have been tested according to published, standardised test methods and which have proven effectiveness for the respective area of application are used in the healthcare sector and other hygiene-sensitive areas. Possible adverse effects on humans and the environment resulting from application (e.g., underdosing, overdosing) are taken into account.

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The following Sections refer to the certification process and are the authorized English translation of the current Rules of Procedures published in German.

III. Code of practice for assessment and certification

III Art. 1 Certifiable disinfection procedures

The VAH (German Association for Applied Hygiene) certifies specific procedures and products for disinfection and hygienic handwashing as set out in Annex A.

III Art. 2 Applications for certification of a product and certificate issuance

(1) The application for certification is submitted to the head office of the Disinfectants Commission. The application forms for the various areas of use can be downloaded from the VAH website. Product certification is based on the currently valid *Requirements and Methods,* which can be accessed on the VAH website, as well as on the relevant VAH communications. These are published in the journal *Hygiene & Medizin* and on the VAH website.

The manufacturer must provide legally binding confirmation that the respective procedure or product is being lawfully marketed, e.g. as a medicinal product, biocide or medical device. Hand disinfectants that are not alcohol-based must be licensed as either a medicinal product or biocide in order to be eligible for VAH certification. By submitting the application, the applicant simultaneously agrees to the terms and conditions of the Disinfectants Commission for the certification of their product. This consent extends to the provisions contained in these Rules of Procedure and to the provisions referred to in the Rules of Procedure, insofar as they are accessible to everyone. After submitting an application, the manufacturer receives confirmation, which constitutes a contract.

(2) a) The application form must include all active substances of the disinfection procedure to be certified, together with accurate details of weight and quantity (e.g. g/100 g (w/w), g/100 ml (w/v), ml/100 g (V/W), ml/100 ml (v/v)). The IUPAC nomenclature must be adhered to and the designations used for these active substances in the test report and, if applicable, the designations on the labels, must be listed. The active substances are listed in the certificate as stated on the label. The VAH List features active substances and/or active substance groups.

b) The application must state which disinfection or hygienic handwashing procedure is to be certified in accordance with Annex A.

c) Along with the application form, the applicant must send all information related to the product (labels, product information, safety data sheets) to the VAH head office. If the above-mentioned information states different contact times or recommended uses from those confirmed by the VAH, a clear distinction from the VAH certification must be ensured.

d) The application must also include the following parameters, together with their range as specified by the manufacturer: pH value 100 % (this does not apply to alcohol-based products with a content > 60 %), pH value 1 % in distilled water, refractive index, density.

e) The application form asks whether the product is being marketed as a biocide, medicinal product or medical device.

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(3) A prerequisite for certification of a product is the submission of two separate, comprehensive expert opinions together with the corresponding test reports on efficacy testing of the product in accordance with the *Requirements for Inclusion of Chemical Disinfectants in the VAH List of Disinfectants*. Exceptions shall be decided upon by the Disinfectants Commission. The two expert opinions submitted, including the associated test reports, undergo an assessment procedure and are reviewed by the Disinfectants Commission. If additional test results on the product to be certified are available to the Disinfectants Commission, these are also evaluated. If the name of a product to be certified differs from that noted in the original expert opinion submitted to the Disinfectant Commission (rebranded products), the provisions set out in III Art. 3 (4) apply.

(4) After the assessment procedure has been successfully concluded by the Disinfectants Commission, a certificate valid for three years is issued. An application for renewal of the certificate can be filed even before validity has expired. If the requirements (see para. 1) have changed in the meantime and are relevant for the results, the necessary follow-up assessments have to be presented unless otherwise stated in transitional provisions. If new

expert opinions and corresponding test reports are available, they must be submitted to the Disinfectants Commission.

(5) The applicant declares on oath that the products placed on the market are identical to the product samples provided to the experts for efficacy testing and are suitable for placement on the market. In this regard, the applicant grants the Disinfectants Commission permission to conduct chemical analysis of their product to verify the type and quantity of active substances as well as microbiological efficacy testing in accordance with the *Requirements for Inclusion of Chemical Disinfectants in the List of Disinfectants* at any time – even after the certificate has been issued. The head office may perform these tests itself or commission a suitable laboratory to that effect. To check the active substances, the applicant must upon request provide the Disinfectants Commission with details of the analytical methods, or at least of the methods which the manufacturer actually used for quality control in the manufacturing process (in-process and batch control).

(6) The applicant or certificate holder undertakes to notify the Disinfectants Commission of any change in the composition of their certified product before placing the altered product on the market. This applies not only to changes in the active substances, but also to changes in all other substances contained in the product.

a) If **active substances** are changed in quantity or type, a new assessment, with two comprehensive, new test reports and expert opinions, is required. For chlorine-releasing agents, higher concentrations may be provided in the container to compensate for potential chlorine depletion. In this case, the concentration range must be stated along with the demonstrated minimum concentration.
b) If additives are changed – in a quantity of more than 2 percent of weight in relation to the originally certified total product, the certificate holder must demonstrate the equivalence of the old and new formulation by submitting two test reports from independent test laboratories. If the new formulation proves to be less effective than the original formulation, equivalence may still be assured and can be demonstrated by carrying out tests that define the limits of the application recommendation (simulated-use test or suspension test). In all cases, the suitability of the neutralization agents must be demonstrated. The scope of retesting required shall be determined by the members of the Disinfectants Commission.
c) If one or more additives are changed – in a quantity of less than 2 percent of weight in relation to the originally certified entire product – comparative (old/new) quantitative suspension tests performed by one test laboratory must be presented. These

suspension tests must be performed with the same stock. Testing the test organism that proved to be the most resistant in the quantitative suspension test used for one of the original expert opinions/test reports suffices. If different (more than one) test organisms proved to be the most resistant in the original test reports, all must be tested. Testing shall be performed at a mean contact time and with concentrations that yield countable values, i.e. not 0 cfu or > 330 cfu. Upon request to the Disinfectants Commission, these tests may also be carried out in a laboratory belonging to the applicant which has appropriate quality assurance measures in place. This shall be decided by the members of the Disinfectants Commission. The Disinfectants Commission can demand additional tests.

In cases a) and b) the altered product must not be marketed while referencing certification until testing is complete. The batch numbers for the old formulation whose expiry date has not yet been reached must be declared. If in cases b) or c) the Disinfectants Commission still has scientifically justified doubts about the equivalence of the efficacy of the old and new formulations despite the tests carried out, it is entitled to make a case-by-case decision, including demanding a new assessment.

(7) The certificate holder undertakes, upon notification of changes to a certificate, or withdrawal of a certificate, to refrain from using the original certificate from the time of notification and to refrain from making any reference to it. In the event of changes to the certificate, appropriate deadlines shall be set for the use of products already delivered. If there are major doubts about efficacy, the manufacturer commits to recalling the products supplied if they reference the (original) certification.

(8) The Disinfectants Commission publishes, in collaboration with the German Society for Hygiene and Microbiology (DGHM), German Society for General and Hospital Hygiene (DGKH), German Society for Virology (GfV), German Society for Hygiene, Environmental Medicine and Preventive Medicine (GHUP) and the German Federal Association of Public Health Service Physicians (BVÖGD), a list of the certified products, the *VAH List of Disinfectants,* in an online portal. The list is continually updated. A print edition is also published as an option (in German). If a certificate is amended or revoked during its period of validity, the Disinfectants Commission shall announce this in an appropriate form of publication (see also III Art. 5).

(9) If a certificate holder uses a certificate in breach of the provisions of these *Rules of Procedure*, makes reference to a certificate with inappropriate factual claims, allows someone

else to make such reference or if they advertise products with a certificate in this way or in a confusing manner or allow someone else to advertise on their behalf in such a manner, the Disinfectants Commission is entitled, after a single warning has been issued without success to the certificate holder, to disclose information about this in a suitable manner. Information and publications by the Disinfectants Commission in accordance with these Rules of Procedure shall be published in specialist journals (generally, *Hygiene und Medizin* and/or on the VAH website).

(10) The Disinfectants Commission charges fees for certification of disinfectant procedures in accordance with its guidelines, as specified on the VAH website at the time an application is made.

III Art. 3 Test report and expert opinion, requirements for the test laboratory and assessor

(1) Test reports must present the results of all tests in tabular form. Details are given for the respective test methods (see VAH website). There is no need to provide a detailed description of the methodology if testing was performed without any deviation from these VAH standard methods or from a corresponding valid European standard. However, the reasons for any deviation from these methods must be explained and justified.
For each test method, the test report must reference one of the standard methods or normative standards, including the date of publication. Each test series must include an evaluation of the results, documenting how well the efficacy requirements were met.

(2) Test reports must include at least the following details:

- Name and address of the test laboratory,
- Product name as stated on the original retail packaging or a test sample designation than can be traced back to the applicant,
- Applicant,
- Date of application/receipt of samples,
- Test period,
- Batch number and/or date of manufacture, if applicable expiry date,
- Description of the product, e.g. liquid, gel, powder or foam, colour, appearance, odour,
    - For gels, give details of homogenization
    - For foams, indicate whether tested as liquid or foam
        - If tested as foam, indicate the methodology used,

- pH values of the concentrate as well as of a 1% product solution in distilled water, density and refractive index,
- Type and quantity of active substances in accordance with the information provided by the manufacturer in line with the legally binding stipulations,
- For chlorine-releasing compounds:
    - Redox potential, free chlorine content, chlorine content at the start and end of test period
- For ready-to-use wipes and pre-wetted (impregnation) wipe systems:
    - Indicate wipe specifications (composition with % values, wipe size, weight per unit area/grammage and impregnation volume per wipe).

(3) For retesting following changes to the formulation (see III Art. 2 (6)), the test report must specify which test series was used for the new product.

(4) If expert opinions are reassigned to other product names with an identical formulation, this must be notified by the applicant stating the name of the original product. The original test reports must be submitted; they do not need to be rewritten. The corresponding expert opinion must clearly reference these test reports.

Test reports produced by accredited laboratories recognized by the VAH (VAH approved) may be evaluated by another expert also recognized by the VAH. This applies in particular to the reassignment of a product under another product name.

(5) The expert opinion must include the expert's personal letterhead and must be signed by the expert. The expert opinion must clearly state the name of the product, the reference to the test report and the recommended use specifications, including the field of application and the effective concentration-time relations, with due consideration of scientific and practice-based evidence. The assessors and test laboratories must not have any legal, economic, organizational or other close relationship with either the applicant or the other assessor or their test laboratory. If there is uncertainty about this, the Disinfectants Commission can ask the respective assessor or test laboratory to clarify this. If the clarification statement is not submitted within the specified deadline, or if ambiguities still remain despite the submission of a statement, the Disinfectants Commission is entitled to reject the expert in question as not being independent of the other expert. This also applies for the test laboratories.

(6) The expert compiles the expert opinion while referencing the corresponding test reports. The expert may also commission a test laboratory to conduct testing and/or compile the test

reports. The expert must be able to influence the quality assurance measures of this laboratory to ensure the tests are always performed in accordance with the state of the art in science and technology.

(7) Each test laboratory must be accredited in accordance with EN 17025 or comparable quality assurance systems for the test methods used in certification procedures and must undergo regular quality control initiated by the Disinfectants Commission by participating in interlaboratory comparative testing. Interlaboratory tests offered by other interlaboratory test providers are recognised if the interlaboratory tests were conducted in accordance with the aforementioned European standards. Participation in such interlaboratory tests at two-year intervals suffices. It must also be ensured that representatives of the Disinfectants Commission have access to the test laboratory and have a right to inspect the laboratory facilities and laboratory protocols of relevance to the Disinfectants Commission.

(8) The assessor must have the following profile:
The assessor must have professional experience in disinfectant testing as an expert and be familiar with the use of disinfectants. Graduates with a university degree in medicine or related life sciences degree and who have at least two years of experience in disinfectant testing are suitable candidates for the role of expert assessor.
A list of accredited assessors who compile expert opinions in accordance with the requirements for certification of chemical disinfection procedures by the VAH can be found on the VAH website.

III Art. 4 Implementation of the assessment procedure

The suitability of a disinfection procedure is judged on the basis of the application submitted by the applicant and the expert opinions presented.

The application is processed in accordance with the steps described below:

(1) Receipt

Upon receipt of the application documents, the head office will assign a reference number. This reference number is an annual consecutive number (*e.g. N25/001 denotes the first application in 2025).*

A file (electronic or hardcopy) is opened by the head office for each application with all relevant documents, including the expert opinions and test reports. Details are also recorded in a database.

(2) Forwarding

After a formal check by the head office of the application and enclosed documents for accuracy and completeness, and request for any missing documents or details and their receipt, the case file is forwarded to the case handler in charge for the respective area.

For new applications, the case handler must appoint two independent members of the Disinfectants Commission as reviewers to conduct the assessment procedure. Guests of the Disinfectants Commission may upon request and after confirmation by the Disinfectants Commission also be appointed as reviewers. For new applications based on the reassignment of an already certified product or for the renewal of certificates, assessment is performed by one reviewer only. However, two reviewers are required if renewals involve changes in the concentrations or contact times or changes in accordance with III Art. 2 (6) a) or c) changes in the test methods and requirements.

The reimbursement of expenses for reviewers shall be determined by the VAH Executive Board on the recommendation of the Disinfectants Commission.

(3) Confirmation of receipt to applicant

At the same time as the case file is forwarded to the case handler, the applicant is sent a confirmation of receipt (see III Art. 2 (1) last sentence) together with an invoice for an administration fee, which will be credited if a certificate is issued.

(4) Administrative case handling and review

The case handler is allotted six weeks for administrative processing of the application.

The case handler forwards the relevant documents to a reviewer of their choice, together with a form for compilation of the case review report and an application for reimbursement of expenses. Only a person who did not participate in preparing the expert opinion or the test report may be selected as reviewer. Furthermore, the case handler should not always select

the same reviewers for the assessment procedure. The members of Disinfectants Commission should be appointed – as far as possible – in an order to be defined beforehand.

After the file is returned within six weeks and the case handler has checked the reviewer's report, the head office is informed whether any deficiencies were noticed by the reviewer or if certification can be recommended. At the same time, the last page of the reviewer's report as well as the application for reimbursement of expenses, filled in by the reviewer and confirmed by the case handler, are forwarded to the head office.

If no deficiencies are detected, certification may also be handled by email in a written procedure. This means that the head office sends the case file together with all essential information to all Disinfectants Commission members who are asked for their consent to certification within a 14-day objection period. If no objection is received within the objection period, certification is deemed to have been accepted. Should an objection be received, a vote must be taken at a meeting of the Disinfectants Commission. In the meantime, through consultation between the case handler, reviewer and, if necessary, the applicant, attempts can be made to rectify the deficiencies.

(5) Deficiencies in the expert opinions

The case handlers notify the head office about any deficiencies or questions in the expert opinion or the test reports. If these are formal deficiencies, applicants are requested to correct them. If these are questions raised about efficacy in the various tests, the Disinfectants Commission shall determine, preferably at a meeting, the scope of retesting required.

(6) Decision on certificate issuance

Applications are presented to the Disinfectants Commission members, together with the relevant data, at a Disinfectants Commission meeting or using a written procedure (see para. 4). A decision is taken in accordance with I Art. 11. Disinfectants Commission members who participated in compilation of the expert opinions/test reports submitted are excluded from voting. If the application is rejected, the Disinfectants Commission shall decide what additional information is required in order to demonstrate efficacy in compliance with the requirements and permit a positive decision to be taken on the application. If there are no objections, the certificate is issued with a validity of three years.

(7) Certificate issuance

If agreement has been reached by the Disinfectants Commission, a certificate is issued and must be signed by the chairperson of the Disinfectants Commission or, on their behalf, by the deputy chairperson or secretary after consultation with the deputy chairperson.

The case handler receives a copy of the certificate issued or is informed about the decision taken on the application if the applicant does not wish to receive a certificate or does not wish to be entered into the VAH List.

(8) Invoicing

The head office or the authorized accounting centre sends an invoice to the applicant (based on the published fee rates).

(9) Legally binding confirmation, approval for publication

After receiving the fee, the certificate together with a legally binding confirmation of the identity of the product and approval for publication (online and, as applicable, hardcopy) is sent to the applicant (see Annex D and Annex E).

Both documents must be signed and returned to the head office.

With approval for publication, the applicant consents to the product being published in the VAH List (online, digital and print).

III Art. 5 Testing certified products that are on the market

(1) The head office will routinely conduct, or have conducted, random tests on samples of products that are already on the market. The date of testing must not be disclosed to the certificate holder in advance. The head office can carry out testing itself or commission a suitable test laboratory to do so. The following parameters must be tested: pH 100%, pH 1% in distilled water, refractive index, and density. In addition, the active substance content can be tested with the methods used by the manufacturer (see III Art. 2 (5)). If there are deviations, the applicant shall be approached for a comment. Regardless of any deviations, the Disinfectants Commission shall then decide whether microbiological retesting is necessary,

whereby in particular the results of the test used in the test report for the recommended concentration/time values, including neutralisation, should be tested. The test results are submitted to the Disinfectants Commission together with an evaluation report. If, in the event of a negative retesting result, the Disinfectants Commission agrees with the evaluation report, the head office shall inform the certificate holder of the result and initiate remedial measures that may result in the withdrawal of the certificate.

(2) Anyone is entitled to have the efficacy of a product tested and to commission the head office to that effect. If the applicant provided a security deposit for issuance of a certificate to the amount of five times the fee for a new application, the head office will buy a sample of the respective product on the market. Depending on the assignment, it will initiate chemical analysis or microbiological testing of the product by an assessor and test laboratory from the list of accredited assessors with test laboratory, who will be selected by drawing lots. The scope of testing shall be determined by the applicant in consultation with the head office. In all cases, the product name must be encoded by the head office so that the assessor and test laboratory cannot identify the name of the product or of the certificate holder. The expert opinion and test report are sent to the head office.

(3) The costs of testing in accordance with (1) are borne by the Disinfectants Commission, the costs in accordance with (2), including the reimbursement of administrative processing/review expenditure, are borne by the applicant. The security deposit provided by the latter is offset against this. However, the certificate holder bears the costs if the tests show that

a) the composition of the product has been changed, but the certificate holder - contrary to the regulations - did not report this change, or
b) the values entered in the certificate have to be increased or the contact times extended. In this case, the head office sends the – previously anonymized – results to the Disinfectants Commission for an opinion without disclosing the name of the certificate holder or the product name. The Disinfectants Commission shall make a decision within a period of six weeks.

The certificate holder will also bear any costs incurred for notification of this by the Disinfectants Commission in a specialist journal (e.g. *Hygiene und Medizin*).

If the certificate holder can prove that the composition has not been changed and that, notwithstanding this, the situation outlined in b) arose, they will be given an opportunity for "rectification".

(4) The applicant referred to in (2) shall be informed of the test outcome — in the case of paragraphs 3 a) and b) — after the certificate holder has commented.

III Art. 6 Withdrawal of the certificate, suspension

(1) In the event of the cases as per III Art. 5 (3) a) and b), the Disinfectants Commission shall withdraw the certificate and after payment of the fee (see Annex B) may issue a revised certificate.

(2) If there are important reasons for doing so, the Disinfectants Commission can also deny the suitability of unchanged products and withdraw the certificate. Such important reasons include, for example, the applicant's failure to confirm the marketability of the product or the emergence of new scientific findings which indicate that the previously assumed efficacy is no longer assured or is insufficient, or that the test methods used to date are inadequate. The certificate holder and the VAH Executive Board must be informed of this.

(3) The Disinfectants Commission can withdraw the certificate awarded for a disinfection procedure, if the certificate holder uses the certificate in a manner that is contrary to the agreement concluded between the Disinfectants Commission and the respective certificate holder (e.g. if they make claims for efficacy spectrums or concentrations and times that are not listed in the VAH certificate) and if they do not refrain from doing so despite receiving a warning. The certificate holder and the VAH Executive Board must be informed of this. Subject to the conditions set out in Annex F, companies are permitted to advertise products with the VAH logo. This logo is made available by the VAH. Adherence to the stated conditions must be confirmed by the company in writing. In the event of non-adherence to the conditions for using the VAH logo, the VAH shall issue a warning. After a single warning has been issued without success, the Disinfectants Commission may publish this information on the VAH website in accordance with III Art. 2 (8). The VAH reserves the right to assert further claims in the event of unlawful use of the VAH logo or unlawful advertising.

(4) If the name of the disinfection procedure/disinfectant changes, but the basis for assessment remains the same, the Disinfectants Commission must, upon request and after receipt of the processing fee, issue a new certificate with the changed name based on the rewritten expert opinion.

(5) If retesting in accordance with III Art. 5 raises doubts about the efficacy of a group of similar disinfectants in a specific spectrum of activity, possibly in relation to specific contact times or concentrations, the Disinfectants Commission is entitled to suspend the respective certificates for a limited period and to provide information about the test results and suspension in an appropriate manner.

Annex A – F

Annex A

Certifiable Disinfection and Hygienic Handwashing Products/Procedures
Details of the disinfection and hygienic handwashing procedures for which a certification application may be made can be found in the currently valid *Requirements and Methods for VAH Certification of Chemical Disinfection Procedures*, which are published on the VAH website.

Annex B

Fees for Certificate Issuance
The fees for certification of chemical disinfection and handwashing procedures can be found in the currently valid version of the fee schedule, which is published on the VAH website.

Annex C

Application Forms for Certification of Disinfection or Handwashing Procedures
The currently valid application forms for certifiable disinfection and hygienic handwashing procedures can be downloaded from the VAH website.

Annex D

(is sent by head office to the applicant)
Example Company
Example Street 1
12345 Example City

To the
VAH Disinfectants Commission
c/o Institut for Hygiene and Öffentliche Gesundheit
Venusberg-Campus 1, Gebäude 63
53127 Bonn
Germany

LEGALLY BINDING CONFIRMATION

Product/procedure:	**«Präparat»**
Reference No.:	**«Aktenzeichen»**
Section:	**«Sparte»**

We hereby confirm, in a legally binding manner, that the above-mentioned product/procedure is marketable and that its composition is identical to that of the samples submitted for compilation of the test reports and expert opinions.

Insofar as reference is made to certification of the product/procedure by the VAH, we undertake:

a) in the event of a change in the formulation affecting the active substance combination of the product, to no longer advertise with the old certification and to ensure that there is no confusion between the old, certified product/procedure and the new, changed product/procedure,
b) in the event of a change in the formulation affecting only the additives/excipients, to inform the VAH Disinfectants Commission about this. The VAH Disinfectants Commission can then decide whether, and to what extent, retesting of the product/procedure is required,
c) in the event of a change in the wipe specifications (material, grammage//weight per unit area, size, impregnation volume) to inform the VAH Disinfectants Commission about this. The VAH Disinfectants Commission can then decide whether, and to what extent, retesting of the product/procedure is required.
d) to formulate the reference to VAH certification of the product/procedure in such a way that it refers exclusively and unambiguously to the certified specifications/parameters of the certified product/procedure.

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Date Seal and Signature

Annex E

(is sent by head office to the applicant)
Example Company
Example Street 1
12345 Example City

To the
VAH Disinfectants Commission
c/o Institut for Hygiene and Öffentliche Gesundheit
Venusberg-Campus 1, Gebäude 63
53127 Bonn
Germany

DECLARATION OF CONSENT / PRINT APPROVAL

Product/procedure: _____

Reference No.: _____

Area of application: _____

We hereby confirm the accuracy of the information in the certificate for the above-mentioned product valid from **XX.YY.ZZZZ** to **XX.YY.ZZZZ.**

We also consent to the entry **"Wirkstoffbasis A, Wirkstoffbasis B"** appearing in the column "Active substance base" and the individual active substance/individual active substances **"Wirkstoff 1, Wirkstoff 2"** appearing in the VAH List of Disinfectants.

If specified wipe systems are certified, we consent to the wipe specifications (wipe material, weight per unit area/grammage, size and impregnation volume) being stated in the certificate and the VAH List of Disinfectants.

With this declaration, we assume full responsibility for the contents of the certificate.

The information contained in this certificate may be used for compiling the VAH List of Disinfectants. This permission to publish comprises the printed edition, the (online) PDF edition as well as publication in the database-supported online portal. Inclusion in the VAH List is undertaken by the VAH Disinfectants Commission.

We also consent to publication in the online portal of the VAH List of the email contact person: (info@musterfirma.de) given by our company to the Disinfectants Commission.

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Date Seal and Signature

Disclaimer/Liability Notice for the VAH List of Disinfectants:

The entries in the VAH List of Disinfectants, in both the print and online versions, are identical to the text of the valid VAH certificates. In the event of any deviations, reference must be made to the wording of the certificate. The respective company is responsible for information in the online portal of the VAH List on the regulatory status, website and email address. The company accepts responsibility for the data submitted to the VAH. The VAH is responsible for correct entry of this information into the online portal of the VAH List. The VAH assumes no liability for the content of linked websites/pages.

Annex F

Agreement on Advertising Products Using the VAH Logo

Subject to the conditions listed below, companies are permitted to advertise their product with the VAH logo, while specifying the spectrums of activity. The relevant logo will be provided by the VAH.

- The product(s) shall have a valid VAH certificate during the advertising period.
- The product(s) shall be advertised with the assigned VAH logo exclusively with the disinfection values certified by the VAH and for the areas of application certified by the VAH. Disinfection values and application areas shall be clearly stated in the advertisements.
- Advertising with the VAH logo or claiming that product(s) are VAH certified other than those that are actually VAH certified is not permitted. The legally binding confirmation in Annex E of the VAH Disinfectants Commission's Rules of Procedure remains unaffected.
- General advertising claims such as "this product is VAH certified" may only be made if all disinfection values included in the product description have been certified. Otherwise, the reference to the certified values must be clearly stated: VAH-certified for activity against XXX.
- The VAH logo shall not be falsified, altered, supplemented or misused.

Adherence to the stated conditions must be confirmed by the company in writing. In the event of non-adherence to the conditions for using the VAH logo, the VAH shall issue a warning or possibly withdraw the certificate. The VAH reserves the right to assert further claims in the event of unlawful use of the VAH logo or unlawful advertising.

We declare that we consent to the above terms and conditions and confirm that we will comply with them.

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Place, Date Seal, Signature