For quality assurance in prophylactic disinfection

The testing and continued quality control of disinfectant procedures by an independent commission has been established as a successful approach in Germany for more than 50 years resulting in an internationally acknowledged high standard of safe and effective disinfection. This excellent quality is assured by the Disinfectants Commission.

Start your search now:
The databased platform of VAH certified disinfectants in English and German offers important features such as
- Regularly updated data based on VAH-certification of disinfectants
- Three-step search with improved usability: quick search, advanced search, product details of 1,280 disinfectants for hands, skin, instruments, surfaces and textiles
- More filter options such as selection of pathogens activity spectrum, contact time
- Easy to use on mobile electronic devices such as smartphone and tablet
- Compilation of multiple favourites lists.

Note: This service has been available as an OPEN-ACCESS-SERVICE since 1st January 2018.

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Publications
- VAH List of Disinfectants Online (German/English)
- Requirements and Methods for VAH certification of chemical disinfection procedures (German/English)
- Questions & Answers (German)
- Recommendations for use (German)
- Insights into test methods and use specifications (German, partly with English translations)

Information as of 1st October 2018
The VAH List of Disinfectants

is an inventory of certified products for hygienic handwashing and disinfection with proven bactericidal and yeasticidal efficacy as well as additional claims for tested tuberculocidal, mycobactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal efficacy.

includes complementary information such as explanatory notes on the test methodology, information for practical application, explanations on and list of active ingredients and groups of active ingredients.

lends the possibility to select products according to microbiological, applicatory and economical aspects.

provides documented quality assurance in prophylactic disinfection.

covers the most important causative organisms of nosocomial infections.

contains only products which were tested according to the current, scientifically proven efficacy tests simulating practice conditions (phase 2/step 2).

is considered the standard reference for routine disinfection.

The VAH Disinfectants Commission

issues certificates for disinfectants with a proven efficacy in microbiological and hygienic test.

assesses conformity of disinfectants efficacy tests with the VAH methods and requirements by independent experts.

is actively involved in the development of harmonised test methods and European Standards.

regularly performs reexaminations of certified products in accredited laboratories.

organises multi-center studies for the validation and verification of test procedures and for the quality assurance of test laboratories.

provides for transparency by regularly publishing the products which have been certified as well as the test methodology.

considers the epidemiological situation of infectious diseases and the concerns of users in the continuing development of methods for efficacy testing of disinfectants.

takes the effects on humans and environment into account when applying disinfectants, e.g. by preventing overdosage and other common mistakes in disinfection.

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The Disinfectants Commission in the Association for Applied Hygiene (VAH) consists of independent experts and is exclusively dedicated to the protection of public health.

Working Groups:
- The „Working Group 4+4“ under the umbrella of the VAH Disinfectants Commission consists of 4 representatives from the industry organisations IHO and BPI and four members from the Disinfectant Commission.
- „Development and certification of virucidal activity in the VAH Disinfectant List“ with members of DVV
- „Applied Disinfection“ with representatives from medical practice.