



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.



VAH List of Disinfectants

An inventory of all certified products for prophylactic disinfection and hygienic hand-wash. Available as print edition and online with search options.

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- VAH List of Disinfectants (German/English)
- DGHM Standard Methods for Testing Disinfectants (German only)
- Catalogue of Requirements (German only)
- Questions & Answers (German only)
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RISK ANALYSES

QUALITY ASSURANCE

EXPERTISE IN DISINFECTION

TRANSLATION INTO PRACTICE

STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION

DEVELOPMENT OF TEST METHODS

LIST OF CERTIFIED DISINFECTANTS



The VAH List of Disinfectants

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

includes complementary information such as explanatory notes on the test methodology, information for practical application, product overview and index of companies, 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 10 most important causative organisms of nosocomial infections (including MRSA) with its spectra of efficacy

lists antiviral activity following a conformity assessment procedure based on the DVV/RKI Guideline

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 DGHM Standard Methods by independent experts

is actively involved in the development of harmonised test methods and 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 19 independent experts and is exclusively dedicated to the protection of public health.

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. Thus, it assures a continual exchange of professional insights between the VAH Disinfectants Commission and manufacturers of disinfectants. The Robert Koch-Institut (RKI) is represented by a guest delegate to this working group.