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Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics — Chemical-thermal textile disinfection — Test method and requirements (phase 2, step 2)

National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN 16616:2015.

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The UK committee believes that this method is limited to washer-extractors. It is also considered that some of the reduction in microbial numbers achieved in the test conditions (in which a very small proportion of the load is contaminated) may be due to redistribution of the contamination amongst the load. Hence the antimicrobial efficacy measured by this test method may be significantly higher, and therefore potentially misleading, than that obtained in practice if a greater proportion of the load is contaminated.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee CH/216, Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics.

A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

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