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European foreword

This document (EN 14885:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 216 “Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2019, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by May 2019.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CEN shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This document supersedes EN 14885:2015.

EN 14885:2015 was revised to update the information on existing standards, to include standards published since 2015 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 European Standard 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 European Standard 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:

— inclusion of new and revised standards (EN 12791, EN 13727/A2, EN 14476/A1, EN 16615 and EN 16616).

The changes mentioned above have no impact on the use of test results obtained with reference to the former version of EN 14885.

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Introduction

This document specifies the laboratory methods to be used for testing the activity of products, i.e. chemical disinfectants 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 should always be used responsibly. This should take into account the environmental impact of inappropriate product in-use concentrations (too high or too low) and of unnecessary use.