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CERTIFICATION

The Royal Institute is an independent body that has operated a Product Certification Service for almost a century. The Certification department awards Certificates of Hygienic Quality and Merit to products that it has tested to confirm their contribution to public health. A product submitted to the Royal Institute for test is assessed according to the claims that are made. Any product for which unrealistic or extravagant claims are made is rejected. However, all reasonable claims made for a product are investigated. An independent UKAS accredited laboratory undertakes testing for all chemical products submitted for certification.

One of the key benefits of the Royal Institute's Certification Service is that of annual re-testing of products. Whilst users of products will usually test their efficacy for themselves for their own specific requirements and choose on the basis of performance, most will not check again. Certification by the Royal Institute gives users added reassurance that there have been no adverse changes to product quality each year in which the product is tested.

RAPIDEX SURFACE ACTIVE CLEANER

The Royal Institute of Public Health has tested Rapidex Surface Active Cleaner and awarded its Certificate of Hygienic Quality and Merit annually since 1984.

Rapidex is a surface active cleaner intended for use predominantly with surgical and laboratory instruments. The surfactants it contains effectively remove dried organic matter (which may include oils, fats, blood and tissue) from surfaces so that disinfection or sterilisation will be effective. Annual tests confirm that the levels of anionic surfactant and phosphates remain the same as in the original formulation. The relatively high pH of a Rapidex solution can, along with some of the active components, at the correct concentration, temperature and duration, provide effective removal of pathogenic bacteria and viruses along with the organic soil. Although no biocidal claims are made for the product, we have shown that it will also exhibit a reasonable kill rate for microorganisms, although subsequent disinfection or sterilisation will still be required.

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