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Foreword

This document (EN 1499:2013) 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2013, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 2013.

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

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This document was revised to adapt it to the latest state of science, to correct errors and ambiguities, to harmonise the structure and wording with other tests of CEN/TC 216 existing or in preparation, and to improve the readability of the standard and thereby make it more understandable.

The following technical changes have been made:

- Neutralization (5.5.1.2).
- The procedure (Annex A).
- The annexes have been completely revised.

Data obtained using the former version of EN 1499 may still be used, if it is supplemented by data on neutralization. If the neutralizer used in the test using the former version is not sufficiently neutralizing, a complete new test will be run. The changed procedure in Annex A is regarded as having no (or negligible) influence on the results.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a test method simulating practical conditions for establishing whether a product for hygienic handwash reduces the release of transient microbial flora on hands when used to wash the artificially contaminated hands of volunteers.

NOTE 1 Attention is drawn to the fact that tests on human volunteers are the subject of legal provisions in certain European countries/regions.

This European Standard applies to products for hygienic handwash for use in areas and situations where disinfection is medically indicated. Such indications occur in patient care, for example:

- in hospitals, in community medical facilities and in dental institutions,
- in clinics of schools, of kindergartens and of nursing homes;

and may occur in the workplace and in the home. It may also include services such as laundries and kitchens supplying products directly for the patient.

EN 14885 specifies in detail the relationship of the various tests to one another and to "use recommendations".

NOTE 2 This method corresponds to a phase 2, step 2 test.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 12353, *Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics — Preservation of test organisms used for the determination of bactericidal (including Legionella), mycobactericidal, sporicidal, fungicidal and virucidal (including bacteriophages) activity*

EN 14885, *Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics — Application of European Standards for chemical disinfectants and antiseptics*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 14885 apply.

4 Requirements

When tested in accordance with Clause 5, the mean reduction of the release of the test organism *Escherichia coli* K12 achieved by the hygienic handwash with the product under test shall be larger than that achieved by a specified reference hygienic handwash (unmedicated liquid soap).