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without mechanical action (phase 2, step 2)**

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European foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous version EN 13697:2015+A1:2019 amending edition EN 13697:2015 are listed below:

- the inoculum under clean conditions for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Candida albicans* has been reduced to the previous level as in EN 13697:2015;
- a more exact monitoring of the drying process has been included as Annex F (informative) in order to support achieving sufficient levels of surviving cells for valid results;
- inclusion of yeasticidal activity in the title of the document;
- clarification that 1 % reconstituted milk can be used as sole soiling in dairy industry (no need to test BSA);
- the designation of variables *N_d*, *N_c*, *N_C* and *N_T* have been renamed to *N_a*, *A*, *B* and *C* for harmonization with other CEN TC 216 standards;
- clarification of the counting procedure in 5.5.3;
- correction of the Formulae (2) and (3) in 5.5.3;
- correction of the calculation error for counts 0/0, resulting now in “lg = 0,7”;
- *Listeria monocytogenes* has been included as additional test organism;
- several editorial corrections and clarifications have been made.

The following changes in version EN 13697:2015+A1:2019 amending edition EN 13697:2015 were maintained:

- deletion of obligatory and additional conditions (see Table 1 and 5.5.1);
- update of Bovine albumin and skimmed milk solutions preparations (see 5.2.2.8.2 and 5.2.2.8.3 respectively);
- add of instruction for using vacuum desiccator;
- clarification to the determination of microbicidal concentrations by updating 5.5.2.1 b) and adding pictures of carriers.

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Data obtained from EN 13697:2015 and from EN 13697:2015+A1:2019 are still valid. Data obtained from EN 13697:2001 are still valid with the exception of *Aspergillus brasiliensis* (due to modified spore preparation).

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Introduction

This document describes a surface test method for establishing whether a product proposed as a disinfectant in the fields described in Clause 1 has or does not have bactericidal and yeasticidal and/or fungicidal activity on non-porous surfaces.

This document has been revised in order to modify the test parameters under “clean conditions” adopted for *P. aeruginosa* and *C. albicans*; in order to harmonize the designation of test variables *N*, *B*, *C*, *A*, *Na* with the other recent CEN TC 216 standards and to clarify and/or correct details in colony counting and calculation.

The laboratory test closely simulates practical conditions of application. Chosen conditions (contact time, temperature, organisms on surfaces...) reflect parameters which are found in practical situations including conditions which can influence the action of disinfectants. Each use concentration found from this test corresponds to specified experimental conditions.

The conditions are intended to cover general purposes and to allow reference between laboratories and product types.

However, for some applications the recommendations of use of a product can differ and therefore additional test conditions need to be used.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a test method (phase 2/step 2) and the minimum requirements for bactericidal and yeasticidal and/or fungicidal activity of chemical disinfectants that form a homogeneous physically stable preparation in hard water or – in the case of ready-to-use products – with water in food, industrial, domestic and institutional areas, excluding areas and situations where disinfection is medically indicated and excluding products used on living tissues.

This document applies to products that are used for disinfecting non-porous surfaces without mechanical action.

This document is applicable at least to the following:

- a) processing, distribution and retailing of:
 - 1) food of animal origin:
 - i) milk and milk products;
 - ii) meat and meat products;
 - iii) fish, seafood and products;
 - iv) eggs and egg products;
 - v) animal feeds;
 - vi) etc.
 - 2) food of vegetable origin:
 - i) beverages;
 - ii) fruits, vegetables and derivatives (including distilleries and sugar refineries);
 - iii) flour, milling and baking;
 - iv) animal feeds;
 - v) etc.
- b) institutional and domestic areas:
 - 1) catering establishments;
 - 2) public areas;
 - 3) public transports;
 - 4) schools;
 - 5) nurseries;
 - 6) shops;
 - 7) sports rooms;