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## EN 14476:2013+A2:2019 (E)

## European foreword

This document (EN 14476:2013+A2:2019) 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 <sup>A2</sup> January 2020 <sup>A2</sup> and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by <sup>A2</sup> January 2020 <sup>A2</sup>.

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The 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 existing tests of CEN/TC 216 or in preparation and to improve the readability of the standard and thereby make it more understandable. The following list is a list of significant technical changes since the last edition:

- The scope was expanded for the following fields of application within the medical area, i.e. products for textile disinfection.
- “Obligatory test conditions” were replaced by “minimum test conditions” (test temperatures and contact times can be chosen within limits) that have to be performed to pass the test.
- An additional modified method is described to test ready-to-use products in a higher concentration than 80 %, i.e. 97 %;

<sup>A1</sup>

- For the hygienic handrub and handwash method a test for virucidal activity against enveloped viruses with *Vacciniavirus* was added.
- The relationship between this European Standard and the MDD was added (Foreword and Annex ZA).
- The value of  $v_n$  in C.1 was corrected (0,001 instead of 0,0001). <sup>A1</sup>



- Ⓐ<sub>2</sub> • For the surface disinfection a test for virucidal activity against enveloped viruses with vaccinia virus was added and a test for limited spectrum virucidal activity with adenovirus and murine norovirus was added;
- The spelling of Vaccinavirus is corrected to vaccinia virus (Table 1);
  - The limited spectrum virucidal activity will cover norovirus, rotavirus and adenovirus;
  - The vaccinia virus strain Elstree was added as alternative strain [5.2.1c)1)], [5.5.1.1.e)];
  - For dirty conditions (5.2.2.8.3) the resuspension shall be done in PBS and not in water (editorial change reflecting the actual practice);
  - the dilution in ice-cold medium for the control of efficiency of suppression of products activity (5.5.5.1) was clarified;
  - addition of the large-volume-plating method (5.5.4.3, B.3) Ⓐ<sub>2</sub>

Ⓐ<sub>2</sub> The changes mentioned above have no impact on the test results obtained with reference to the previous version. Those results are still valid. Ⓐ<sub>2</sub>

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## **Introduction**

This document specifies a suspension test for establishing whether a chemical disinfectant or an antiseptic has a virucidal activity in the area and fields described in the scope.

This laboratory test takes into account practical conditions of application of the product including contact time, temperature, test organisms and interfering substances, i.e. conditions which may influence its action in practical situations. Each utilisation concentration of the chemical disinfectant or antiseptic found by this test corresponds to the chosen experimental conditions.

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