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Antimicrobial Assessment of Six Nitrile Sponge Rubber Mat Samples

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Six nitrile sponge rubber mat samples, treated with Ultra-Fresh DW-30 and Ultra-Fresh DM-25, 014. At Thomson Research Associates Inc., the samples were tested for antimicrobial activity using a quantitative test method.

PROCEDURE

Quantitative Antibacterial Assessment:

ISO 22196:2011 was used to quantitatively test the specimen for antibacterial activity. In brief:

1. The sample was placed into a container with a lid.
2. A 0.3 mL inoculum of *Listeria monocytogenes* (ATCC #7644) was placed, in microdroplets, on the surface of the samples. Sterile films were placed over the inoculum to encourage good contact.
3. The specimen was incubated 24 hours at 37C.
4. 20 mL of Lethen broth was added to the container and shook. The liquid was plated using dilution techniques.
5. The "Value of Antimicrobial Activity" was carried out using the formula

$$R = [\log (B/C)]$$

Where:

R= value of antimicrobial activity

B = Average of the number of viable cells of bacteria on the untreated test piece after 24 hours

C = Average of the number of viable cells of bacteria on the antimicrobial test piece after 24 hours.

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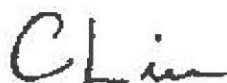
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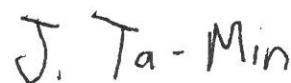
RESULTS

Quantitative Assessment of Activity - ISO 22196:2011					
<i>L. monocytogenes</i>					
Concentration of starting inoculum			3.74 x 10 ⁵		
Sample Description	No. Bacteria Recovered	Log Value	R = [log(B/C)]	% Reduction	
Anti-fatigue Matting / Nitrile Sponge Rubber					
1	MM-463 AM-A, Unwashed	<2.00 x 10 ¹	<1.3	>4.2	>99.9%
2	MM-463 AM-B, Unwashed	4.10 x 10 ¹	1.6	3.9	>99.9%
3	MM-463 AM-C, Unwashed	3.81 x 10 ¹	1.6	3.9	>99.9%
4	MM-463 AM-A, Washed 50X	2.95 x 10 ¹	1.5	4.0	>99.9%
5	MM-463 AM-B, Washed 50X	3.77 x 10 ¹	1.6	3.9	>99.9%
6	MM-463 AM-C, Washed 50X	<2.00 x 10 ¹	<1.3	>4.2	>99.9%
Inoculum Control		3.19 x 10 ⁵	5.5	---	---

Note: Samples were washed by the customer.

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