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Manufacturers of floor coverings or the applied seals or coatings must provide **information on cleaning and disinfection measures** and the products to be used, especially if these are installed or used in medical areas.

- **Product names do not have to be mentioned**; information such as "all aqueous products listed by the VAH" or "surface disinfectants with a pH value of up to 10" can also be given or suitable or unsuitable groups of active ingredients can also be named, etc.
- **We are not aware of any fundamental restrictions on the use of our surface disinfectants** on the floor materials rubber, PVC, linoleum or vinyl.
- **Discolorations or adhesive effects** that occur are usually caused by non-disinfectant-resistant seals or inadequate cleaning measures.
- **Regular cleaning must be carried out to remove the residues**, especially when using **products based on quaternary ammonium compounds** which are not volatile, but stay on surfaces.
- **The cleaning intervals** must be determined depending on the selected application concentrations and the frequency of disinfection (recommendation: at least 1 time a week).
- **Cleaning should be carried out with a neutral cleaner**: apply with cold water (up to 25 °C) according to the manufacturer's instructions, apply to the floor, observe the exposure time and **soak up the dissolved substances and moisture with a dry or wrung-out cloth**.
- **Without regular cleaning**, there is a risk that disinfectant agents will build up on the surfaces and over time form a **solid bond with dirt and dust which is almost impossible to remove**.
- When **changing surface disinfectants**, cleaning with a neutral cleaner as described above is also necessary in order to prevent interactions between different disinfectant agents.