

SKW Information Letter

Odour deviations for hand and surfaces disinfectants

We were asked why there are often odour deviations in hand and surfaces disinfectants that do not meet the expectations of the customer.

The SKW can provide information on this as follows:

- There are currently considerable supply bottlenecks for ethanol due to the extraordinary situation in connection with COVID-19; the topic has already been taken up in the media.
- The natural alcohol (ethanol) for these products is obtained from various vegetable raw materials (e.g. grain, grape marc, sugar cane, etc.). During the Corona crisis, additional sources of supply had to be developed (distilleries, breweries, etc.).
- Depending on the source of supply, noticeable but unavoidable odour deviations in the product can occur, which are unfamiliar to the end consumer but do not provide any indication of the quality of the ethanol used.
- For manufacturers of hand and surfaces disinfectants there are clear legal regulations to ensure the effectiveness of such products.

We are at your disposal for questions.

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