



WIS 4-02-06 'Fine to Flush'

Protocol for limited testing/variations of products

This protocol sets out the approach that WRc will take when considering the testing needed to confirm whether variations of Approved Products, ie, those which have been granted a Fine to Flush certificate, can also become Approved Products.

In this document:

parent product means an approved product in respect of which a Manufacturer Generic Certificate or other Fine to Flush Certificate has been issued.

variant product means a product similar to a parent product which is submitted for testing.

substrate material means fibrous material forming the solid part of the wipe

lotion means a colloidal liquid added to the substrate material which can include a fragrance.

1 Full testing required

Unless otherwise stated the default is that the full suite of seven tests are carried out, as detailed in WIS 4-02-06.

2 Variant testing

General

Where a product is presented for certification that is declared to have been produced using a substrate material that holds a current Manufacturer Generic Certificate or other Fine to Flush Certificate, and with the certificate holder's permission, the opportunity may exist to reduce the extent of testing required on this variant product, subject to the conditions stated below.

This approach can apply irrespective of whether the snagging test was required with the parent product.

2.1 Substrate variations

If the fibre type or ratio, the method of production are different to the parent product or if there are any changes to the additives or formulation (other than a change to the lotion (see 2.2)), the full suite of tests in WIS 4-02-06 must be carried out.

2.2 Lotion variation

Where there is any variation in lotion, , between the parent product and variant product, then the variant product will only be required to pass the tests as specified below. These tests are:

- a) the *Disintegration in the Drainline* test in accordance with Appendix C of WIS 4-02-06;
- b) where the results of the *Disintegration in the Drainline* test is more than 10% less than the result for the same test on the parent product, the *Disintegration in the Sewer System* test shall also be carried out in accordance with Appendix E of WIS 4-02-06;
- c) where the results of either the tests in a) or b) above indicate that the *Snagging in the Drainline* test is required, the *Snagging in the Drainline* test in accordance with Appendix D of WIS 4-02-06 shall also be carried out.

2.3 Size variation

If the only difference is the product size, no further testing is required.

2.4 Identical products with different branding

Where a product is identical to an approved product in all respects with the identical substrate material and the identical lotion, whether or not it is the same size (see 2.3), but sold under a different brand name, a drainline disintegration test will be carried out to confirm that the product is the same.

The intended use of the product must still be in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of WIS 4-02-06.