

## National Health and Family Planning Commission News Update

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### NHFPC Proposed the Field Monitoring Standard Draft for Disinfection Products

The National Center for Health Inspection and Supervision of NHFPC recently issued *Methods of Field Monitoring for Disinfection Products* for public comments.

This is the first field monitoring standard for disinfection products I and disinfection products II<sup>1</sup> (including wipes and sanitary wipes) produced in China. This standard defines certain terms and outlines basic requirements, requirements for testing items, testing methods, and management requirements.

*Methods of Field Monitoring for Disinfection Products* allows government officials to field monitor the in-house quality control/testing procedures of disinfectant companies. If a company passes the field monitoring program, it would be allowed to self-monitor.

This standard stipulates that disinfection products will be field monitored no less than twice a year. During field monitoring, the government inspector will monitor the company's in-house quality control processes (including test equipment) to



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<sup>1</sup> According to the *Inventory of Disinfectant Products*, there are four types of disinfectant products, which are disinfecting agents and disinfecting apparatuses, sanitary accessories, and disposable medical components. In this standard, disinfection products I refers to disinfectant products with high risks, which includes disinfecting agents and disinfecting apparatuses for medical apparatuses; sterilizing agent and sterilizing apparatuses; disinfecting agents for skin and mucosa; biological indicators and sterilizing chemical indicator. Disinfection products II refer to disinfectant products with medium risks, which includes disinfecting agents and disinfecting apparatuses beyond disinfection products I; sterilizing package with sterilizing marks and anti-bacterial (bacteriostat) agents.

verify the quality of the produced disinfectant products. If the quality control procedures are found non-compliant, corrective measures will be requested immediately.

For the companies that qualify, this scenario will be more efficient and cost-saving than sending samples to eligible laboratories for analysis.

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