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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[1] (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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[1] 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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