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#### **Antimicrobial Assessment of Five PU Foam Samples**

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Five PU foam samples, treated with Ultra-Fresh, were received from Pelma on July 29, 2011. At Thomson Research Associates Inc., the samples were tested for antimicrobial activity using a quantitative test method.

#### **PROCEDURE**

### **Quantitative Antibacterial Assessment:**

ISO 20743:2007 was used to quantitatively test the specimen for antibacterial activity. In brief:

- 1. A piece of the sample was placed into a container with a lid.
- 2. A 0.2 mL inoculum of *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC #6538), was placed, in microdroplets, on the surface of the samples. 0.05% Tween 80 was added to the inoculum as a wetting agent.
- 3. The specimen was incubated 18 hours at 37 degrees C.
- 4. 20 mL of Letheen broth was added to the container and shaken. The bacteria in the liquid were quantified by using a series of dilution plates.



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# **RESULTS**

 $M_a$  = logarithm of concentration of starting bacterial inoculum (CFU/mL)

 $M_b$  = logarithm of number of bacteria after 18 hour incubation on untreated sample/inoculum control (average of 3 specimens)

 $M_c = logarithm$  of number of bacteria after 18 hour incubation on treated sample (average of 3 specimens)

 $S = Log Reduction = M_b - M_c$ 

Quantitative Assessment of Activity – ISO 20743:2007					
S. aureus					
Concentration of starting inoculum (M <sub>a</sub> )		$\log 3.52 \times 10^4 \text{ CFU/mL} = 4.6$			
Inoculum Control after 18 hour incubation (M <sub>b</sub> ),		$\log 1.65 \times 10^7 \text{ CFU/mL} = 7.2$			
Growth Value ( $F = M_b - M_a$ )		2.6			
Sample Description		No. Bacteria Recovered	Log Recovery (M <sub>c</sub> )	Log Reduction (S)	% Reduction
1	Thermofresh/Climafresh 1 Pink foam	$2.56 \times 10^{1}$	1.4	5.8	>99.9%
2	Thermofresh/Climafresh 2 White foam	<2.00 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	<1.3	>5.9	>99.9%
3	Thermofresh/Climafresh 3 Yellow foam	<2.00 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	<1.3	>5.9	>99.9%
4	Thermofresh/Climafresh 4 Light green foam	2.56 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	1.4	5.8	>99.9%
5	Thermofresh/Climafresh 5 Orange foam	<2.00 x 10 <sup>1</sup>	<1.3	>5.9	>99.9%

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