

Anti-Microbial Finish
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Eggers Industries

Eggers no longer offers an anti-microbial option to our factory finishing systems. Concerns such as noted below have led to restrictions and liability issues.

“The HCC recognizes that in can preservatives are used in many acrylic paints to provide acceptable shelf life. The recommendation to avoid antimicrobials in paint has been clarified in the new draft to target added chemicals and metals that are targeted at use phase antimicrobial activity, due to concerns reflected in studies by the CDC, Kaiser and others that these products are not effective and instead may increase resistance. REF: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities Recommendations of CDC and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2003, Kaiser Permanente, “Evaluation of Antimicrobial Property Claims in Finishes and Fabrics ” 2007, Tristan Roberts, Antimicrobial Chemicals in Buildings: Hygiene or Harm? Environmental Building News, August 2007”

If alternative products prove effective we will revisit this policy.



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