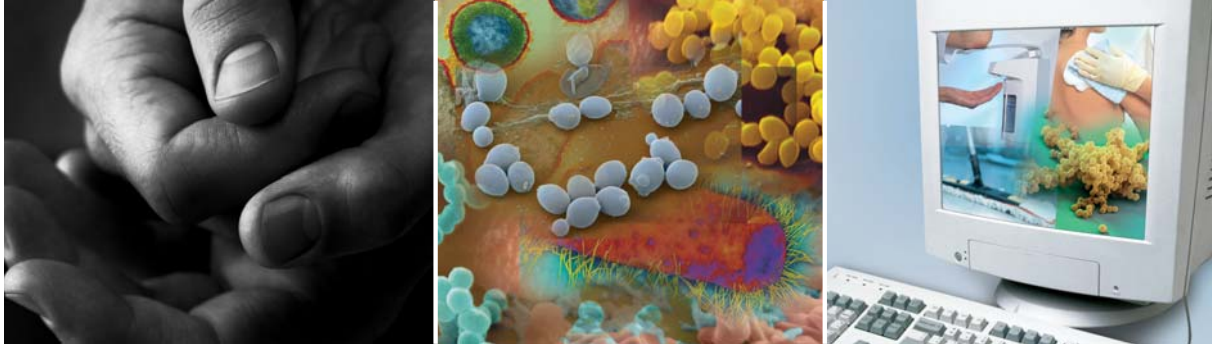


About the RKI

Robert Koch-Institute



What function does the RKI fulfill?

The Robert Koch-Institute (RKI) is the central institution of the German Government for Disease Control and Prevention. It is also the central governmental reference institution in the area of measurement-oriented research and for the Public Health. Apart from the execution of special decrees the RKI fulfills the legal order of preparing scientific findings as basis for health-political decisions.

One of the priority tasks is the scientific investigation of diseases with high hazard, high spreading degree, high public or high health-political relevance. The epidemiological and medical analysis, as well as the evaluation of these diseases are also included in the functions of the RKI.

With the Infection Prevention Law (IfSG) the RKI was assigned to the role of a federal epidemiological center of Infectious Diseases.

In case of Bioterrorism the RKI helps to identify and prevent attacks. For this purpose the institute works closely together with other European and International institutions.

What does "RKI-listed" mean?

In the case of decontamination measures decreed by statute according to § 18 of the Federal Infection Prevention Law (IfSG) only products and procedures shall be applied that are tested on their effectiveness by the RKI. Furthermore the Federal Institute of Medicinal Products and Medical Devices and the Federal Department of the Environment have to confirm that the listed products are harmless for health and environment. Only products that meet these

strict requirements can enter the "*List of disinfectants and disinfectant procedures tested and approved by the RKI*".

Since the test methods and effectiveness criteria (e.g. effectiveness against mycobacteria) set up by the RKI differ from those of the DGHM (German Society for Hygiene and Microbiology), the concentration and contact times of disinfectants in the RKI list are usually higher than in the list published by the DGHM.

What is the position of BODE Chemie in the RKI list?

The RKI list includes, among others, the areas of "Hand Disinfection", "Instrument Disinfection" and "Room/Surface Disinfection."

BODE Chemie managed to list a disinfectant in each area of application with the activities of category **A** and **B**. These categories are defined as follows:

A – killing of vegetative bacteria

including mycobacteria as well as fungi and fungal spores

B – inactivation of viruses

for hand disinfectants: polio, vaccinia, adeno and papova SV 40 viruses
for instrument and surface disinfectants: polio, adeno, papova SV 40 and bovine parvo viruses.

This unique position among disinfectant manufacturers underlines **the high competence** of BODE and gives confidence to our customers of being in safe and professional hands in any situation.

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For every area of application, BODE offers a disinfectant that is recommended by the RKI for epidemic outbreaks.

We will be pleased to advise you!