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RE: Dr. Brown's Medical Letter of Validation to Support Microwave Steam Sanitizing Bags

Please find the below information addresses all inquiries regarding the effectiveness of the Dr. Brown's microwaveable steam sanitizing bags' ability to eradicate microorganisms when used with infant products. The testing was coordinated at an FDA registered; third-party accredited to ISO 17025 standards laboratory – Nelson Laboratories in Salt Lake City, Utah. The decontamination final report revealed  $\geq$  99.99% eradication of a highly moist-heat resistant microbe (*Geobacillus stearothermophilus*) when used according to the guidelines on the bags.

The mechanisms for obtaining the results were the following:

1. Test method acceptance criteria was performed in accordance with the guidance document
2. Protocol was in line with all decontamination protocols including the guidelines for use on the Dr. Brown's microwaveable steam sanitizing bags
3. Calculations for the reduction in bacterial counts were calculated using the following formula:

$$\% \text{ Reduction} = 100 - (\text{Final Population} / \text{Initial Population} \times 100)$$

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share our findings with you. We are very proud of our products and the outcome of this testing. We look forward to conducting business with you and your institution.

Sincerely,

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