

Is the control critical to the prevention of E. coli O157 contamination

Yes:

Disinfectant is used:

- For preparing a temporary clean area or common disinfection sink
- For remedial disinfection of clean areas following a breach of separation control

No:

Disinfection of separated clean area equipment

No:

Disinfection of separated raw area equipment

Disinfection may be more or less critical depending on the circumstances but not specifically critical to cross-contamination if separation is an adequate protection.

Where disinfection is required to ensure product safety and where the techniques and chemicals in place do not demonstrate efficacy, the use of HEPN should not be ruled out where the control is critical but circumstances may warrant time to comply in other circumstances.

Are chemicals in use clearly intended as disinfectants (e.g. not detergent only)

YES

Is there information that confirms the chemicals meet the appropriate BS:EN standard

YES

Is it being used according to manufacturer's instructions with an adequate technique

YES

Accept control as adequate with correct chemicals and technique

NO

NO

Is there reasonable evidence on the product labelling and/or information that the chemical has appropriate disinfection properties.

NO

NO

YES

Is it being used according to manufacturer's instructions with an adequate technique

NO

YES

Depending on the particular circumstances you may consider giving reasonable time to provide evidence that the product is BS EN compliant, change to a suitable alternative operation or product. Where an officer has concerns about a business consideration can also be given to serving an HEPN* if this is considered to be most appropriate action

Consider HEPN* or voluntary changes to scope of operation or disinfection regime

Is there a responsible person who can implement changes/improvement and give a credible assurance

YES

Have assurances already been given on this issue

NO

YES

NO

Consider HEPN* where there is no effective management technique

Consider HEPN* if FBO is relying on an unamended procedure/unchanged circumstance

Potential to accept and review by spot check if this is related to an amended procedure/circumstance

If assurances are accepted, the FBO must be advised of the consequence if another lapse in cleaning is observed

* Where a local authority acts to prevent continuation of practices or conditions that may have put ready-to-eat foods at risk due to cross contamination, the authority should deal appropriately with any food at risk

Note: the options above are examples of approaches you could take