



Dear valued customer,

At Ansell, we are always looking to improve our products and services to meet the needs of our customers. We're pleased to introduce a product enhancement, sustainable packaging initiative, and artwork update for the following BioClean™ Nitrile RABS/Isolator glove products:

# Table 1

Product code	Product Description
GGL10NIT59	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Gloves
GGL15NIT59	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Gloves
GGL20NIT59	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Gloves
GGL36NIT59	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Gloves
GGL30NITM9	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Mittens
CGL10NIT59	BioClean™ Nitrile Clean RABS/Isolator Gloves
CGL20NIT59	BioClean™ Nitrile Clean RABS/Isolator Gloves
CGL36NIT59	BioClean™ Nitrile Clean RABS/Isolator Gloves
CGL30NITM9	BioClean™ Nitrile Clean RABS/Isolator Mittens
GSG10NIT80	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Sleeve/Glove System
GSG10NIT85	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Sleeve/Glove System
GSG10NITXLMA	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Sleeve/Glove System
GSL15NITPP26	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Sleeve
GSL20NITPP26	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Sleeve
GSL33NITPP26	BioClean™ Nitrile Sterile RABS/Isolator Sleeve

# 1. Product Enhancement

We are pleased to inform you that we have upgraded the formulation on all BioClean™ Nitrile RABS/Isolator gloves, sleeves & sleeve/glove systems which now enables them to reach 15 autoclave cycles at 121°C for 30 mins, compared to 1-2 autoclave cycles in the current formulation. This is a significant improvement that offers additional autoclave cycles without

compromising the nitrile glove material performance and offers a better solution in comparison to other materials, such as CSM. Please <u>click here</u> for a comparison sheet to find out more about the benefits of nitrile material.

Please rest assured this formulation change does not affect the glove's performance other than the above-mentioned increased number of autoclave cycles. The product specification remains the same as before, including form, function and fit of all the styles. Physical, Mechanical & Chemical properties are same as current or better. Product sheets & validation packs will be updated accordingly.

## 2. Sustainable Packaging Initiative

To meet our packaging pledge and sustainability goals, we are making several positive changes to reduce the product carton footprint and impact on the environment. We will be implementing the following initiatives:

- Removal of the Correx (plastic) shipper case, eliminating approx. 674kg of polypropylene annually
- Changes to the current inner box (which will become the shipper case): moving from plastic to 100% recycled content cardboard, eliminating 768kg of polypropylene annually
- Introduction of 30% recycled content HDPE for the carton liner

While having a positive impact on the environment, this change does not affect the cleanliness of the BioClean Nitrile RABS/Isolator gloves. Cardboard shipper cases are for all the Ansell clean and clean/sterile portfolio, in combination with an HDPE carton liner, to maintain cleanliness and reduce contamination risk.

As a result of the packaging material changes listed above, the packing configuration will change from:

- 40 pcs / 20 pairs per plastic shipper case (2 x inner boxes, each containing 20 pcs/10 pairs) to
- 20 pcs / 10 pairs per cardboard shipper case

For further information on our sustainability goals, visit www.ansell.com/sustainability.

#### 3. Artworks change

Following an announcement sent on 24 January 2023, we are pleased to update as promised the packaging artwork changes for all BioClean™ nitrile isolator products to be compliant with the new UKCA marking process. This means all isolator products (currently CE marked) listed in Table 1, will be certified under the new UK regulation through a UK Approved Body.

A link to the explanation of the artwork changes for those products can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. The implementation of the new artworks will be a rolling change with all artworks being updated by June 2024. Existing warehoused stock, in previous packaging will be shipped out following our First in First Out (FIFO) company policy and depleted before stock in new packaging is used. Any products in the former packaging artworks that were already in the supply chain may still be sold until they reach their expiry date.

### 4. Processing Location

We are validating the post-processing activities of all BioClean Nitrile RABS/ Isolator products at Ansell Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. This will enable Ansell Lanka to become an additional washing, drying, packing & gamma sterilization site, ensuring smooth product supply. Packing of the product will also remain in a NEBB certified ISO Class 4 cleanroom.

The legal manufacturer is unchanged and will remain Ansell Healthcare Europe, responsible for the entire manufacturing lifecycle. The country of origin remains Malaysia (Made In Malaysia) to indicate the country in which the gloves are dipped.

The product datasheets for all styles, the website and other marketing materials will be updated with the new details as soon as possible.

We will start to implement these changes in Dec 2023/Jan 2024, expecting new stock to reach the market by March 2024.

Should you have any questions regarding any items covered by this announcement please contact your local Ansell Nitritex customer service or sales representative.

Thank you for your continued loyalty and support.

Sincerely,

# **Ekaterina Bogomolova**

EMEA Sr. Director, Marketing