



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE JULY NEWSLETTER – A QUICK EDITORIAL

This month we have brief coverage of the regular topics. For those of you who received part one of the two part special on machine dishwashers, we now have the second instalment available. As always, keep providing us with feedback on the content of the newsletter and we will respond.

Brian O’Kane, Managing Director

PRODUCT PHOTOGRAPH CD’s These have proved popular. Again, anyone else who would like a disc, please contact Jennifer in the office.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON DISHWASHER MACHINES Part 2 is now available for all those who have worked their way through Part 1. We will keep these programmes available over the coming months for those who have “missed the boat” first time around.

UPDATE ON REGULATORY/LEGISLATIVE ISSUES Work continues on the Biocidal Products Directive (BPL) and on the formal re-classification of NTA by 2009, as previously reported.

EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

- ISSA/Interclean show in Amsterdam in May 2008 – Kitchenmaster will be there!
- Clean Expo, the bi-annual Irish cleaning supplies and services exhibition on 17th & 18th October. The event will be held at the Industries Hall at the RDS.

AND FINALLY! Hot wash invaluable for killing mites and removing allergens. Although we're being told to cut the temperature of our wash to save energy, a new study published by Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea, warns that unless the water is sufficiently hot, dust mites will not be killed nor allergens removed. The researchers found that washing laundry at temperatures of 60°C or higher kills all dust mites, compared with just 6.5% of dust mites in laundry washed at 40 °C. For those reluctant to wash at increased temperatures, washing at lower temperatures and then rinsing twice with cold water for three minutes each time will do the trick.

In the study, according to the American Thoracic Society, researchers compared allergen levels on cotton sheets after they were washed in various temperature settings. They found that since more pollen was left on the sheets when they were washed in cooler temperatures (86° F, or 30°C), rinsing the sheets was especially important when using this temperature setting.