

## OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION

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*This Operational Instruction replaces Information Circular IC 0075/91 dated 30 August 1991 and issued without attachments. Note that the list of selection criteria on this Instruction has been added to.*

One of the roles of the Physical & Central Services Branch of the Health Department is the development of policy for a wide range of building products for use in healthcare buildings. To assist in decentralised decision making, it is essential that these policies become increasingly available to Regions and Units.

To this end, attached is an important policy document concerning approved floorcoverings in healthcare buildings.

The approved floorcoverings have been selected on the basis of their compliance with a wide range of criteria, including (but not limited to):

- cleanability
- durability
- cost (capital and recurrent)
- fire safety
- availability
- occupational health

Given the importance of these issues, particularly fire safety, compliance with the schedule for new or replacement floorcoverings is mandatory. The schedule of approved floorcoverings is regularly updated and, as such, it is recommended that the Physical & Central Services Branch be consulted prior to selection of new or replacement floorcoverings.

Although all of the scheduled products have been through an evaluation process, feedback is invited on the performance of any scheduled product or others which have been used.

Contact Ray Basham, Architect Physical & Central Services Branch (Chairman of the Floorcoverings Committee), on (09) 222 4420.

# APPROVED FLOORCOVERINGS FOR USE IN HDWA HEALTHCARE BUILDINGS

29 AUGUST 1991

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CODE	STANDARD FLOOR FINISH	CURRENT APPROVED MATERIAL (HA means Hosplan Approved)	MATERIALS UNDER TEST (UT) MATERIALS UNDER CONSIDERATION (UC)	DATE
1.	WELDED SHEET VINYL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARMSTRONG NYLEX CORLON</li> <li>- SEAGATE</li> <li>- SUFFIELD</li> <li>- TESSERA</li> <li>- MONTINA</li> <li>• TARKETT</li> <li>- MULTIFLOR GRANIT</li> <li>- MULTIFLOR MARBLE</li> <li>- EMINENT</li> <li>- OPTIMA (HA)</li> <li>• GERFLEX CLASSIQUE (HA)</li> <li>• MEDINTECH (HA)</li> <li>• POLYFLOR</li> <li>- XL (HA)</li> <li>- XL ANTISTATIC (HA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POLYFLOR FINESSE (UT)</li> <li>• FORBO SILVERSTEP/COLOURSTEP (UT)</li> <li>• ARMSTRONG NYLEX CORLON</li> <li>POSSIBILITIES (UC)</li> </ul>	<p>12.03.91</p> <p>17.05.91</p> <p>22.07.91</p>
2.	SOFT CUSHIONED VINYL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TARKETT</li> <li>- ACOUSTIFLOR GRANIT</li> <li>- ACOUSTIFLOR MARBLE</li> <li>• TARAFLEX COMFORT</li> </ul>		

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3.	SLIP RESISTANT VINYL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALTRO SAFETY FLOOR (VM20, X25, D25)</li> <li>• FORBO SURESTEP</li> <li>• ARMSTRONG NYLEX CROSSWALK</li> <li>• TARKETT MULTISAFE</li> </ul>		
4.	CARPET  4A GENERALLY - TILES  - SHEET  4B POTENTIALLY WET AREAS - SHEET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HEUGA               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COLONIAL LOOP (HA)</li> <li>- WESTERN BERBER (HA)</li> <li>- SHETLAND S (HA)</li> <li>- EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT (HA)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• VERSATILE BARCLAY SQUARE (HA)</li> <li>• FELTEX MODULAR - 80/20               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- INVESTMENT SQUARE (HA)</li> <li>- INVESTMENT SQUARE SUPREME (HA)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NIL</li> <li>• FLOTEX SUPER 115 &amp; SUPER UK 115</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESCOSINTA (UT)</li> </ul>	12.03.91

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5.	SLIP RESISTANT FLOOR TILES - - MOSAIC  - QUARRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BCT SERIES 3000 (50 X 50) 3011T, 3016T, 3022T, 3052, 3053, 3056, 3057, 3059T, 3071T, 3074T, 3075T, 3076T</li> <li>STONEWARE MALAYSIAN (MML) FULLY VITRIFIED</li> <li>AGROB (50 X 50) RONDINETTES</li> <li>EUREKA (230 X 110 X 15) ACID AND IMPACT RESISTANT</li> <li>EUREKA (150 X 150 X 12) ACID AND IMPACT RESISTANT</li> <li>EUREKA VERSATILE</li> <li>O'MEARA'S EUROPAVE (240 X 115)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VILEROY AND BOCH FULLY VITRIFIED (UC)</li> </ul>	25.06.91
6.	SLIP RESISTANT MATERIALS:  6A SURFACE MODIFIERS  6B SEAMLESS EPOXY COATING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"SLIP NOT" SAFETY TREATMENT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"ANTISKID" FLOOR COATING (UC)</li> <li>AQUATEC 600 (UT)</li> </ul>	25.06.91 16.04.91
7.	SEAMLESS EPOXY TOPPING/SEALER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FOSROC NITOFLOL SL 2000 - 5000</li> <li>FOSROC NITOFLOL FC 130 - 150</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VESSEY VEPOX CC21 (UT)</li> </ul>	13.06.91

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