Antibacterial product stable to maintenance cycles

In view of known needs in the textile industry, the present invention provides a process for imparting antibacterial properties to surfaces (represented by fabrics), which avoids the use of alcohols and produces a finish that is resistant to mechanical stress, water and solvents normally used in maintenance cycles.

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**DESCRIPTION**

The invention proposes a treatment for imparting antibacterial and/or anti-odour properties to textile substrates. Through the use of sol-gel technology, the active ingredient integrated in an organic-inorganic hybrid coating maintains its effectiveness even after mechanical stress, contact with water and solvents normally used in maintenance cycles. The possibility of containing the bacterial load also has a positive effect from a health point of view if one thinks of the possible applications such as gowns, sheets or on artefacts such as handles, table surfaces, etc.

**ADVANTAGES**

- Imparting antibacterial properties to textile substrates
- Finishing resistant to mechanical stress, water and solvents used in maintenance cycles

**APPLICATIONS**

- Fabrics that protect the wearer from pathogenic and odour-causing microorganisms
- Gowns, sheets and artefacts such as handles, table surfaces

**FIELD OF APPLICATION**

- Textile clothing
- Technical textiles (trasports, packaging, sport, automotive, …)
- Other materials (woords, metals, natural stones)

**KEYWORD**

- Sol-gel
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- Textile substrates
- Textile industry

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