

here to help



DMF and Fungicides — understanding the risk

Fungicides are routinely used in leather production. When used correctly, fungicides will give adequate protection against fungal infection of leather substrates and are safe to the consumer.

Traditionally fungicides have been used in the tanning process, and more recently in the post tanning and dyeing processes to give additional protection for finished upholstery. Chemical fungicides should be sourced from a reputable company, never be used directly on the surface of finished leather or finished product and always used in line with manufacturers guidelines.

The fungicide content of leather and wet blue substrates can be tested at BLC to determine adequate and safe levels.

Dimethyl Fumarate (DMF) is a chemical with preservative qualities. It is used as a mould inhibitor in some industries although it is not a recognised fungicide in the leather industry. It can be found in mould inhibitor sachets. BLC provides fast and competitive testing for DMF and also investigative studies on furniture that may be at risk.

BLC are happy to help with any queries you may have on the safe use of fungicides and offer a comprehensive range of testing and support services.

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