



the future is safer with altro

Removal of Altrosan

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There are growing concerns across the world about antimicrobial resistance leading to 'superbugs' and the increasing problem of fewer medicines to treat the soaring number of antibiotic resistant infections. Many countries in Europe are starting to ban these types of additives in products and the concern is growing worldwide. Recently, a few of our representatives have received requests from hospitals and specifiers in the US and Canada, asking for products that do not contain biocides and antimicrobial features.

In response to this growing trend, over the last few months we have commissioned tests that demonstrate that our flooring, without Altrosan, still does not promote the growth of bacteria. This is because PVC itself inhibits the growth of bacteria.

With this in mind, Altro believes the responsible approach is to **remove Altrosan from the Altro safety flooring range**. As of October 1, 2013, these products will no longer have Altrosan incorporated.

Altro's decision to remove Altrosan is supported by customer feedback, particularly those working in the healthcare sector. Tarkett have also recently announced that they too would remove antibacterial additives in their flooring on the basis that it gave no hygienic benefit.