

## Alginate Bags

Alginate bags are high density translucent red polyethylene bags designed to prevent potentially contaminated garments (garments that may have been worn around potentially hazardous drugs or come into contact with human bodily fluids) from coming into contact with personnel or other dirty garments. These bags are an essential component of infection control procedures. Alginate bags cannot be dissolved from the inside by their contents, due to their water soluble vertical panel and tape construction. The polyethylene material that the bags are made of is recycled. They have an alginate-stitched seam, which when in a washing machine, dissolves, releasing the contaminated garments into the machine for processing. This avoids the need for any personnel to manually handle potentially contaminated garments prior to them being cleaned.

Clean Room Garments recommend that all garments potentially exposed to cytotoxic drugs be placed in these bags immediately after use and delivered in the bags to our processing facility.



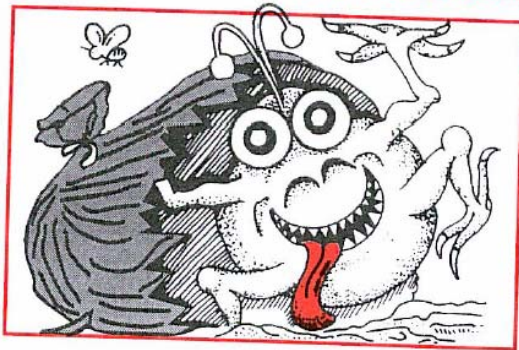
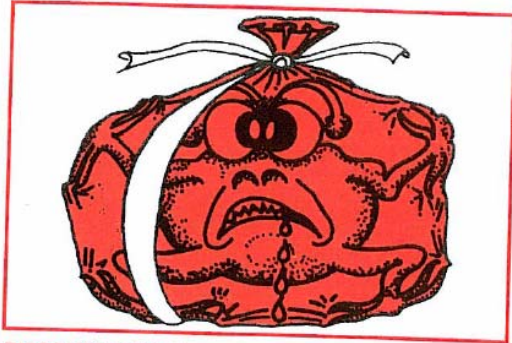
Australian Standard AS NZS 4146- 2000, Clause 2.4.1 "Preparation of Soiled Linen for Collection" states that:

"...In addition to being placed in suitable laundry bags, linen which is heavily soiled with blood or other bodily fluids...shall be also contained within suitable impermeable bags which are to be securely closed..."

N.B. The word "shall" denotes a mandatory requirement.

# DISSOLVO SACK

## FOR INFECTIOUS LINEN CONTROL

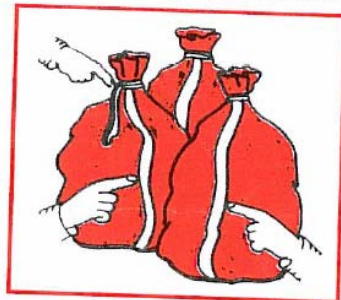
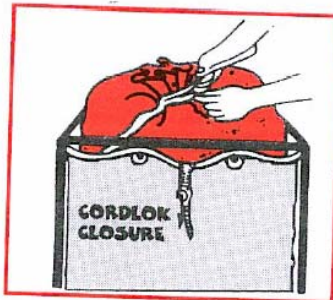


### DISSOLVO SACKS

The Dissolvo Sack is a high density polythene sack with a specially designed water soluble vertical panel and tape which cannot be dissolved from the inside by the contents. Nothing escapes – and no nasty accidents!

### OTHER SACKS

These sacks have been used in the past. However, alginate stitched and totally soluble bags dissolve themselves from the inside from the wet infectious linen they are supposed to be containing, with drastic results.



**1 DISSOLVO SACKS** fit into standard linen carriers as a liner to our **Sharkskin bag**. The top edges are easily folded over to keep them open while they are filled with soiled linen, greatly reducing any problems of infection.

**2 DISSOLVO SACKS** when full can be easily closed and hygienically sealed with the soluble tie tape supplied and secured in the **Sharkskin bag** with its integral cord closure – ready to safely transport to the laundry.

**3 DISSOLVO SACKS** have a specially designed water soluble seam which is impervious from the inside. At the laundry, Dissolvo Sacks are removed from the **Sharkskin bags**, placed directly in the washing machines, and a cold break wash dissolves the tie tags and panels from the outside in less than 30 seconds. After the hot wash has disinfected the contents the remaining polythene sheet is removed prior to tumble drying.

**DISSOLVO SACKS** are a translucent red or yellow to very clearly distinguish them from all other types of plastic bags.