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# CP50 DE-HAIRING AGENT

## INFORMATION SHEET

CP50 De-Hairing Agent is a bacterial alkaline proteinaise liquid designed to produce acceleration of the hair loss on the skin by inducing bacterial action.

**PRECAUTIONS IN USE:** See appropriate section in hazards and handling. Always wash hands after handling, even when wearing Disposable Gloves PC12 or Rubber Gloves PC13.

The liquid is used at varying strength from 5 grams (1/2 gram to 1 gram per litre of water). Prepare a quantity of water, sufficient to submerge the skins in ideally heated to 30/40 degrees C and add to a quantity of this water the required amount of De-hairing liquid.

Freshly skinned, unsalted skins are placed in the solution and moved around from time to time. Should the skins have previously been salted they should be well rinsed out and soaked for 24 hours before placing in De-hairing agent. At the stated temperature hair loosening will be evident within 6-8 hours.

At lower temperatures the soak time will be extended and can be considerably longer in cool conditions.

Leave the skins in the solution until active 'hair slip' is evident over the whole area of the skin. You may test progress from time to time by pulling at the hair. When the hair is loose and falling from the hide the skin can be taken from the solution, placed over a beam or on a table and worked over with a blunt edged piece of wood, pushing all the hair off the surface of the skin. This is called 'sleeking' and the tool used is a sleeker.

If all the hair is not freed after the first sleeking, return the skin to the solution for a further period of time and repeat the sleeking procedure where appropriate. When all the hair is removed wash the skins well in clean running water, drain and continue the process by pickling, tanning etc.

**N.B.** This process is only used in leather processing and should not be introduced into any taxidermy process.

Store the undiluted De-hairing agent in a cool place at between 2 - 12 degrees C.

**ALL CHEMICALS ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS  
KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN AND LABEL CONTAINERS CLEARLY**

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