



# Statement of Elimination of Bacteria Through High-Temperature Drying

The process of eliminating bacteria in Hess Pumice Products' processed pumice grades (excluding mine grades) is achieved during the drying process, which takes place at a minimum product temperature of 240°F (116°C) and a minimum time exposure to that temperature of seven (7) minutes. This standard has been set as a result of practical application over many years and has been deemed sufficient to destroy existing bacteria which may be present in the raw material.

The effectiveness of this process is regularly verified and documented by "standard plate count" testing, performed by a third-party laboratory and reported in Colony Forming Units (CFU).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian K. Jeppsen".

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