

# **INTERNATIONAL BIODETERIORATION RESEARCH GROUP**

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The Textiles Group held one meeting in 2012 focussed on providing support for OECD in their efforts to harmonise methods for Tier 1 testing of treated articles (demonstrating external effects). Two international ring tests have been completed. The data has been employed in the drafting of an OECD Test Guideline. In addition, a protocol was designed to examine the impact of treated textiles on the rate of decline of populations reaching them through splashes of contaminated liquids (Tier 2). It will examine the impact of suspension medium on the activity of two treatment systems (organic and inorganic) against two test species. Materials suitable for the study have been distributed and the study started in Q4 2012. Methods that can be used to model the control of odour are also being sought particularly to model foot, urine and body odour.

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