



Why we chose Hygienically Clean



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TRSA's certification program is a Process AND Product certification.

- TRSA Hygienically Clean certification recognizes companies' commitment to cleanliness through third-party, biological testing and inspection.
This process eliminates subjectivity by focusing on results that verify textiles cleaned in these facilities meet appropriate hygienically clean standards and established industry guidelines, policies and procedures.
- To attain certification, a laundry must follow best management practices, pass bacteriological tests and facility inspections.
- Linens are sent to one of three independent 3rd party labs for testing throughout the year. The linens are subjected to USP 62 (specified microorganism) and RODAC Plate tests to determine the total aerobic microbial count and yeast and mold levels.
- Products and process are tested and certified quarterly to maintain certification.

The International Standards Organization (ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004) emphatically states that certifications of *processes* do not reflect *product* quality. Therefore, a **laundered product cannot be considered hygienically clean** just because the cleaning process is certified.

HLAC certifications reflect process quality, not product quality.

- The process of laundering, i.e., water temperature, chemicals, finishing, etc. may imply cleanliness but you can only infer the resultant product is clean.
- HLAC certification warrants that a laundry that processes healthcare linens has successfully passed an inspection of its facility, policies and procedures, training programs, and its relationships with its healthcare customers.
- Laundry facilities are inspected and accredited only once every 3 years.

Northwest Health Care Linen was one of the first 3 facilities in the nation certified Hygienically Clean-Healthcare. We believe the time has come for product certification.

For more information go to www.nwlinen.com or hygienicallyclean.org