CLAIMS

1. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub gel, solution, emulsion or dispersion which when used at a rate of less than 6ml of composition for up to 60 seconds produces a level of bactericidal efficacy equal to or greater than that produced by 6ml of 60% v/v aqueous isopropyl alcohol in 60 secs (as measured according to the test method of EN1500:1997), said composition characterised in that it comprises 0.2% w/w to 0.5% w/w of isopropyl myristate as an antipilling agent.

2. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to claim 1 which produces substantially the same or better level of biocidal efficacy by hand rubbing for 30 seconds using 3ml of the composition as is obtained using 6ml of 60% v/v isopropyl alcohol in 60 seconds (as measured according to the test method of EN 1500:1997).

3. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to claim 1 or 2 in the form of an ethanol based antiseptic hand rub composition.

4. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to claim 3 free from isopropyl caproate, isopropyl laurate, isopropyl palmitate and isopropyl stearate.

5. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 3-4 wherein isopropyl myristate is the only derivative of myristic acid present in the composition.

6. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 2-5 comprising a glycol.

7. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to claim 6 wherein the glycol is or includes dipropylene glycol in a concentration of from 0.25 to 4 times the concentration by wt of isopropyl myristate.

8. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 2-7 comprising phenoxyethanol.

9. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 2-8 comprising phenoxyethanol at a concentration of 1% or less by wt.

10. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 2-9 comprising a glycol and phenoxyethanol in an amount of up to 1% by wt of the composition.

11. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 2-10 comprising dipropylene glycol and phenoxyethanol.

12. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 2-11 in the form of a gel.

13. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to claim 1 in the form of an emulsion or dispersion.

14. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to claim 13 free from isopropyl caproate, isopropyl laurate, isopropyl palmitate and isopropyl stearate.

15. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to claim 13 or 14 wherein isopropyl myristate is the only derivative of myristic acid present in the composition.

16. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 13 to 15 comprising a one or more glycols.

17. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to claim 16 wherein at least one of the glycols is a low molecular weight glycol.

18. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to claim 17 wherein the low molecular weight glycol is propylene glycol.

19. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 13 to 18 comprising phenoxyethanol.

20. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to claim 19 comprising phenoxyethanol at a concentration of 1% by wt or less.

21. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 13 to 20 comprising glycol and comprising phenoxyethanol in an amount of up to 1% by wt of the composition.

22. A non-pilling antiseptic hand rub composition according to any one of claims 13 to 21 comprising propyleneglycol and phenoxyethanol.

23. A method of improving the skin feel of an antiseptic hand rub composition which produces a level of bactericidal efficacy equal to or greater than that produced by hand rubbing with 6ml of 60% v/v isopropyl alcohol in 60 seconds, said method comprising the step of adding to the hand rub 0.2% w/w to 0.5% w/w of isopropyl myristate as an antipilling agent.

24. A method according to claim 23 wherein the hand rub comprises one or more glycols.

25. A method according to claim 23 or 24 wherein the hand rub comprises phenoxyethanol.

26. A method according to any one of claims 23 to 25 wherein the hand rub comprises a glycol and phenoxyethanol.

27. A method according to claim 26 wherein the glycol is or includes dipropylene glycol in a concentration of from 0.25 to 4 times the concentration by wt of isopropyl myristate.

28. A method according to any one of claims 23 to 27 wherein the hand rub is in the form of a gel.

29. A method according to any one of claims 23 to 27 wherein the hand rub is in the form of an emulsion.

30. A method according to any one of claims 23 to 29 wherein the isopropyl myristate is the only derivative of myristic acid present in the composition.

31. A method according to any one of claims 23 to 30 wherein the isopropyl myristate is free from isopropyl caproate, isopropyl laurate, isopropyl palmitate and isopropyl stearate.