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(54) Title: IMPROVED CLOTH-LIKE, LIQUID-IMPERVIOUS, BREATHABLE COMPOSITE BARRIER FABRIC (57) Abstract The present invention is directed to cloth-like, liquid-impervious, breathable composite barrier fabrics. More particularly, the present invention is directed to cloth-like, liquid-impervious, breathable film-nonwoven composite fabrics, comprising at least one nonwoven layer and a microporous film, having biological liquid barrier capabilities for use as, for example, sterilization wrap, surgical draping, surgical gowns, cover garments, such as over-suits, and the like.		