

Final Proposed Definition from the Laundry Service Workgroup

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Laundry Service (Industrial) is the handling and collection of soiled linen and apparel including, but not limited to, patient or surgical gowns, lab coats, table linens, pillow cases, sheets, blankets, towels, adult bibs, baby shirts, underpads, medical apparel, bedding, washcloths, diapers, patient clothing, and treated mops. This service includes the sorting, washing, extraction, drying, finishing, folding, mending and storage of said products. This service includes the stocking, picking, and wrapping of clean laundry and may include other functions required to insure the hygienic integrity of the processed textiles in order to comply with generally accepted industry accreditation standards, such as minimizing potential environmental contamination on the production floor: i.e., lint, moisture, pests, disinfecting of linen transport carts, maintaining functional separation of soiled and clean room areas and the decontaminating of any surfaces/equipment that may be contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious materials and fluids. Supporting tasks include pickup of soiled laundry and the delivery of clean, reusable linen and apparel which can be either customer owned or resident personal items, or items provided on a rental basis.