

# Pipette Decontamination Procedure

Dear Customer,

## Please follow this operating procedure

- Fill in the Declaration of Decontamination form.
- Warranty case (complaint) – please describe the problem in more detail in a separate appendix.
- Please remember to sign the document – units will not be booked in or work commenced until we receive a signed Declaration of Decontamination form.

To assist us in a speedy return of your pipettes, please include a purchase order number or credit card details on the form provided.

## Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the pipette user to:

- Remove all substances which are dangerous for human health from the pipette so that the pipette is safe for our service personnel to handle.
- Choose the appropriate decontamination method depending on what substances (liquids) the pipette has been exposed to.

## Why the pipettes have to be cleaned

- Product must be shipped under corresponding regulations.
- Safety of the service personnel must be secured.

## Pipette decontamination

For biological substances, the most commonly used methods are:

- An approved decontamination solution such as Decolab from Pathtech. Please contact the Pathtech Service Laboratory for advice on your solution.
- Autoclaving, the following Sartorius pipettes are autoclavable.
  - mLINE and Proline Plus (SCP and MCP)\* are fully autoclavable.
  - Proline, only the tip cone and tip ejector can be autoclaved.
  - eLINE, the dispensing head (tip ejector collar, tip cone holder, tip cone, spring and piston) of SCP and MCP (except for MCP 1200µl) can be autoclaved.
- Wipe surface with 70% ethanol.

\*SCP = single channel pipette, MCP = multi channel pipette.

### ***For radioactive substances:***

- The pipette must be free of any radioactivity and must be accompanied by a declaration.

### ***For chemical substances:***

- The pipette must be cleansed thoroughly of all chemical and hazardous material.

For the purpose of occupational health and safety requirements, this note must be enclosed with each shipment of pipettes to the Pathtech Service Laboratory.