

# ADVANCED BIOMEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT SOLUTIONS



## **TESALYS « VIRUS + » PROGRAM**

### Double security against viruses

**Ouestions & answers** 

#### In an outbreak situation, why is it important to treat the infectious waste on site?

WHO technical brief dated March 3, 2020 clearly states: « All health care waste produced during the care of COVID-19 patients should be collected safely in designated containers and bags, treated, and then safely disposed of or treated, or both, preferably on-site »









#### Are Tesalys systems effective to kill all kind of micro-organisms?

**Tesalys** healthcare waste treatment systems **STERIPLUS<sup>TM</sup>** and **STERISHRED®** are equipped as standard with a shredding-decontamination program with the following parameters (shredding, air extraction by vacuum through a 0,2  $\mu$ m microbiological filter, steam autoclaving at 135°C  $\pm$  0,5°C during 10 minutes, under 3,145  $\pm$  0,028 bar). This program has been tested according to the requirements of NFX 30-503-1 standard with optimum results on **vegetative bacteria, bacterial spores, fungi, viruses and parasites** (up to 8  $\log_{10}$  reduction on bacterial spores).

#### What makes Coronavirus SARS-CoV2 (causing Covid-19) particularly dangerous?

Coronavirus causing the Covid-19 disease is a **new emerging virus of small size**, which attacks primarily the respiratory airways. **Viral RNA is transmitted via respiratory droplets** but **airborne transmission** and **contaminated surfaces** are also being considered.





#### What is Tesalys' « Virus + » program?

In response to the **Covid-19 outbreak**, Tesalys has developed a **special program named « Virus + »** in order to have a reinforced efficacy of the standard program which includes an extra **pre-decontamination stage after the shredding at a temperature of at least 85°C during 15 min.** to make sure all viruses are inactivated even before the standard decontamination cycle starts.

#### Is the « Virus + » program safer than a normal autoclaving cycle?

In a normal autoclaving cycle, air is removed from the chamber either by gravity displacement or with a vacuum system before the sterilization phase. This air potentially contaminates the surrounding environment and puts the personnel at risk. In the Tesalys **STERIPLUS™** and **STERISHRED®** standard program, air removed from the chamber during the pre-vacuum is effectively filtered by a 0,2 µm microbiological filter to avoid the release of pathogenic micro-organisms in the atmosphere.

The « Virus+ » program provides an extra security: the pre-decontamination phase at 85°C ensures that viruses are completely eliminated in the sealed chamber of the Tesalys unit even before the 0,2 µm air filtration starts.

Using the « Virus+ » program is like driving a car wearing your safety belt + an Airbag!





#### Is the « Virus + » program scientifically tested to eliminate Coronavirus alike viruses?

Efficacy tests have been carried out by an independent laboratory using H1N1 ATTC VR1469 which has similar heat resistance properties to the Coronavirus causing SARS (SARS-CoV or SARS-CoV2, said Covid-19).

« Virus + » program equipping Tesalys HCW treatment systems inactivates Coronavirus-alike viruses during the pre-decontamination phase providing additional security for the user.

#### **Epidemic risk management solutions**



STERIPLUS™ RANGE
Integrated shredding
& steam sterilization systems
Capacity of up to 20 kg/h



STERISHRED® RANGE
Integrated shredding
& steam sterilization systems
Capacity of up to 100kg/h



TESABOX
Cardboard containers
with internal plastic bag



CRIOGES for Tesalys
Storage cryogenisation/
photocatalysis units
for hazardous waste



TESATRUCK
(partnership
Toutenkamion)
Mobile healthcare waste
treatment units. Truck, semitrailer or container