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(54) **Method of solid-liquid extraction applied to cork products**

(57) The invention relates to a method of solid-liquid extraction applied to cork products for the decontamination thereof, comprising the following steps:

- a. Introduction of the cork product in a airtight recipient,
- b. Filling the airtight recipient with an appropriated decontamination liquid so that the cork product is completely immersed in that liquid,
- c. Applying a relative pressure of 0 to 10 bar on the liquid surface, for a time period of 1 to 3600 seconds, using an appropriated gas,
- d. Release of the pressurising gas until the pressure within the recipient reaches atmospheric pressure,

- e. Reduction of the pressure within the recipient, by means of an appropriated vacuum pump, until a relative pressure of 0 bar to - 1 bar is reached, during a time period of 1 to 3600 seconds,
- f. Returning the recipient to atmospheric pressure.

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