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PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION INFORMATION BULLETIN

INTERPRETATION MANUAL



DECK SURFACING MATERIALS/ “Natadek”/ “SoftDek”

QUESTION:

Is Natadek flooring from the Natare Corporation an acceptable surface for pool decks? What about “SoftDek”?

BACKGROUND:

Natare Corporation makes a line of heavy-duty, fiber-mesh reinforced PVC membrane products. They manufacture liners for pools as well as deck surfacing materials.

Natadek is a 60-mil, fiber-mesh reinforced PVC product. If installed properly, it is waterproof and durable. It has a coefficient of friction of 0.5, both wet and dry.

Softdek is an installation system that applies a closed-cell foam pad under the Natadek membrane. This can give the surface impact-attenuating properties and compliance with the CSPC standards for playground surfacing materials. If properly applied, it appears that the surface is also water-resistant/waterproof and durable.

INTERPRETATION:

Natadek is **approved** as a deck surfacing material, when properly installed to make it watertight.

The Softdek system is **not-approved** for general-use. Any use of the Softdek system will be coordinated through the Department. The department may consider an experimental installation to review the installation quality, materials, their durability and the water retention characteristics of the surface.

This is not an endorsement of the Natare line of products, and may not be used as such.