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## Biodecontaminazione per isolatori sterili all'avanguardia

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Per i suoi sistemi di contenimento in ambito farmaceutico e chimico, FPS ha scelto come partner Amira, società di riferimento nel settore della gestione e del controllo della contaminazione



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### Biodecontamination for state-of-the-art sterile isolators

For its containment systems dedicated to pharmaceutical and chemical industries, FPS selected Amira as a partner, a key player in the managed and controlled contamination environment sector.

An Italian world-leading company, specialized in the design and manufacture of containment & isolation systems and micronization solutions for the handling and production of active and sterile pharmaceutical ingredients, with 1,300 systems for R&D applications installed in more than 40 countries worldwide, selected the cutting-edge H2O2 technology of a highly-qualified partner. FPS Food and Pharma Systems Srl has been offering tailor-made solutions to leading companies in the pharmaceutical, cosmetics and fine chemicals sectors for over 20 years. The Company identified Amira as the right company able to guarantee constant and continuous monitoring of its production sites, as well as for the biodecontamination of environments and surfaces with guaranteed and certifiable results. Matteo Grassi, Project Manager at FPS, tell us about this success story.

### What does FPS do?

FPS is a highly flexible company, able to provide customised isolators down to nanogram containment levels for HPAPI production, dispensing, formulation, processing, sampling and packaging. Our experience and the ability to listen to the customer are our strengths, allowing us to propose solutions designed to fit the customer's process needs perfectly. Containment is an issue more and more addressed by authorities and companies in fine chemical and pharmaceutical industries with increasing demand also in energy, aerospace, food and cosmetic applications. Product protection, as well as environment and operator protection, is the driving requirements in new projects or in equipment re-vamping.

### What containment solutions do you offer?

FPS offers a complete range of containment systems that satisfies all possible needs and requirements. Our approach to a containment system is to discuss with the end user the specific needs in terms of protection, quality, and productivity in order to identify the equipment that best fits the specifications. Isolators for API and HPAPI primary production are available for many applications: Laboratory, Synthesis, Filtration & Drying, Production Reactor Charging, Process vessel discharging, Pilot Milling & Micronisation, Production Milling & Micronisation, Dispensing. Isolators for HPAPI formulation and packaging are available for many applications: spray dryers, granulators, extruders, mixers, powder screens, tablet presses, capsules filling and pan coating machines. Isolators for sterile applications are proposed in the form of closed isolators or Restricted Access Barrier Systems (RABS). Additional containment solutions available are laminar flow booths for small volumes protections, pack-off systems to safely discharge, weigh and pack powders, cleanrooms as general operation environment and inert gas containment systems.

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pack off per scaricare, pesare e imballare le polveri in modo sicuro, camere bianche come ambiente operativo generale e sistemi di contenimento dei gas inerti.

# Quali sono i punti di forza di FPS? Generalmente, lavoriamo insieme al cliente per definire o sviluppare il processo. Una volta che il progetto diventa effettivo subentra il nostro gruppo di lavoro dedicato e coordinato dal Profest Monages, che mantiene rapoorti

realizzimo sistemi di contenimento, una delle fasi più importanti è il priore di designi attraveno la realizzazione di un most spi, un simularen lo legno in scala 11 dive con il dicette provino tratte le attrivis alla macchina. Durante il decidom FFS ha continuato a svolgere questa attrività da remono, perimentando modalità per lo scambio di informazioni che permettenene di operare lis modo di instruzzioni estitata in estato della macchina sono eseguiti internamente e al concludono con il condundo e il trappero aution di condiciono con il condicado e il trappero autio della macchina sono eseguiti internamente e al concludono con il condicado e il trappero autio del cilento.

Perché avete scelto di collaborare con Amira per la biodecontaminazione V-PHP degli isolatori? A fronte delle richieste di nuove tecnologie nel campo della



affidabile e con anni di esperienza in campo farmaceutico, così abbiamo scetto Amira. Insieme abbiamo creato una partnership importante che ci ha permesso di realizzare diversi progeti con performance in linea con gli 8. Abbiamo recentemente realizzato una line

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## In che cosa consiste la tecnologia di Amira? La presenza di patogeni o di altri microrganismi può compromettere sicurezza e qualità dei prodotti, renden necessaria la sterilizzazione delle superfici. I generator

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#### Quanto è importante per voi la garanzia di una tecnologia di biodecontaminazione sicura?

For FFS is extremamente importante guarantire sia in successioneza dell'operamente dei anni si attilizzare le nostre macchine, sia un adequate ambiente decontaminato in grado di manterne sa lampa tempo ia kosso ottenuta e di proteggere i prodotti farmacentri che vengono realizzari al sun interne. E reritario por coliaborare con un parterne le solutirato più adequate per solutifare le reigenze di la solutira più adequate per solutifare le reigenze di adecontaminatori e propose generatori VFHP collait e efficient, che consentono di decontaminatori gli industro co un mendo visibato con balante i accin amineta di 10 del

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### What are FPS strengths?

We usually work with the client to define or develop the process. Once the project is approved, our dedicated team, coordinated by a Project Manager, takes over, maintaining direct relations with the client all along the way. When we build containment systems, one of the most important phase is the front-end design with the creation of a mock up - a 1:1 scale wooden simulacrum - where the customer can perform test activities on the machine. During the lockdown, FPS continued to carry out this activity remotely, leveraging ways to exchange information that would allow to operate effectively. Mechanical design, construction and final testing of the machine are carried out in-house and conclude with testing and transport to the customer's site, supporting the customer with installation (mechanical and electrical), machine validation and system performance, maintenance and training.

# Why did you choose to collaborate with Amira for V-PHP biodecontamination of isolators?

To face the demands for new technologies in biodecontamination field, we decided to look for a reliable partner with years of experience in the pharmaceutical sector, and we chose Amira. Together we have finalized an important partnership allowing us to implement several projects with performing results in line with FPS standards. We lately manufactured a manual filling line in a sterile isolator, and we needed to ensure the proper environment decontamination. The solutions proposed by Amira are highly integrable with our machines and allow a wide range of environmental conditions to meet the customer's needs. In order to implement their processes in our machines, we worked closely together to ensure that the quality standards of both our isolators and the decontamination process meet the relevant standards.

### Which is the technology used by Amira generators?

The presence of pathogens or other microorganisms can compromise the safety and quality of products, making surface sterilisation necessary. Amira's Bioreset generators use V-PHP technology, which achieves high levels of sterilisation quickly, safely and effectively using hydrogen peroxide (H2O2) in vapor-phase. The biodecontamination processes, repeatable and reproducible over time, are validated using chemical and biological indicators to demonstrate the correct gas distribution and successful sterilisation with 6 Log reduction of microbial load on all exposed surfaces. In addition, as hydrogen peroxide decomposes into water and oxygen, it is safe for the environment and the operator and leaves no residue inside the isolator.

### How important is a safe biodecontamination technology?

For FPS, it is extremely important to ensure both the safety of the operator who will be using the equipment, as well as a decontaminated environment capable of maintaining the achieved class over a long period of time and of protecting the pharmaceutical products produced inside the isolator. It is key to be able to work with a reliable partner like Amira, supporting us in identifying the most suitable solutions to meet the biodecontamination needs and offering solid and efficient V-PHP generators, which allow us to decontaminate isolators with a validated method reaching 6 Log reduction of microbial load.