

Guidance Notes on Net Dips

Anglers should disinfect boots and nets each time they enter a fishery. The Environment Agency recommends a 0.5% solution of Virkon® Aquatic for nets and 1% for boot dips. A freshly made up container of disinfectant would be effective for disinfecting nets for up a fortnight, as they are not heavily soiled; though it is the fish mucus on them and any scales that are most dangerous. So long as you do not let rainwater dilute it. A lid at night is sensible. Best is to change it once a week if it looks dirty or when it completely loses its red colour, though you can expect a few days more activity (say three days longer) after colour gone. While it is red it is definitely working fully.

It depends a little on the type of water when the colour goes but definitely you should them for more than a fortnight at the very most before changing.