

To colleagues in BPR Member State competent authorities, Helpnet, European Commission and ECHA's Accredited Stakeholder Organisations

**Subject: Raising awareness on the Biocidal Products Regulation**

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to ask you to join with us in raising awareness of the Biocidal Products Regulation, and particularly on the September deadline next year. In a nutshell, as of 1 September next year, biocidal products cannot be placed on the EU market if the substance or product supplier has not submitted data to ECHA for being included in the so called Article 95 list. Over the coming months we will be providing new material to help companies, and we need your help to make sure that they are aware of it.

First of all, on 10 December, we will publish new web content to raise industry's awareness about their obligations under the Regulation. At the same time, and again over subsequent weeks, we will be publishing a number of new and updated Guidance documents, including one on the issue of active substance suppliers - Article 95.

As a focal point for this activity, we have produced a web banner which will be available in our image gallery at: <http://echa.europa.eu/press/image-gallery>.

As usual, you can help direct companies to the material on our website by publishing the banner on your web pages and linking it to the above-mentioned content, which will be here: <http://echa.europa.eu/biocides-2015>.

The web content will be available in 23 languages in early 2015. The banner will also be available in 23 languages soon, thanks to the national biocides helpdesks.

Thank you in advance for your support. This represents yet another step forward in the safe use of chemicals that we are making together.

Yours faithfully,



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