

EU Biocides Seminar: The End of the Beginning

Program Agenda | May 18, 2017 | Brussels

Many of the transitional arrangements introduced by the EU Biocidal Products Regulation come to an end in 2017. While the review program for active substances will continue for many years, the full force of the BPR is only beginning to bite now. Steptoe's annual biocides seminar provides a forum for regulators and industry to exchange views on problem areas, share best practices, and plan for the future.

10:30 – 11:00

Registration

11:00 – 12:00

Looking Into the Future (Chairperson: Darren Abrahams)

- Opening Remarks, *Seth Goldberg, Steptoe*
- The work of the BPC and priorities, *Erik van de Plassche, Chairman of the ECHA Biocidal Products Committee*
- Innovation and the BPR: Happy bedfellows? *Nathalie Hanon, Regulatory Affairs Manager Europe, Troy Chemical Company*
- Authorisation strategies: An industry perspective, *Isabelle Demoment, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Hypred*

12:00 – 12:15

Q&A

12:15 – 13:15

Lunch and Networking

13:15 – 14:15

Towards a Consistent Application and Enforcement (Chairperson: Indiana de Seze)

- The Commission's perspective on enforcement, *Martinus Nagtzaam, European Commission, DG SANTE, Unit E.3 (Biocides)*
- Enforcement priorities of the BPR Subgroup within ECHA's Forum, *Eugen Anwander, Chair of the Subgroup on BPR Enforcement in ECHA's Enforcement Group*
- Treated articles enforcement: Overview of results of KEMI's study "Market Survey of Treated Articles," *Ulrike Frank, Scientific Officer, Swedish Chemicals Agency (KEMI)*

14:15 – 14:30

Q&A

14:30 – 14:45

Coffee Break

14:45 – 15:10

Lessons from the ECJ and BoA (Chairperson: Ruxandra Cana)

- Litigation on data sharing before the Board of Appeal and the ECJ: Lessons for negotiators, *Darren Abrahams & Indiana de Seze, Steptoe*

15:10 – 15:50

Approaches to Biocides Beyond the EU (Chairperson: Eléonore Mullier)

- The Proposed new Korean biocides regime, *Komal Jain, Senior Director, Chemical Products & Technology Division, American Chemistry Council*
- US - EU regulatory convergence: room for hope, *Seth Goldberg, Steptoe*

15:50 – 16:10

Q&A

16:10 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30

Issues for Downstream Users of Biocides (Chairperson: Seth Goldberg)

- In vitro diagnostics / medical devices and research use – the BPR predicament, *Petra Van Sloun, Manager Regulatory Affairs Europe, Merck*
- Cosmetics, *Ian Watt, European Product Stewardship and Regulatory Manager, Dow Chemical Services UK Limited*
- Food contact, *Dr. Anna Gergely, Steptoe*

17:30 – 17:45

Final Q&A & Wrap Up

17:45

Cocktail Reception and Networking