

BPD: An Important Milestone Passes

March 28th 2004 was an important day for the European biocides industry as it heralded the start of the full review programme for biocidal products under the Biocidal Products Directive (BPD). For those companies with active substances in Product Type (PT) 8 timber preservatives and PT 14 rodenticides, this day was the deadline for concluding a hectic period during which complete dossiers were prepared and submitted. March 28th also saw the start of the concordant evaluation process, the outcome of which could lead to Annex 1 listing and continued supply into the markets of the EU, a decision to restrict supply, or more seriously, failure to gain approval and eventual removal of the active substance and products from the market.

Supported

From the actives notified in accordance with the 1st Review Regulation¹ for use in PT 8 timber preservation, at least one dossier for each of 38 notified active substances were received by the appointed Member State Rapporteurs. [\(Substances in PT 8 and 14, for which a dossier has been submitted.\)](#)

Although all notified actives have not been supported with dossiers, a wide range of actives have been supported, including azoles, quaternary ammonium compounds, boron and copper compounds, IPBC, dichlofluanid and creosote.

Dossiers for timber preservation have been spread amongst the 16 member states for review. Italy has been assigned responsibility for 6, including the QAC's, the UK has 2, one of which is a plant protection product, and Belgium, Greece, Luxemburg and Ireland have 1 active each.

For [rodenticides originally notified](#), a total of 13 dossiers were sent to the authorities, with one active for each of 13 member states.

Withdrawals

By the end of April 2004, support for 39 active substance/product type combinations had been withdrawn by all participants. These cover 17 of the 23 product types. It is no surprise that PT 8 dominates with support withdrawn for 27 active substances.

Notable amongst the [January withdrawals](#) for PT 8 are Deltamethrin, Cetyl pyridinium chloride, ethanol and Bis (tributyl tin).

¹ Commission Regulation (EC) No 1896/2000 of 7 September 2000 on the first phase of the programme referred to in Article 16(2) of Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on biocidal products.

The [March](#) withdrawals include Chlorothalonil, Technical grade Imazalil and 2 copper compounds: dicopper oxide and copper sulphate.

The latest list, dated [30th April 2004](#), contains a further 9 actives for which all participants have withdrawn support for PT 8, including lindane, zinc borate, methylene bis thiocyanate, and the components of CCA namely diarsenic pentaoxide, sodium dichromate and chromium trioxide.

Notices of the withdrawal of all participants for 2 rodenticides, trizinc diphosphide and dodecylguanidine monohydrochloride, were included on lists published on the 23rd March and 30th April respectively.

Should anyone wish to support any unsupported active, they must inform the Commission within 3 months of the relevant date of withdrawal of support, which is 23rd June 2004 for those actives on the March list and 30th July 2004 for those on the April list. The deadline for the January list has now passed.

No dossiers received

Also published in April was a list of active [substances for which no dossier was submitted in support of PT 8 or 14](#) by the deadline date of March 28th 2004.

Of the 19 actives on this list, 16 were for PT 8 including sodium pentachlorophenolate, copper naphthenate, 4 quaternary ammonium compounds, propanol and cypermethrin.

April 30th also saw the listing of 3 rodenticides for which no dossier was submitted: diphacinone, warfarin sodium, and trimagnesium diphosphide.

Again, anyone wishing to support these actives must inform the Commission before the 30th July 2004.

Note - Anyone taking on the responsibility of the participant to support an active through the review process must be prepared to submit a full dossier containing all data specified in the [BPD Technical Notes for Guidance](#).