

## Mandates for the BPC Permanent Working Groups

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### 1. Introduction and objectives

The Biocidal Products Committee (BPC) hereby establishes the following permanent BPC Working Groups (WGs) which will report to the BPC:

- I Efficacy
- II Analytical Methods and Physico-chemical Properties
- III Human Health
- IV Environment.

The BPC WGs in accordance with the applicable working procedures shall carry out a scientific and technical peer review and consider other scientific and technical questions relevant to the peer reviews in relation to the following processes (for example consultation on guidance or generic methodological issues):

- Approval, renewal and review of biocidal active substances;
- Inclusion of biocidal active substances into Annex I of the BPR;
- Identifying active substances as candidates for substitution;
- Applications for Union authorisation, as well as the renewal, cancellation and amendments of these;
- Technical or scientific matters in relation to mutual recognition;
- Any other questions that arise from the operation of BPR.

The BPC WGs shall operate in a manner that is efficient and delivers the output described in Section 3 of this Annex in accordance with BPC working procedures to ensure the output is delivered in a timely manner. The work and output of the WGs shall be of a high scientific quality and be carried out in accordance with the confidentiality provisions of Article 10 of the BPC RoPs and the ECHA Conflicts of Interest policy.

All members of the Working Groups of the Biocidal Products Committee (BPC), their advisers and invited experts participating in the meeting shall declare at each meeting any interest which could be considered to be prejudicial to their independence with respect to any point on the agenda.

The Eligibility Guidelines for members of ECHA bodies (MB/45/2013 final<sup>1</sup>) shall apply by analogy to all members of Working Groups of the BPC that are appointed on a long-term basis (i.e. core members, their alternates and the flexible members).

Core members of working groups and their alternates shall make annually a declaration of any interests which could be considered to be prejudicial to their independence, according to the template in Annex 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the BPC. If at any point in time changes occur to the situation of the core member's interests, they shall make an updated declaration without delay. In addition, these

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<sup>1</sup> [http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13555/final\\_mb\\_45\\_2013\\_eligibility\\_crit\\_guid\\_en.pdf](http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/13555/final_mb_45_2013_eligibility_crit_guid_en.pdf)

declarations of interests shall be published on the Agency's website without prejudice to Article 11(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the BPC. Core members who have not submitted the declaration of interests shall not take part in meetings of the working groups or decisions by written procedure.

## **2. Scope of the Working Groups**

### **2.1 WG I - Efficacy**

- Evaluation and discussion of open points concerning:
  - Effectiveness against target organisms
  - Resistance
  - Mode of action
  - Efficacy test/studies
  - Efficacy data
  - Humaneness
  - Intended use
- Support for guidance development.

### **2.2 WG II - Analytical Methods and Physico-chemical Properties**

- Evaluation and discussion of open points concerning:
  - Data requirements for analytical methods
  - Validation methods and requirements
  - Residue analytical methods and validation
  - Confirmatory methods
  - Physico-chemical properties of active substances and biocidal products
  - Storage stability
  - Substance identity and chemical similarity
- Support for guidance development.

### **2.3 WG III - Human Health<sup>2</sup>**

- Evaluation and discussion of open points concerning:
  - Toxicological data requirements
  - Toxicological risk assessment

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<sup>2</sup> Includes animal health

- Proposed risk management measures
- Consideration of the criteria set out in BPR Articles 5 and 10
- Residue definition where relevant
- Support for guidance development
- Any other issues that might affect human health due to the use of a biocidal product.

## **2.4 WG IV - Environment**

- Evaluation and discussion of open points concerning:
  - Environmental data requirements
  - Environmental risk assessment
  - Proposed risk management measures
  - Consideration of the criteria set out in BPR Articles 5 and 10
  - Residue definition where relevant
- Support for guidance and model development
- Any other issues that might affect the environment due to the use of a biocidal product.

## **3. Output and reporting of BPC Working Groups**

The BPC WGs shall prepare written conclusions and send them to the BPC within the relevant time frames of the BPC working procedures. To the extent possible, these written conclusions shall clearly set out the outcome of the scientific and technical peer review process and highlight any unresolved questions for further consideration. The written conclusions shall also highlight any other aspects that have been identified in the course of the peer review process.

The output of the WGs shall be of a sufficiently high scientific quality for the purposes of carrying out the preparatory work for the BPC.

BPC WGs shall report regularly to the BPC and draft agendas, meeting dates and minutes of the WGs shall be made available to the BPC.

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