



Association Internationale de la Savonnerie, de la Détergence et des Produits d'Entretien
International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products

Workshop on Building a Biocidal Product Consortium – Way forward

28 April 2014

A.I.S.E. offices, Brussels

INVITATION

Dear Sir, Madam,

The new Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR), entered into force on 1 September 2013. Despite the fact, that the BPR introduces new mechanisms and more robust procedures for the authorisation of biocidal products, developing a product authorisation dossier, defending it and obtaining authorisation will remain a complex and expensive task, requiring a high level of regulatory and technical expertise. This is a big challenge for the industry, in particular for SMEs.

In June 2012, A.I.S.E. organised a Joint Authorisation Workshop to investigate the concept of joint dossier preparation and submission (in the form of a consortium). This event was a successful exercise which brought a group of companies together to help them to explore the advantages and disadvantages of consortia. Participants of this event concluded that joint work on a dossier followed by individual dossier submissions would be the optimal solution for companies under the BPR scheme. This approach was further supported by SMEs when discussed in September 2013 at the A.I.S.E. SME Day, leading to a recommendation to organise a follow-up event.

In order to better understand if there is a common interest among the A.I.S.E. network, a dedicated questionnaire on consortia was distributed by A.I.S.E. in 2013. This enquiry was positively responded to by approximately 30 companies. Based on the high volume of responses, it was agreed to organise a one day event for companies which consider consortia as a potential way forward with regard to product authorisation.

Therefore we kindly invite you to participate in a Workshop dedicated to **“Building a Biocidal Product Consortium - Way Forward”** which will take place on **28 April 2014 in the A.I.S.E. offices, Brussels, Belgium.**

This workshop will seek to assess the feasibility of creating joint Biocidal Product authorisation dossiers under the BPR by identifying both potential benefits and barriers. Regulatory, legal, technical and practical aspects will be investigated. Experts, including representatives of companies, associations, external consultants and legal experts will attempt to analyse in a stepwise approach the



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steps involved in setting up a biocidal product consortium. In addition participants will learn from existing consortia initiatives.

The Workshop is open to:

- Representatives of companies involved in biocidal product dossier preparation and submission, (all members of the A.I.S.E. network)
- National Association representatives

If you are interested in participating in this event, please return the enclosed Registration Form **by 31 March 2014**. Participation will be confirmed by 4 April 2014. Note that due to limited meeting space, participation is limited to 25 people. Therefore until you receive confirmation we advise you not to make any travel arrangements. Thank you for your understanding.

We are looking forward to welcoming you on 28 April in Brussels.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis', is written over a faint, light-colored circular stamp or watermark.