



Annex I

Background and objectives of the Biocides workshop

Between 2017 and 2018, the Commission carried out fact finding missions to investigate the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 on Biocidal Products (BPR). The key elements, the findings and conclusions of these fact finding missions will be published by the European Commission once an overview report (DG(SANTE)/2018-6780) has been finalised following the Biocides workshop.

The **goals** of the workshop are that participants and their respective Member States will:

- A. take ownership of the findings and conclusions of the fact finding missions and overview report and use them to improve the implementation of the BPR;
- B. gain an understanding of good practices in the EU and how these may be adopted in their activities;
- C. be able to identify and discuss weaknesses and recurring problems in their own Member State, as well as across Member States, with the aim of identifying possible solutions at Member State and EU level.

Format and outcome of the workshop:

This workshop is not the usual training type workshop where knowledge is imparted from lecturer to participant. Participants will be invited to share experiences and ideas during the workshops and plenary sessions in order to enable participants to learn from each other.

- The workshop will include presentations and group exercises. The objective of the workshop is to share experience and difficulties encountered when implementing the BPR and to discuss the main findings and conclusions of the fact finding missions. To this end participants are invited to familiarise themselves with the draft overview report and preferably with the individual fact finding mission reports.
- LIST of the individual fact finding mission **reports**:
Hungary: http://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4006
Germany: http://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=3976
Spain: http://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4001
Belgium: http://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4030
Netherlands: http://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=4047
- The intended outcome of the workshop is to support a better and more consistent EU-wide implementation of the BPR by discussing key issues and good practices. Proposals for improvements in the areas covered by the workshop will be reflected in the final Overview Report of the Biocides Fact Finding Mission Series.

The draft Overview Report of a Series of Fact-Finding Missions on Biocides in EU Member States will be forwarded closer to the workshop's date.



Please see attached the provisional agenda for the workshop.