



15.5.20 NEWSLETTER FOR RNI CUSTOMERS - BIOCIDES DEROGATIONS IN EU AND WORLDWIDE

For your information and interest, we provide you with the update on the measures implemented to face the COVID19 outbreak.

Following the main updates of the week relating to disinfectant products and the authorization procedures in derogation in Europe and worldwide.

Do not hesitate to contact us, we remain available to provide more information on specific customer requests.

Germany

Federation of German Industries (BDI), supported by the German national body for the chemical industry (VCI), has sent ECHA a request for postponement of at least 6 months of most of regulatory deadlines for chemicals.

Welcoming the extensions already announced by ECHA, such as the payment of invoices, BDI Deputy Director General Holger Lösch wrote to ECHA Executive Director and to the main officials of DG Environment and GROW last month urging to postpone the deadlines in ten areas.

The position of the German organization contrasts with that of the European chemical trade body (Cefic), which "does not support general delays".

In response, ECHA is unable to change deadlines. But in the case of consultation deadlines for cases such as the identification of SVHC or restriction proposals, an individual request by companies for specific extensions to establish new deadlines could be considered, which must however adapt to those established by law.

UK

The UK Cosmetic, Toiletry and Perfumery Association (CTPA) encourages companies to sign an initiative that brings together manufacturers and distributors of cleaning and cosmetic products, to fill gaps in the supply of disinfectants and hand soaps.

To this aim, the CERE (Emergency Response Exchange) project was launched in early April 2020. Companies that sign up for CERE provide information about their production needs and supply offers. The CTPA then matches companies based on chemicals or other components that can supply each other, to produce the products most in demand during this emergency phase.

USA

The US EPA has announced a facilitated accelerated review process for a larger group of products to be included in "**List N: Sars-CoV-2 Disinfectants**". The policy, which extends the previously announced one, will now also apply to currently registered products that require only a data review and to questions for new disinfectant products.

Australia

Accord, the Australian Association of Manufacturers and Suppliers of Personal Care and Hygiene Products, has developed the "*Connect System*" platform to help meet companies that urgently need alcohol-based hand sanitizers with manufacturers.

The association is working with the Federal Department of Industry, Science and Energy, the Consumers Association for Health Protection in Australia and the Australian Distillers Association.

One of the first investigations revealed a shortage of essential raw materials, including ethanol, isopropanol, polymeric gelling agents and packaging materials.

There is always a concern that supply does not match demand. The efforts of the Australian governments and all the industrial sectors involved are aimed to ensure that hand disinfection products of adequate quality can be placed on the internal market.

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