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Biocides – a global topic

Dear Sir/Madam,

On September 1st 2013 the current Biocidal Products Directive 98/8/EC was superseded by the new Biocides Regulation (EU) No 528/2012. The new regulation regarding the marketing and use of biocidal products was adopted in May 2012 and entered into force on July 17th 2012. Since September 1st 2013 the regulation must be implemented throughout Europe and, since it is a directly applicable EU law, does not need to be transferred to the national legislations.

But not only Europe has legislations regarding the sales of biocidal items. This is a global topic. We have therefore asked our Service Provider SAP BCS to screen the different legal requirements in different countries and have also received an overview of the relevant legislations.

In order for SAP BCS to make sure they classify your biocidal product correctly it is very important that you mention the fact that the item is a biocide in terms of its use when you apply for it in the MSDS Management Portal. No matter in which market you are operating – this piece of information is really important!

We also kindly ask you to inform yourself about the local requirements when it comes to biocides. We will support you as much as we can but the responsibility for placing the biocide or any other chemical technical item on the market lies with you!

Therefore you have to make sure you register your biocidal items with the local authorities if this is required.

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Please feel free to contact us in case you have any further questions.

Best regards,

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