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PRESS RELEASE

EUROPEAN BIOCIDES REGULATION HERALDS IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS FOR INTERNAL MARKET

Brussels, 19 January 2012 – A.I.S.E., the International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products, welcomes the European Parliament's adoption at second reading of the proposal for a Regulation on the Placing on the Market and Use of Biocidal Products.

From 1st September 2013, the new Biocidal Products Regulation will replace the Directive currently applicable. The Regulation represents a significant improvement compared to the existing regulatory framework for biocidal products. In particular, it provides the industry with a more efficient and reliable authorisation system, both in terms of requirements and procedures, leading to uniform safety assessments. In addition to the national system, the introduction of the Union authorisation will stimulate products availability across the European Union and provide incentives for the innovation of products delivering good hygiene when and where needed.

Susanne Zänker, Director General of A.I.S.E. said: "We welcome this proposal as a major step towards a harmonised EU market for biocidal products, whilst ensuring a high level of protection of human health and the environment across the European Union. We would like to congratulate the rapporteur for the European Parliament, Ms Christa Klass, and her shadow rapporteurs for their efficient collaboration and the hard work undertaken over the past years to come to a sound agreement".

It is essential that future implementation of the Regulation captures all the potential for gains in placing products on the EU market. A.I.S.E. looks forward to continue to work with the Commission, Member States authorities and ECHA to ensure that the implementation of the new procedures are workable, effective and affordable. This includes making sure that sufficient attention and support are given to SMEs to comply with this new system.

BACKGROUND

A.I.S.E. represents the International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products industry in Europe. Its affiliates include 9 direct member companies as well as 37 National Associations in 42 countries, covering more than 900 companies ranging from small and medium-sized enterprises to multinationals. Biocidal products play an essential role in the home and public places, delivering hygiene and public health where and when it counts. Biocidal products manufactured by A.I.S.E. member companies include a vast range of disinfectants for household and institutional use, as well as household insect control products.

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