Minority opinion of the German CA regarding the Union authorisation application “AWPF Calcium Hypochlorite BPF” discussed at BPC-40

The German Competent Authority identified a conflict with the uses related to the disinfection of drinking water with the conditions laid down in the “List of treatment substances and disinfection processes” according to §11 of the German Drinking Water Ordinance (in German: “Liste der Aufbereitungsstoffe und Desinfektionsverfahren gemäß § 11 der Trinkwasserverordnung”) and DIN EN 900 “Chemicals used for treatment of water intended for human consumption - Calcium hypochlorite”.

In addition, the German Competent Authority identified a conflict with the uses related to the disinfection of swimming pools/spas with the conditions laid down in the national DIN 19643 “Treatment of water of swimming pools and baths” (in German: “Aufbereitung von Schwimm- und Badebeckenwasser”) and DIN EN 15796 “Chemicals used for treatment of swimming pool water - Calcium hypochlorite”.

Therefore, the German Competent Authority cannot agree with the Summary of Product Characteristics in the present form. As a consequence, Germany is going to send a request to the Commission to accept a derogation according to article 44 (5) and if applicable article 2 (7) of Regulation No 528/2012, respectively, and to adjust the conditions of the uses related to the disinfection of drinking water and swimming pools/spas by professionals in Germany.