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# About the European Biocidal Products Forum



# About EBPF



## Who we are

- The European Biocidal Products Forum as a Sector Group of Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council is **the voice of the biocides industry in Europe.**
- Members are companies and trade associations involved in the **biocides' sector supply chain**, active substance manufacturers, biocidal products formulators and industrial, professional and non-professional users.
- Our association represents the entire biocidal market and product types.

Covers the 4 main groups (22 Product types):

Disinfectants, preservatives, pest control, others

# About EBPF



## EBPF Membership

➤ **60 Full members:** <https://specialty-chemicals.eu/ebpf/>

- Active Substance manufacturers
- Product formulators

➤ **7 Associate members:**

Industry sector groups, downstream user associations and task forces: A.I.S.E. , BACS, CEPE , ECPA , Euro Chlor, FECC , Tegewa

➤ **13 National federations + 2 occasionally:**

CIA (UK), Essenscia (Bioplus) (BE), FCIO (AT), FEDERCHIMICA (IT), FEIQUE (ES), France Chimie (FR), IKEM (SE), Kemianteollisuus (FI), Scienceindustries (CH), VCI (DE), VNCI (NL) + HACI (GR) and APCDR (RO)

# About EBPF



## What we do

- We represent the European biocides industry to Authorities such as the European Commission, ECHA and national Competent Authorities.
- Provide a forum to establish common positions to inform ongoing debates with authorities and other stakeholders at the regulatory, technical and scientific level.

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# Covid-19 and the critical role of the biocides industry



# Covid-19 worldwide health crisis



On 11 March 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a global pandemic.

The pandemic has caused an unprecedented **worldwide health crisis** with severe socio-economic **consequences** and human suffering.

‘**health crisis**’ means any crisis or serious incident arising from a threat of human, animal, plant, food or environment origin, having a health dimension and which **requires urgent action** by authorities;



# Covid-19 and the important role of disinfectants

‘**crisis relevant products**’ means products and substances necessary, in the context of a health crisis, to prevent, diagnose or treat a disease and its consequences, included but not limited to: [...]; **disinfectants** and their intermediary products and raw materials necessary for their production.

**Health care**



**Public transport**



**Farming Industry**



**Food & Beverage  
Kitchen & Catering**



**Homes**



**Public institutions**



# Main challenges for the Biocides Industry

- Availability of materials, e.g.:
  - Active substances and co-formulants
  - Raw materials
  - Packaging
  
- Production capacity, lack of workforce
- Borders / Export limitations
- Lengthy biocidal product authorisation procedures
- Non-harmonised regulatory approach across EU (Art 55 of the BPR is MS specific)

*“A competent authority may permit, for a period not exceeding 180 days, the making available on the market or use of a biocidal product which does not fulfil the conditions for authorisation laid down in this Regulation, for a limited and controlled use under the supervision of the competent authority, if such a measure is necessary because of a **danger to public health, animal health or the environment which cannot be contained by other means**”*

# Biocides Industry activities during the COVID-19 crisis

- Close contact with European Commission (DG SANTE), ECHA and Competent Authorities
- Contribution to OECD discussions at international level
- Identify issues at local, EU and international level and concerns around disinfectants availability
- Calls for action to Commission and Ms:
  - Harmonisation from MSs using Art. 55 of BPR
  - Urging its implementation and coordination
  - Improve the logistics / export situation in EU



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# The Cross-Industry Alliance and the fast track guide



# Alliances: a key factor in the fight against COVID-19



- The COVID-19 crisis has forced us to reconsider and look for new ways of working to provide quick and efficient solutions to the problems we are facing.
- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency on public health and the social and economic well-being of communities around the planet has highlighted the importance of working in partnership.
- It has been observed that, in the face of an event of such magnitude, only the coordinated and united work of all actors can offer an effective, equitable and sustainable solution to the health, economic and social crisis.

# Cross-Industry Alliance



**Alliances** and partnerships are ways in which organisations can work together to achieve defined /common objectives.

- Objective: Contribute in the fight against the pandemic
- Competences: Biocides/disinfectants
- Capacity: The organisation representing the Biocides industry
- Resources: Secretariat and membership
- Co-operation: Network
- Partners: *“The enemy of my enemy is my friend”*

# Cross-Industry Alliance



A.I.S.E., EBPF and FECC joined forces to

- help companies to ensure that the authorities, medical facilities and the public all have enough supply of valuable disinfectants in this time of need.
- assist companies in complying with their obligations under the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) and equivalent national laws on biocides during the COVID-19 pandemic
- provide industry with faster access to the relevant information





# Cross-Industry Alliance and the fast track guide



With the voluntary contribution of:



fieldfisher

Steptoe

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**Practical Guide** sets out the main procedures for fast-tracking the availability of disinfectants in order to help fight the pandemic

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**Appendix 1** provides an overview of national measures (either under the Article 55 of BPR and/or national laws) that have been adopted in various European countries

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**Appendix 2** lists all the active substances approved or under review for PT1 and PT2 at EU level. Further checks by companies with regards to the efficacy against encapsulated viruses, such as corona viruses should however be conducted.

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# Recap and take-home message



# Conclusion and take-home message



- The Covid-19 pandemic has been defined as the **global health crisis of our time**.
- **Alliances** are a **key** factor in the fight against crisis.
- Good example of it, the **Cross-industry Alliance** formed by EBPF, AISE and EFF with the support of CEHTRA, FieldFisher and Steptoe.

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# Thanks for your attention

