

Glossary of terms and abbreviations

What is a biocidal product?

Article 3 of the Biocidal Products Regulation (EU No 528/2012) defines a biocidal product as:

- any substance or mixture, in the form in which it is supplied to the user, consisting of, containing or generating one or more active substances, with the intention of destroying, deterring, rendering harmless, preventing the action of, or otherwise exerting a controlling effect on, any harmful organism by any means other than mere physical or mechanical action,
- any substance or mixture, generated from substances or mixtures which do not themselves fall under the first indent, to be used with the intention of destroying, deterring, rendering harmless, preventing the action of, or otherwise exerting a controlling effect on, any harmful organism by any means other than mere physical or mechanical action.

A treated article that has a primary biocidal function shall be considered a biocidal product.

Table 1. Glossary of terms and abbreviations.

Abbreviation	Explanation
IE/BPA No.	Authorisation Number
PT	Product Type (See table 2 below)
Status	Authorised = Product(s) authorised by PRCD Authorised SA = Simplified Authorisation. Authorised UA = Union authorisation. Up to date product list is available at https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/biocidal-products

	<p>Revoked = Biocidal Product(s) revoked by PRCD.</p>
<p>User Category</p>	<p>Amateur also be known as a ‘Non Professional User’ = means any person who uses biocidal product(s) in the course of day to day activities and is not required to have any formal training.</p> <p>Professional = means any person who uses biocidal product(s) in the course of their professional activities and is not required to have any formal training.</p> <p>Trained Professional = means any person who uses biocidal product(s) in the course of their professional activities and where additional qualifications or training are a requirement in order to mitigate the risks associated with using a biocidal product. The term specialised professional user has the same definition as trained professional user. <i>Note: All trained professional users of biocidal products must be registered with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.</i></p> <p>Industrial user = are those involved in manufacturing, handling and/or packaging of actives or products in industry as well as those using biocidal product(s) in their own processes at an industrial setting.</p> <p><i>User categories can be cited from ECHA Guidance on the Biocidal Products Regulation Volume III Human Health - Assessment & Evaluation (Parts B+C) Version 4.0 December 2017.</i></p>
<p>Period of Grace* for revoked product(s)</p>	<p>Product Revoke Date = Date which product(s) are revoked by PRCD and the last date on which the authorisation holder may place product on the Irish market</p> <p>Sell Out Date = Shall not exceed 180 days for the making available on the market existing stocks of product by those other than the authorisation holder</p> <p>Use By Date = An additional period of 180 days for the use of existing stock.</p> <p>*Period of Grace is outlined in Article 52 of the Biocidal Products Regulation (EU No 528/2012)</p>

Product Type

In Annex V to the Biocidal Products Regulation (EU No 528/2012) biocidal products are classified into 22 product types, grouped in four main groups.

Main Group 1: Disinfectants

Main Group 2: Preservatives

Main Group 3: Pest Control

Main Group 4: Other Biocidal Products

Table 2. Summary of Biocidal Product Types.

Number	Product Type	Description
Main Group 1: Disinfectants		
PT 1	Human hygiene	Products in this group are biocidal products used for human hygiene purposes, applied on or in contact with human skin or scalps for the primary purpose of disinfecting the skin or scalp.
PT 2	Disinfectants and algaecides not intended for direct application to humans or animals	Used for the disinfection of surfaces, materials, equipment and furniture which are not used for direct contact with food or feeding stuffs. Usage areas include, inter alia, swimming pools, aquariums, bathing and other waters; air conditioning systems; and walls and floors in private, public, and industrial areas and in other areas for professional activities. Used for disinfection of air, water not used for human or animal consumption, chemical toilets, waste water, hospital waste and soil. Used as algaecides for treatment of swimming pools, aquariums and other waters and for remedial treatment of construction materials. Used to be incorporated in textiles, tissues, masks, paints and other articles or materials with the purpose of producing treated articles with disinfecting properties.
PT 3	Veterinary hygiene	Used for veterinary hygiene purposes such as disinfectants, disinfecting soaps, oral or corporal

		hygiene products or with anti-microbial function. Used to disinfect the materials and surfaces associated with the housing or transportation of animals.
PT 4	Food and feed area	Used for the disinfection of equipment, containers, consumption utensils, surfaces or pipework associated with the production, transport, storage or consumption of food or feed (including drinking water) for humans and animals. Used to impregnate materials which may enter into contact with food.
PT 5	Drinking water	Used for the disinfection of drinking water for both humans and animals.
Main Group 2: Preservatives		
PT 6	Preservatives for products during storage	Used for the preservation of manufactured products, other than foodstuffs, feeding stuffs, cosmetics or medicinal products or medical devices by the control of microbial deterioration to ensure their shelf life. Used as preservatives for the storage or use of rodenticide, insecticide or other baits.
PT 7	Film preservatives	Used for the preservation of films or coatings by the control of microbial deterioration or algal growth in order to protect the initial properties of the surface of materials or objects such as paints, plastics, sealants, wall adhesives, binders, papers, art works.
PT 8	Wood preservatives	Used for the preservation of wood, from and including the saw-mill stage, or wood products by the control of wood-destroying or wood-disfiguring organisms, including insects. This product type includes both preventive and curative products.
PT 9	Fibre, leather, rubber and polymerised materials preservatives	Used for the preservation of fibrous or polymerised materials, such as leather, rubber or paper or textile products by the control of microbiological deterioration. This product-type includes biocidal products which antagonise the settlement of micro-organisms on the surface of materials and therefore hamper or prevent the development of odour and/or offer other kinds of benefits.
PT 10	Construction material preservatives	Used for the preservation of masonry, composite materials, or other construction materials other than wood by the control of microbiological and algal attack.
PT 11	Preservatives for liquid-cooling and processing systems	Used for the preservation of water or other liquids used in cooling and processing systems by the control of harmful organisms such as microbes, algae and mussels. Products used for the disinfection of drinking water or of water for swimming pools are not included in this product-type.
PT 12	Slimeicides	Used for the prevention or control of slime growth on materials, equipment and structures, used

		in industrial processes, e.g. on wood and paper pulp, porous sand strata in oil extraction.
PT 13	Working or cutting fluid preservatives	Products to control microbial deterioration in fluids used for working or cutting metal, glass or other materials.
Main Group 3: Pest Control		
PT 14	Rodenticides	Used for the control of mice, rats or other rodents, by means other than repulsion or attraction.
PT 15	Avicides	Used for the control of birds, by means other than repulsion or attraction.
PT 16	Molluscicides, vermicides and products to control other invertebrates	Used for the control of molluscs, worms and invertebrates not covered by other product types, by means other than repulsion or attraction.
PT 17	Piscicides	Used for the control of fish, by means other than repulsion or attraction.
PT 18	Insecticides, acaricides and products to control other arthropods	Used for the control of arthropods (e.g. insects, arachnids and crustaceans), by means other than repulsion or attraction.
PT 19	Repellents and attractants	Used to control harmful organisms (invertebrates such as fleas, vertebrates such as birds, fish, rodents), by repelling or attracting, including those that are used for human or veterinary hygiene either directly on the skin or indirectly in the environment of humans or animals.
PT 20	Control of other vertebrates	Used for the control of vertebrates other than those already covered by the other product types of this main group, by means other than repulsion or attraction.
Main Group 4: Other Biocidal Products		
PT 21	Antifouling products	Used to control the growth and settlement of fouling organisms (microbes and higher forms of plant or animal species) on vessels, aquaculture equipment or other structures used in water.
PT 22	Embalming and taxidermist fluids	Used for the disinfection and preservation of human or animal corpses, or parts thereof.