



Information Note:
**Renewal of the approval of Propiconazole as an active
substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 8**

22nd March 2024

The Pesticide Controls Divisions (PCD) within the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) is the competent authority for biocides in Ireland. The Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2596 renewing the approval of propiconazole as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 8 (wood preservatives) in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council was published on 21st November 2023 and came into force on 11th December 2023.

Please be informed of the important information in relation to biocidal products and treated articles and particular in relation to amateur use products containing propiconazole.

As outlined in the Annex of the Regulation, from 11th December 2023 products may only be authorised for:

- (i) *‘Temporary treatment against wood-discolouring fungi (anti-sapstain use through industrial treatment);*
- (ii) *Industrial and professional treatment of structural wood (wood used in a loadbearing capacity in buildings and structures where the strength of the timber is the primary consideration, such as sheds, joists, bridges, jetties, poles, decking, fence poles, etc.) in use class(2)3 (situation in which the wood or wood-based product is above ground and exposed to the weather, particularly rain) and use class 4 (situation in which the wood or wood-based product is in direct contact with ground or fresh water);*
- (iii) *Industrial and professional treatment of joinery (wood products coming from the practice of physically joining pieces of wood together, such as windows, doors, rooflights, cladding, lining boards, cover floors, fence rails, etc.) in use class 2 (situation in which the wood or wood-based product is under cover and not exposed to the weather, particularly rain and driven rain, but where occasional, but not persistent, wetting can occur) and use class 3;*



- (iv) *In situ brush, spraying or injection applications by professional users of wood in use classes 2 and 3; in situ spraying applications are authorised for indoor use only'*

The PCD have cancelled (and amended where applicable) biocidal product authorisations containing Propiconazole where these product(s) do not comply with the renewal regulation. Therefore, all products for use by the general public (amateur use) have been revoked. The grace period for the making available of these product(s) on the market will end on 31st March 2024.

Treated Articles

As outlined in the Annex of the Regulation, the placing on the market of treated articles treated with or incorporating propiconazole is subject to the following conditions:

'As from 1 July 2024, treated articles treated with or incorporating propiconazole may be placed on the market only for use as:

- (i) *wood treated for protection against wood-discolouring fungi (anti-sapstain industrial treatment);*
- (ii) *structural wood for use class 3 (situation in which the wood or wood-based product is above ground and exposed to the weather, particularly rain) and use class 4 (situation in which the wood or wood-based product is in direct contact with ground or fresh water);*
- (iii) *joinery for use class 2 (situation in which the wood or wood-based product is under cover and not exposed to the weather, particularly rain and driven rain, but where occasional, but not persistent, wetting can occur) and use class 3.*

As from 1 July 2024, treated articles treated with or incorporating propiconazole shall not be placed on the market for the production of furniture and play structures.

The person responsible for the placing on the market of a treated article treated with or incorporating propiconazole shall ensure that the label of that treated article provides the information listed in Article 58(3), second subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, including a statement as from 1 July 2024 that wood treated with propiconazole shall not be used to produce furniture and play structures.'



If you require any further information, please contact biocide-enforcement@agriculture.gov.ie.

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