

## **Substance approval decision / Non-inclusion decision**

Polyhexamethylene biguanide hydrochloride with a mean number – average molecular weight (Mn) of 1415 and a mean polydispersity (PDI) of 4.7 (PHMB (1415; 4.7):

This active substance **will be approved** for use in biocidal products of **Product Types 2 and 4**, on **1 November 2019**. Biocidal products containing this active substance will therefore need to obtain EU BPR authorisation if they are to remain on the market.

All affected companies are reminded that they must apply for product authorisation by **1 November 2019** in order to keep their biocidal products on the market after this date. Please note if your biocidal product contains more than one active substance the date by which you have to apply for product authorisation will be the date the last active substance in the product is approved.

The EU Commission has **decided not to approve** PHMB (1415; 4.7) for use in biocidal products of **Product Types 1, 5 and 6**.

All affected companies are reminded that biocidal products containing this active substance, in the listed product type(s), shall no longer be made available on the market after **13 May 2019**; and use of existing stocks of the biocidal product may only continue until **13 Nov 2019**. Companies must manage the supply of the affected product to ensure there will be none remaining in the EU supply chain by **13 May 2019**.