

Information Update

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Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR BUSINESS

The government of Ireland has recently contacted Lonza with the following message relating to Treated Articles (TA) containing biocides.

Dear Manufacturers/Distributors/Retailers

Since January 1st 2019, changes to biocide regulations could have an impact on your business. The Pesticide Control Division of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) will be carrying out inspections on treated articles (TA) found in all businesses in 2019. A treated article is something that has been treated with one or more biocidal products.

Examples of TA include **fencing posts or other wood products that have wood preservatives applied (creosoted posts/ panelling)**, most paint products (preservatives found in paint) and clothes, shoes, carpets, leather, masonry preservatives, etc. that have antibacterial claims.

More information can be found on the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) website - <https://echa.europa.eu> and on the information leaflet attached.

We will be checking the following information as part of the inspection:

- Confirm if the article is a TA or a biocidal product
- Check if the TA contains an approved Active Substance
- Is the TA correctly labelled, i.e., contains the text “the treated article incorporates biocidal products”, “name of the active substance” and any appropriate instructions?
- Is the marketing information on your website for the TA consistent with the claims on the TA label?
- If you make a TA available for sale/use on the Irish market, we will request the following information be provided within 45 days of an inspection:
 1. TA manufacturer (name and address)
 2. TA distributor
 3. Primary & additional functions of the TA
 4. Biocidal product (active ingredient and concentration) and how it was incorporated into the TA
 5. Supplier of the active ingredient/biocidal product
 6. Any relevant instructions for use including any precautions to be taken

Please forward this email to all relevant parties in your supply chain.

Kind regards

Pesticide Control Division

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Following this message, as customers of Lonza using our wood preservatives containing biocides, we wanted to supply you with all the relevant information you may need to comply with any enquiries or visits made to your business by DAFM. Therefore please share the following information that relates to your treated timber business with your colleagues.



Biocidal Products Regulation - Helping You Meet the Requirements

The EU Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) introduced in September 2013 is a critical piece of legislation for wood preservative manufacturers and their customers. The BPR is very wide ranging, reviewing the performance and safety of all products containing biocides used in every industry across Europe, not just the wood protection arena.

All biocide containing products require an authorisation before they can be placed on the market and the active substances must be BPR approved.

Not all wood preservative manufacturers have managed to gain BPR approval for their products.

The Lonza regulatory team at Castleford has secured BPR approval for all our current preservative products on the market – TANALITH and VACSOL. Therefore in using Lonza wood preservatives you can be confident you have ‘approved and sustainable products’ that will add to the credentials of your treated timber business. In partnering with Lonza you are already ‘ahead of the game’.

Letting Your Customers Know About Your Treated Timber Products

A key requirement of BPR is that it is the **responsibility of the company actually placing treated timber on the market to inform its customers and users of the treated timber of the biocidal ingredients used in the wood preservative and the key health and safety guidelines that should be considered.**

Treated articles should be appropriately labelled with information as shown below. The labelling shall be clearly visible, legible and durable. Where necessary because of the size or function of the treated article, the labelling can be provided on packaging, instructions for use or on the warranty document. Where treated articles are designed and manufactured to meet a specific order, the manufacturer and customer may agree other methods of providing the relevant information.

To assist our TANALITH and VACSOL customers to do this we have collated the relevant and approved information for each product.

This consists of the following:

- Treated Timber containing a biocidal product(s)
- Confirmation of product protection role
- Confirmation of all active ingredients within the product
- Confirmation of any nano materials within the product
- Relevant instructions for the safe use of the treated timber

We also then offer services to help you communicate this information in different ways.

Pack Labels

One widely accepted and popular way of communicating BPR product information is by the use of pack labels on treated timber packs.

The Lonza marketing services team has created artwork for A6 size (105mm x 148mm) generic pack labels for every product and in a range of languages to suit relevant markets.*

* When supplying treated timbers into specific European countries extra information may need to be supplied to meet local regulations. Contact Lonza for more information, if required.

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An example of the current generic TANALITH 8000 product label is shown here.



We can supply customers with this print ready artwork for you to use within your own production systems or can alternatively arrange printing for you at a very competitive cost price.

Some customers prefer to have pack labels branded with their own company identity and information boxes but which also include the important BPR information.

An example of a branded customer pack label is shown here.



The Lonza marketing services team offers a free service to our customers to design such labels ready for production and can also offer printing services, if required, at very competitive cost prices.

Other Communication

Since the introduction of this BPR requirement in 2013 some of our customers have used other communication methods to relay the information onto their customers such as including information on invoices or via their websites.

However it is your responsibility to ensure that alternative methods of communication meet the requirements of the regulations.

Consumer Requests

Suppliers of treated articles must, on request, provide consumers with information on the treated article within 45 days, free of charge. You can provide the information from the treated article label to meet such requests.

Your Customers' Responsibilities

If you have customers taking your preservative treated timbers and making them available for their markets, **they do not have to comply with the supply of this information to their customers unless they change the Treated Article.**

As an example, you treat and supply wooden panels to a fencing company customer. The panels must be labelled as per BPR requirements. If the fencing company sells them on to a second company they do not need to replace any missing labels as they have no requirement to do so. However, if the fencing company also take the treated wooden panels and then turn them into a gazebo structure, then the final gazebo must carry a treated article label as it is a new article being placed on the market.

Here to Help

If you need help in setting up this important BPR information within your business the Lonza marketing services team is ready to advise and assist.

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