



Revision of the Biocides Directive

Impact Assessment

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What is Impact Assessment ?

- ❑ A set of logical steps to help the Commission to prepare a proposal
Problem – objectives – options – economic, social and environmental impacts

- ❑ Prepares evidence for political decision-makers of the potential impacts of a proposal.



Preparing the Impact Assessment

- ❑ **Inter-Service Steering Group (ISSG): Dec. 2007**
- ❑ **External studies**
 - ❑ Impact of revision of the BPD (2008)
 - ❑ Impacts of the implementation of the BPD (2007)
 - ❑ Treated articles (2006)
- ❑ **Consultation of interested parties:** stakeholders, experts, competent authorities of the Member States
- ❑ **Impact Assessment Board: September 2008**
- ❑ **Impact Assessment Report**



Impact of Implementation of BPD

IMPACTS ON

1. the market
2. pest control and level of protection

MAIN REASONS:

- Extensive data requirements for dossier preparation
- High & varying fees for approval of active substances/autorisation of products
- Lack of expertise in dossier preparation/evaluation
- Lack of legal certainty due to comparative risk assessment of active substances
- Uncertainty regarding application of the BPD (e.g. in relation to data-protection, free-riders, borderlines, waiving possibilities, technical guidance for risk assessments, efficacy testing and exposure).



IA: 5 Policy Issues

- 1) Scope
- 2) Product Authorisation
- 3) Data Sharing
- 4) Data Requirements
- 5) Fees charged by Member States for carrying out procedures of the Directive
→ *range of policy options evaluated, including « no action » option*



Impacts to be assessed

- *Identify (direct and indirect) **environmental, economic and social** impacts and how they occur;*
- *Identify **who is affected** and in what way;*
- *Assess the impacts in **qualitative, quantitative and monetary terms** where possible and appropriate;*
- *Consider the **risks and uncertainties** in the policy choices, including obstacles to compliance.*



Next steps

- 5th June: meeting contractor/ISSG
- July: final meeting contractor/ISSG
- End July: IA Report to IA Board
- September: IA Board



Thank you for your attention