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**To: DG Health and Food Safety
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SUBJECT: «Report regarding the necessity for use of creosote containing biocides in Greece»

Dear Colleagues,

The Greek CA for PT8 biocides (Wood Preservatives), has received several applications for creosote containing products under the provisions of articles 33 and 34 (Mutual Recognition Procedure) of the Biocides Product Regulation (BPR).

Based on the provisions of 2011/71/EU directive, MS wishing to authorize creosote as PT8 biocide, should send a report to the European Commission about their conclusions that no appropriate alternatives to creosote exist as well as explain how the development of alternatives is promoted.

In Greece, the use of creosote is still considered necessary for the treatment of wooden poles used in the electricity network. Towards that, the Greek CA for biocides received by the Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network (HEDNO SA) a report outlining the need of creosote in the treatment of wooden electricity poles given that no appropriate alternatives to creosote treatment exist so far. For more information, this report is sent herewith attached.

The Greek CA would also like to point out that it will make use of the provisions of article 37(1) of BPR and therefore, restrict the authorizations of PT8 creosote products in Greece only for the treatment of wooden electricity poles. Besides electricity poles, the Greek CA may expand the use of creosote in future, on condition that the Greek CA receives a formal request where it will be duly justified that no appropriate alternatives exist for the expanded use.

As far as the development of alternatives to creosote is concerned, the Greek CA has already authorized PT8 products for use in electricity poles during the transitional

period after it has been urgently asked by the HEDNO SA to do so. In addition, the Greek CA waits for the outcome of the evaluation of PT8 products currently assessed under the BPR.

We remain at your disposal for any further information required.

Best Regards

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