IE CA: Combined Report – (i) Comparative Assessment & (ii) Requirements arising from Directive 2011/71/EU for the authorisation of creosote products

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Background:
Creosote meets the BPR (528/2012) exclusion and substitution criteria (Articles 5 and 10, respectively) and therefore according to Art.23 (1) of the BPR, a comparative assessment report must be compiled in order to support the authorisation of creosote biocidal products.
In addition, creosote products do not meet the conditions outlined under Article 19.1 for authorisation and therefore can only be authorised under Article 19.5. Therefore, according to Article 19.5, creosote products can be authorised if "where not authorising the biocidal product would result in disproportionate negative impacts for society when compared to the risks to human health, animal health or the environment arising from the use of the biocidal product under the conditions laid down in the authorisation". The inclusion directive for creosote (PT8) also contains the additional condition that any creosote products should be accompanied by a socio-economic impact assessment.

Directive 2011/71/EU requires that biocidal products containing creosote may only be authorised for uses where the authorising Member State concludes that no appropriate alternatives are available. The Member State conclusion shall be based on an analysis regarding the technical and economic feasibility of substitution, which the Member State shall request from the applicant, as well as on any other information available to the Member State. Member States authorising creosote biocidal products shall submit a report to the Commission justifying their conclusion that there are no appropriate alternatives and indicating how the development of alternatives is promoted.

SE were the rMS for the creosote products that are the subject of this IE report, therefore the IE report should be viewed as a supplementary comparative assessment report to the report presented by SE (July 2016). This report addresses both the comparative assessment and the requirements arising from Directive 2011/71/EU for the authorisation of these creosote products in IE.

Relevant BP(s) under assessment:

Three Biocidal Product Families (BPFs) are under consideration

Family 1 –

Applicant: [redacted]

[redacted]

Name: [redacted]

[redacted]

Family Members: [redacted]

[redacted]

Family 2 –

Applicant: [redacted]

[redacted]

Name: [redacted]

[redacted]

Family Members: [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Family 3 –

Applicant: [redacted]

[redacted]

Name: [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Intended uses in IE for the relevant BPs in the application

The intended uses addressed in this IE assessment for the above products are

- Impregnation of timber in an industrial timber treatment facility for preventative purposes, and
- In situ treatment of creosote impregnated wood after modifications such as sawing, cutting, shaping, and machining by professionals only.

For Use Classes 3, 4 and 5 -

- Use Class 3 - Wooden railway sleepers, agricultural/equestrian fencing, industrial and highway fencing, and cladding for non-residential buildings
- Use Class 4 - Poles (electric power transmission and telecommunications), Fence posts/stages for use in the agricultural/equestrian sector, tree stakes (fruit trees, orchards and vinyards) and hops poles (hops for beer brewing)
- Use Class 5 - Marine applications

Specific details of the above applied uses for IE are presented in the tables below.

Uses

Use #1 Ireland – Railway sleepers **Use #2 Ireland – Agricultural fencing** **Use #3 Ireland – Equestrian fencing** **Use #4 Ireland – Industrial and highways fencing** **Use #5 Ireland – Cladding for non-residential buildings**	
Product Type	PT8 Wood preservatives
Aim of treatment	Preventive protection
Use class wood	UC 3
Target organism (including, where relevant) development stage)	Basidiomycetes (including Lentinus lepideus)---Wood rotting basidiomycete
Field of use	Indoor (pressure impregnation) Indoor or outdoor (surface treatment)
Application method	Impregnation in an industrial treatment facility Brush
Application rate	70 - 80 kg/m^3 (pressure impregnation) 1 litre/5m^2 (brush treatment)

Category of users	Professional/Industrial

Use #6 Ireland - Poles for electricity and telephone lines **Use #7 Ireland - Fence posts/stakes for use in the agricultural/equestrian sector** **Use #8 Ireland - Tree stakes (fruit trees, orchards and vinyards) and** **Use #9 Ireland - Hops poles (hops for beer brewing)**	
Product Type	PT8 Wood preservatives
Aim of treatment	Preventive protection
Use class wood	UC4
Target organism (including, where relevant) development stage)	Wood rotting basidiomycetes Soft rot micro-fungi
Field of use	Indoor (impregnation) Indoor and outdoor (brush)
Application method(s)	Impregnation in an industrial treatment facility Brush
Application rate	Softwood: 100 - 195 kg/m3 Hardwood: 160 - 210 kg/m3
Category of users	Professional/Industrial

Use #10 Ireland - Marine installations	
Product Type	PT8 Wood preservatives
Aim of treatment	Preventive protection
Use class wood	UC5
Target organism	Marine crustaceae and molluscs (marine borers)
Field of use	Marine installations
Application method(s)	Impregnation in an industrial treatment facility
Application rate	Softwood: 240 - 400 kg/m3 Hardwood: 240 - 290 kg/m3
Categories of users	Industrial (trained professionals)

Screening phase

The screening phase is carried out to see if there is adequate chemical diversity on the MS market.

There should be at least 3 different active substances with different modes of actions to ensure adequate chemical diversity against resistance according to the Technical Guidance Note on comparative assessment of biocidal products CA- May 15-Doc.4.3.a-Final.
There were 11 other authorised PT 8 products on the IE market in December 2016, however based on the different modes of action available, the refusal to grant authorisation to these creosote applications would mean that there may not be adequate chemical diversity on the IE market against the target organisms (both fungi and insects). Moreover, some of these products only contain active substances that act against funghi (tebuconazole, propiconazole, and IPBC) or insects only (Sulfuryl flouride). Only a single product is effective against both fungi and insects (contains basic copper carbonate). However, if the creosote products were not authorised, then there would be an insufficient number of effective products in the IE market for the creosote authorised uses.
See Table below for authorised PT 8 products on IE market.

Product	User Category	AS (1)	AS (2)	AS (3)
1	Professional	IPBC	Propiconazole	
2	Amateur / Professional	IPBC	Propiconazole	
3	Amateur / Professional	IPBC	Propiconazole	Tebuconazole
4	Professional	Sulfuryl Fluoride		
5	Professional	IPBC	Propiconazole	
6	Professional	IPBC		
7	Professional	Basic copper carbonate	Propiconazole	Tebuconazole
8	Amateur / Professional	IPBC	Propiconazole	
9	Amateur / Professional	IPBC	Propiconazole	
10	Amateur / Professional	IPBC	Propiconazole	
11	Amateur / Professional	IPBC	Propiconazole	

Tier I-A & B

The screening phase indicated that there was insufficient chemical diversity. However the TNG for Comparative Assessment recommends that Tier IB should be carried out regardless of the adequacy of chemical diversity.

The PT8 product containing copper carbonate, propiconazole, tebuconazole is the only product effective against funghi and insects and is authorised for Use 3 and 4 in IE, however the products longevity compared to creosote for the requested uses is uncertain. It is also noted that according to end user correspondence, other products used for the preservation of wood which are available in Ireland do not provide the required long term preservation of the requested uses.

Further experience using the copper carbonate, propiconazole, tebuconazole product over a longer period of time is required to see if this product will be a sufficient alternative to creosote for Use 3 and 4, before creosote can be replaced by other chemical alternatives as a wood preservative for the applied uses in IE.

The Tier I-B assessment therefore indicates that there are currently no chemical alternatives to the BPs under assessment. The assessment should proceed to Tier II (assessment of non-chemical alternatives).

Tier II and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment – non-chemical alternatives

Non-chemical alternatives to creosote treated post and rail fencing (agricultural and equestrian), and highway fencing (Use No. 2, 3, 4 and 7 above)

Animal and equine production is extremely important to the IE economy and wider social viability of many rural communities in IE, with meat accounting for over 40% of Ireland's gross agricultural output (Enterprise Ireland). Ireland utilises 4.5 million hectares (Eurostat) for agricultural purposes and creosote treated wood has been widely used throughout the agricultural community in Ireland with great effectiveness over the required lifetime. The wet, damp environment in Ireland currently requires creosote treated post and rail fencing in order to remain effective and safe over a long period of time.

It appears that the current alternatives to creosote treated fencing are not viable replacements at this time according to end user experience. The alternative wood treatments do not last as long as creosote and typically have to be replaced every 8 years compared with the 25 year life cycle of creosote treated posts, therefore there is a significant reluctance to use these alternatives. Tanalised posts are less than half the price of creosote posts. However, IE farmers tend to opt to use the more expensive creosote treated post because the tanalised posts need to be replaced more frequently (Farm Relief Services, 2016). Changing the posts means the fence wire, insulation and fixtures need to be replaced also. This means the farmer must use considerably more timber, fittings, wire and insulation compared to the creosote fencing. The labour cost of removal of the old fence and its disposal is also very significant. Creosote treated fences that have been put in place since the 1980s are still providing an effective fence today around many parts of Ireland.

The IE government funded Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme (TAMS II) specifies creosote treated fencing. Farmers in IE get approval under TAMS II for grant aids and sheep fencing. Creosote treated round timber makes up > 90% of the supply to meet the TAMS specifications for fencing. S148 (September 2016) and S148A (October 2017) from the IE Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine, regarding a 'Minimum Specification for Farm Fencing' state that "All timber used in fencing and gates for horses shall be treated with creosote. No other preservative is acceptable for grant-aided horse fencing". S148 further states that "brush on preservative of any preservative is not acceptable" at this present time.

IE notes that the use of creosote fencing, for agricultural and equestrian use has proven reliability over the required lifetime and is still necessary for animal and public safety. In the case of equestrian fencing, user experience have also indicated that horses will chew and destroy wooden fencing, however, they will not chew creosote fencing, and therefore this makes the creosote treated timber essential for equine centres, and the many farmers who keep horses in IE. The equestrian industry is extremely important to Ireland both in terms of employment and employment in rural areas. Horse racing alone directly employs over 4,000, people in Ireland, with a further 16,000 jobs supported (Indecon, 2012). Horse racing is estimated to foster exports to the value of €150m annually and sports tourism of around 80,000 people each year (Indecon, 2012), representing a significant contribution to economic and social development. Creosote treated fences have been used in Ireland for agricultural and equestrian fences in Ireland for many years and are heavily relied upon. The use of wooden fences (creosote treated) provide a necessarily strong barrier, while remaining flexible to collision with farm animals and horses.

Metal, naturally resistant wood, plastics, concrete and fiberglass posts have all been noted as possible non-chemical alternatives in the EU, however, a mixture of life span, animal and human safety,

environmental reasons, costs, market availability, long term user experience, and technical difficulties do not support these as viable alternatives in Ireland at this time.

However, it has been noted that there are new products being developed and IE considers that given more time to assess these new products and to see how they perform on the ground over time, a suitable alternative will become available in the near future (preferably within the next 5 years). IE also notes that Irish Rail and motorways use timber fencing. These fences in Ireland provide boundaries between the railway lines, motorways and the neighbouring agricultural land and we consider that creosote treated wood will continue to play an important part in both animal and human safety in these scenarios, until a suitable alternative becomes available. It is evident that in the absence of a suitable chemical alternative to creosote, more wooden fences will become ineffective due to rotting timber, therefore representing a potential danger to animal and human safety.

The increased cost on farmers due to the shorter replacement interval of wooden fences could potentially lead to some farmers not being able to maintain stock proof boundaries. Such a situation could lead to increased disease spread and pose a risk to the public if stock get on to public roads and or railway lines. Animal exports contribute significantly to the overall IE food and drink exports tally (Foodwise 2025). Biosecurity issues have the potential to cause significant damage to this export market and the economy in general.
If change is implemented too quickly, it could also cause potential dangers to road users/rail way passengers. The overly quick implementation of change could also cause huge disruption to business and job losses in rural areas (especially in areas of low unemployment in rural Ireland). Therefore it would be more likely that populations would move into areas of higher employment (urban areas) and away from key employee sectors such as farming (farmers are viewed as the custodians of the countryside) and the equestrian business.
Creosote treated wood fences and posts are practical and economic for Irish conditions. A decision to not authorise creosote for post and fence applications would have a disproportionate negative impact on Irish society when compared to the risks to human health, animal health or the environment arising from the use of the biocidal product under the conditions laid down in the authorisation.

Creosote use on posts and fences is required in IE (Use No. 2, 3, 4 and 7 above).

<u>Non-chemical alternatives to creosote treated railway sleepers (Use No. 1 above):</u>
Like nearly all other EU MSs, there is still a necessary requirement for creosote treated wooden railway sleepers in IE. The current status is best documented from the EU COM Summary report from 2008. The information contained in the 2008 report is still applicable to the IE rail situation and EU wide requirement for creosote wooden railway sleepers in general.
Similar to most EU MSs, the use of concrete sleepers has rapidly grown in IE during the last years; however wooden sleepers are still used, principally for technical reasons (resiliency, impact resistance, lower weight, etc). Creosote has been used in the rail industry since the early railway days to protect wooden sleepers and therefore extend their lifetime by 10 to 30 years, depending on the wood and the degree of impregnation. In addition, given their long life expectancy, creosote wooden sleepers are generally considered cheaper than other type sleepers. Most infrastructure managers are progressively replacing creosote impregnated wood by some other material, when and where this is feasible. In particular, with the present knowledge of alternatives, due to the fragility of some (sub) structures or the nature of the ground, it is not always currently possible to replace wooden sleepers

by other types of sleepers. The rail sector therefore continuously seeks for a viable alternative to creosote sleepers. It is noted that sleepers of different types cannot always be mixed on the same section.
Concrete sleepers are now used predominantly on many of the main lines in IE, however there are a number of situations where concrete sleepers cannot be an option. When the ground is clayey, in old tunnels, on metal structures, in stations, in narrow curves and on sections where there are switches and crossings. Where concrete sleepers are a viable option, the ballast in which they sit has to be re-profiled from that of the previous wooden sleepers due to the differing ballast depths and formation required to safely support them. This clearly adds significantly to the cost and reduces the opportunity of such replacement activities. The replacement of a creosote wooden sleeper by a concrete one means transforming an ordinary maintenance operation into a renewal operation.
Finally, in terms of their effect on the environment, Concrete sleepers are considered energy-consuming both in the production and in the transport process.
It is necessary to apply the proportionality principle when considering the authorisation of creosote on wooden sleepers. It is necessary to take into account the risks to human health from creosote, and consequences regarding the safety and economic viability of railways.
A decision to not authorise creosote for railway sleepers would have a disproportionate negative impact on Irish society when compared to the risks to human health, animal health or the environment arising from the use of the biocidal product under the conditions laid down in the authorisation.

Creosote use on wooden sleepers is required in IE (Use No. 1 above).

<u>Non-chemical alternative to creosote treated poles for electricity and telephone lines</u>
Overhead lines supported by creosoted poles are the basis of the electricity networks and the fixed overhead telecommunication networks in Ireland. There are approximately 2 million creosote treated wood poles on the electricity networks and ESB Networks is continually upgrading, refurbishing and replacing existing lines and building new lines. Experience in Ireland shows the average service life of creosoted poles on electrical networks is 40-60 years and just under 40 years on telecommunication networks. There are major differences between EU countries in relation to the scale and configuration of both electricity and fixed telecommunications networks. Unlike much of Europe, Ireland's electricity networks (transmission and distribution) are based on the use of overhead lines supported on creosote treated wood pole structures. Similarly, Ireland's fixed telecommunication networks system is largely based on the use of overhead cable supported on creosote treated wood pole structures. Because Ireland's electricity networks and fixed telecommunication networks are almost exclusively based on creosote treated wood poles, the impact of refusal to authorise the use of creosote would have a very significant impact on Ireland in comparison with impacts on other European countries. Furthermore, Ireland has a geographically dispersed population compared to most European countries, including comparable regions in the UK. Housing in rural areas in Ireland is dispersed rather than clustered. The unique settlement pattern increases the difficulty and cost of providing infrastructure networks. For example, Ireland needs more wires per head of population than in many other countries to ensure a safe and secure supply of electricity. As a comparison, in Ireland there are 84 metres of distribution lines per customer compared to 49 metres per customer in the UK. This puts upward pressure on the cost of electricity. Ireland's geographic location together with its dispersed population patterns has led to relatively longer lengths of networks relative to other countries and has had an adverse impact on the costs of providing electrical and telecommunication

networks. There is no experience in Ireland on the electricity and telecommunication networks of utilising wood poles treated with alternative preservatives. However, based on experience elsewhere, poles treated with alternative preservatives are likely to have less than half service life of creosote treated poles. Concrete and steel poles are proven for use for utility poles, but the scale of works associated with the provision of access and foundations in off-road locations in Ireland relative to wood poles would be considerable. Glass reinforced plastic (GRP) alternatives for utility poles remain in the development stage only and are unproven in the type of applications in which creosote treated poles are used in Ireland. Overhead lines are considered to be technically superior to underground cables for electricity infrastructure. If underground alternatives were considered for electricity or telecommunication networks, the overhead conductors would also have to be replaced. The supply chains for both steel and concrete alternatives are more complex than for timber poles. The world's major steel producing countries are outside of Europe. While Ireland has the raw materials to produce concrete, its use as an alternative would require significant market development. Creosote is exclusively used by professional users and exposure to non-professionals is considered to be of minor relevance. ESB Networks and eircom have control measures in place to minimise risks of exposure of its staff and contractors to creosote. These include quality control measures in relation to pole dryness, staff and contractor awareness training, and provision and utilisation of appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE). As would be expected, there are health and safety risks associated with each of the alternatives at different stages in the product lifecycle. The potential alternative preservatives contain a range of compounds with a spectrum of possible health impacts in use. There are potential safety issues due to hazards related to the used raw materials in the production of polymers associated with GRP. Mining and quarrying for raw materials for steel and concrete have their own health and safety risks, and potentially toxic emissions may be associated with steel production. There are no apparent health risks from in-service concrete or steel poles. Treated wood is a sustainable, economical and effective pole material that requires relatively little energy to manufacture. Trees sequester carbon dioxide as they grow. The utilisation of alternative preservatives giving a lesser pole service life would require more frequent replacement of poles with increased tree harvesting requirements.

If creosote is not authorised for use and alternative pole materials are provided, this would not change the actual quality of electricity and telecommunication service being provided to consumers, however if creosote is not authorised for use it would be extremely challenging to ensure that services were not disrupted as poles are replaced. Replacement over a short replacement cycle would significantly exacerbate difficulties. The quality and reliability of electricity and telecommunication services could be put at serious risk. Networks costs are an integral component in the cost of electricity supply. The increased cost of using alternative support structures will give rise to substantial price increases for domestic and business consumers. In a similar manner, the increased cost of providing telecommunication services over the overhead telecommunications network would have to be passed on to consumers. Electricity network charges apply to all electricity users including small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and almost all SMEs use fixed line services and the internet. Increased electricity and telecommunication charges would put further pressure on SMEs. Budget costs were developed for replacing all creosote treated wood poles on the electricity and telecommunication networks with alternatives. The considerable costs considered included disposal of existing poles, and purchase and installation of alternative poles (ESB & eircom SEA report, 2013). Creosote treated wood poles are practical and economic for Irish conditions. decision to not authorise creosote for poles would have a disproportionate negative impact on Irish society when compared to the risks to human health, animal health or the environment arising from the use of the biocidal product under the

conditions laid down in the authorisation. Creosote use on poles for electricity and telephone lines is required in IE (Use No. 6 above).

Non-chemical alternatives to creosote treated tree stakes:
According to end user experience, it is noted that creosote treated stakes are widely used in Ireland and offer the only field tested stake with the required life time for orchards. Orchards play an important part in relation to providing the raw materials for the drinks industry in Ireland (alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages). The drinks industry plays an important part in the national economy by the creation of direct and indirect employment. An indigineous supply of raw materials is an important part in the drinks industry chain. The drinks industry plays an important part in trying to increase exports to various worldwide destinations. The aim of increasing employment and food and drink exports are key public policy areas for Ireland (Foodwise 2025).
It has been stated that creosote treated stakes are technically superior to other alternatives because they are considered to be lightweight, easy to install regardless of soil type, provide the necessary flexibility to strong wind and damp Irish weather conditions, and have a proven lifetime of at least 25 years (the typical lifetime of some of these trees).
Metal, plastic and hard wood alternatives have been noted. However, similar to other MSs, the use of these for orchards over the required lifetime, have not been fully recognised as being acceptable in Ireland yet because further field testing is required.
Long term experience in the field will be needed to decide if alternatives are sufficient enough to replace creosote-treated tree stakes – and this experience is not available at the time of writing this report.

It is noted that creosote use on tree stakes (fruit trees, and orchards) and hops poles (hops for beer brewing) is required in IE.
It is noted that the use was not fully evaluated by SE in the PAR, and was therefore only fully assessed by SE after the late submission of residue studies on apples which formed part of an Addendum (January 2017). The studies noted that apples in contact with creosote treated stakes gave an unacceptable risk in terms of residues. However, the applicant has also noted that apples that come into contact with creosote will have a burnt appearance and therefore these apples would be disregarded when collecting apples for consumption and processing. IE therefore notes that it is highly unlikely that creosote scorched apples would enter into the food chain. If acceptable Risk Mitigation Measures are identified that negate the potential concern regarding residues in fruit, then IE would consider authorising this use. IE notes that other MSs have already approved this use for creosote treated stakes with respect to other creosote products authorised on the EU market.
IE could potentially therefore apply Art. 37.1* of the BPR in order to approve this use for creosote in their national territory in the future.

IE would consider authorising this use if realistic Risk Mitigation Measures are identified.

Non-chemical alternatives for cladding for non-residential buildings (Use No. 5 above),
Sufficient information was not provided in relation to the requirement for this use in IE.
The use is not supported in IE and will not be authorised.

Non-chemical alternatives for marine applications (Use No. 10 above)
Sufficient information was not provided in relation to the requirement for this use in IE.
The use is not supported in IE and will not be authorised.

Overall conclusion

IE considers that if creosote products were not authorised for 5 more years, then it is likely that there would be a disproportionate negative impact on Irish society when compared to the risks that creosote uses will realistically have on human health, animal health and the environment. IE notes that they intend to authorise these particular creosote products for particular uses for a maximum of 5 more years and will then carry out a full reassessment of the situation at that time, with respect to chemical and non-chemical alternatives at product renewal stage. IE anticipates that creosote alternatives will be developed for many of the required uses between now and product renewal, and IE will be supporting and encouraging the replacement of creosote as a preservative when acceptable and field tested alternatives become available. The fact that testing programmes for alternatives are being put in place by many of the key sectors in Ireland that are most likely to be effected by the non-authorisation of these particular products, highlights the ongoing search for alternatives as a result of existing legislative pressures to substitute creosote. The IE CA for biocides has been made aware of these initiatives.

However at present, there are no viable alternative for many of these uses in Ireland.

***Article 37**

Derogations from mutual recognition

1. By way of derogation from Article 32(2), any of the Member States concerned may propose to refuse to grant an authorisation or to adjust the terms and conditions of the authorisation to be granted, provided that such a measure can be justified on grounds of:

(a) the protection of the environment;

(b) public policy or public security;

(c) the protection of health and life of humans, particularly of vulnerable groups, or of animals or plants;

(d) the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value; or

(e) the target organisms not being present in harmful quantities.

2. The Member State concerned shall communicate to the applicant a detailed statement of the grounds for seeking a derogation pursuant to paragraph 1 and shall seek to reach an agreement with the applicant on the proposed derogation.

If the Member State concerned is unable to reach agreement with the applicant or receives no reply from the applicant within 60 days of that communication it shall inform the Commission……"

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