

Ordinance on Biocidal Products (OBP) in Switzerland

Hofstade, Belgium, 6th November 2017 – In Switzerland the ordinance on Biocidal Products (OBP; SR 813.12) is regulating active substances may be used as or for biocidal products. This ordinance requires that these have to be "approved" or at least be notified for approval for their legal use and application.

Resulting, that after September 1st 2016 any biocidal products can only be placed on the market in Switzerland if the substance producer or product supplier is included in the Article 95 List issued by the ECHA. However special transitional measures apply and are outlined below.

- Switzerland in general adopts the Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 (Biocidal Products Regulation; BPR), including the assessment procedures for biocidal active substances from the EU and requires their registration according to OBP; SR 813.12 under article 62d. EurO₃zon applied via its local consultant PAB Management Services GmbH for 3 authorizations (Z_N) with the Swiss competent authority before 31st of August 2017 in order to enable the transitional period under the OBP.

This is including:

- precursor:
 - air method of generating O₃:
 - silent barrier discharge /DBD
- - precursor:
 - oxygen method of generating O₃:
 - silent barrier discharge /DBD
- precursor:
 - water method of generating O₃:
 - electrolysis

This application is covering every manufacturer/brand based on the above defined methods of generating O₃ and is therefore applicable to all ozone users/producers in Switzerland.

Remember, those Z_N are only serving the transitional period until the BPR product authorization driven by EurO₃zon gets into force. To be noted that every manufacturer not joining EurO₃zon for product authorization will have to apply for a final product authorization by themselves in Switzerland or for all countries in respect to the BPR.

There is no need at the moment for taking actions by anyone operating ozone equipment supplied by any of the LoA holders from EurO₃zon.

Please check www.euro3zon.org/News for updates about the BPR.

Further recommended reading:

- Biocidal products with precursors for the in-situ generation of active substances
<https://www.anmeldestelle.admin.ch/chem/en/home/themen/pflicht-hersteller/zulassung-biozidprodukte/biozide-wirkstoffe/in-situ-wirkstoffe-vorlaeufer.html>
- Biocidal products / Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
<https://www.anmeldestelle.admin.ch/chem/en/home/themen/pflicht-hersteller/zulassung-biozidprodukte.html>
- Ordinance on the Placing on the Market and Handling of Biocidal Products (813.12)
<https://www.admin.ch/opc/en/classified-compilation/20021524/index.html>