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# AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY GUIDELINE ON THE BIOCIDAL PRODUCTS REGULATION (AIG-BPR)



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**The Task Force - Biocides has created the AIG-BPR as a standardised approach to BPR compliance. It is a practical guide that includes clear step-by-step compliance actions. The AIG-BPR version 1.0 was released in September 2016.**

It is estimated that 40,000 different biocidal products are on the market in the European Union (EU). The European Biocidal Products Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 (BPR) sets rules in the EU for approval of active substances (ASs), authorisation of biocidal product (BPs), and placing treated articles (TAs) on the market, and has applied since 1 September 2013. The BPR replaces the previous Biocidal Products Directive (BPD), and includes transitional measures to enable continued supply.

As the automotive industry is made up of vehicle manufacturers and many tiers of the supply chain, it has several roles under BPR which are all linked to different obligations.

In preparation for the BPR, vehicle manufacturers formed a task force (TF-Biocides), which aims to develop guidance on technical issues for the automotive industry. TF-Biocides, and the AIG-BPR, are supported by the following associations:

- ACEA (European Automobile Manufacturers Association);
- CLEPA (European Association of Automotive Suppliers);
- JAMA (Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association);
- JAPIA (Japan Auto Parts Industries Association);
- KAMA (Korea Automobile Manufacturers Association).

The AIG-BPR is intended to provide practical help to the automotive industry. As such, it focusses on use of BPs in common automotive industry processes (such as metalworking fluids and water treatment) and on TAs likely to be placed on the market by the automotive industry as either vehicles or production parts, spare parts or aftermarket products.

The AIG-BPR recommends and provides details on a structured approach to BPR compliance in 8 steps, as summarised in the table below.

### AIG-BPR Recommendations for Compliance and Key Messages

Step	Recommendations
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key messages in bullet points</li> </ul>
1	<p>Identify BPs and TAs and create an inventory of any ASs in BPs or TAs that you manufacture, import, use or supply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TAs are newly in scope of the BPR, and were not covered under the previous BPD.</li> <li>• Please send any examples of automotive BPs and TAs to your relevant trade association, or to <a href="mailto:BPR@acea.be">BPR@acea.be</a>.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Identify the PT for each item, based on your customers' uses and your own.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS and BP are only approved or authorised for specific applications.</li> <li>• It is up to the companies involved (suppliers, distributors, manufacturers) to make the decisions on PTs, based on their own technical knowledge of the product and the intended uses.</li> </ul>
3	<p>Identify your roles for each inventory item, and your corresponding BPR obligations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automotive OEMs and suppliers are advised to avoid becoming the importer for BPs, and instead to ensure that they purchase the BPs from entities within the EU.</li> <li>• Suppliers of automotive BPs are recommended to check that the authorisation holder has met their obligations.</li> </ul>
4	<p>Check the AS status for each BP and TA on your inventory, in order to determine the applicable transitional measures for marketing and use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only ASs that are already approved or under review for specific PTs may be used in BPs or TAs.</li> <li>• TAs for which the AS is not approved nor under review by 1 September 2016 must be removed from the market by 1 March 2017.</li> </ul>
5	<p>Substitute or eliminate ASs where needed, as identified in Step 4 above</p>
6	<p>Label BPs and TAs, as applicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you make a biocidal claim about a TA, then the TA requires BPR labelling.</li> <li>• TA Labelling may also be required if the approval conditions of the AS mention this as a requirement.</li> </ul>
7	<p>Provide further information to your customers, as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance name and CAS no. must be provided to consumers on request.</li> </ul>



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8	Maintain records as required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure that you are able to demonstrate BPR compliance in case of audits or inspections.</li></ul>
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Automotive suppliers and vehicle manufacturers are encouraged to send any comments or questions about the AIG-BPR, as well as any examples of automotive BPs and TAs to your relevant trade association, or to [bpr@acea.be](mailto:bpr@acea.be).



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## ABOUT ACEA

- ACEA represents the 15 Europe-based car, van, truck and bus manufacturers: BMW Group, DAF Trucks, Daimler, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Ford of Europe, Hyundai Motor Europe, Iveco, Jaguar Land Rover, Opel Group, PSA Group, Renault Group, Toyota Motor Europe, Volkswagen Group, Volvo Cars, and Volvo Group.
- More information can be found on [www.acea.be](http://www.acea.be) or [@ACEA\\_eu](https://twitter.com/ACEA_eu).

## ABOUT THE EU AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

- 12.2 million people - or 5.6% of the EU employed population - work in the sector.
- The 3.1 million jobs in automotive manufacturing represent 10.4% of EU manufacturing employment.
- Motor vehicles account for over €400 billion in tax contributions in the EU15.
- The sector is also a key driver of knowledge and innovation, representing Europe's largest private contributor to R&D, with €44.7 billion invested annually.
- The automobile industry generates a trade surplus of €100.4 billion for the EU.

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