



## Biocides? Recognise them and protect yourself

When working with dangerous products such as biocides, it is important to protect yourself and to **use, store and dispose of biocides correctly**. The authorisation act, the label and the Safety Data Sheet of the product will get you started.

### Authorisation act

The authorisation act states whether the biocide belongs to the closed circuit and what personal protective equipment you need (see paragraph 8).

Only use biocides for those applications for which it is authorised. These applications are listed in the authorisation act or in the possible summary of product characteristics (SPC).

You can consult the act and the SPC in the **list of authorised products** at [www.biocide.be](http://www.biocide.be).

Only biocides authorised by the federal government can be sold on the Belgian market. If in doubt, consult the list of authorised products on the website.

### Label

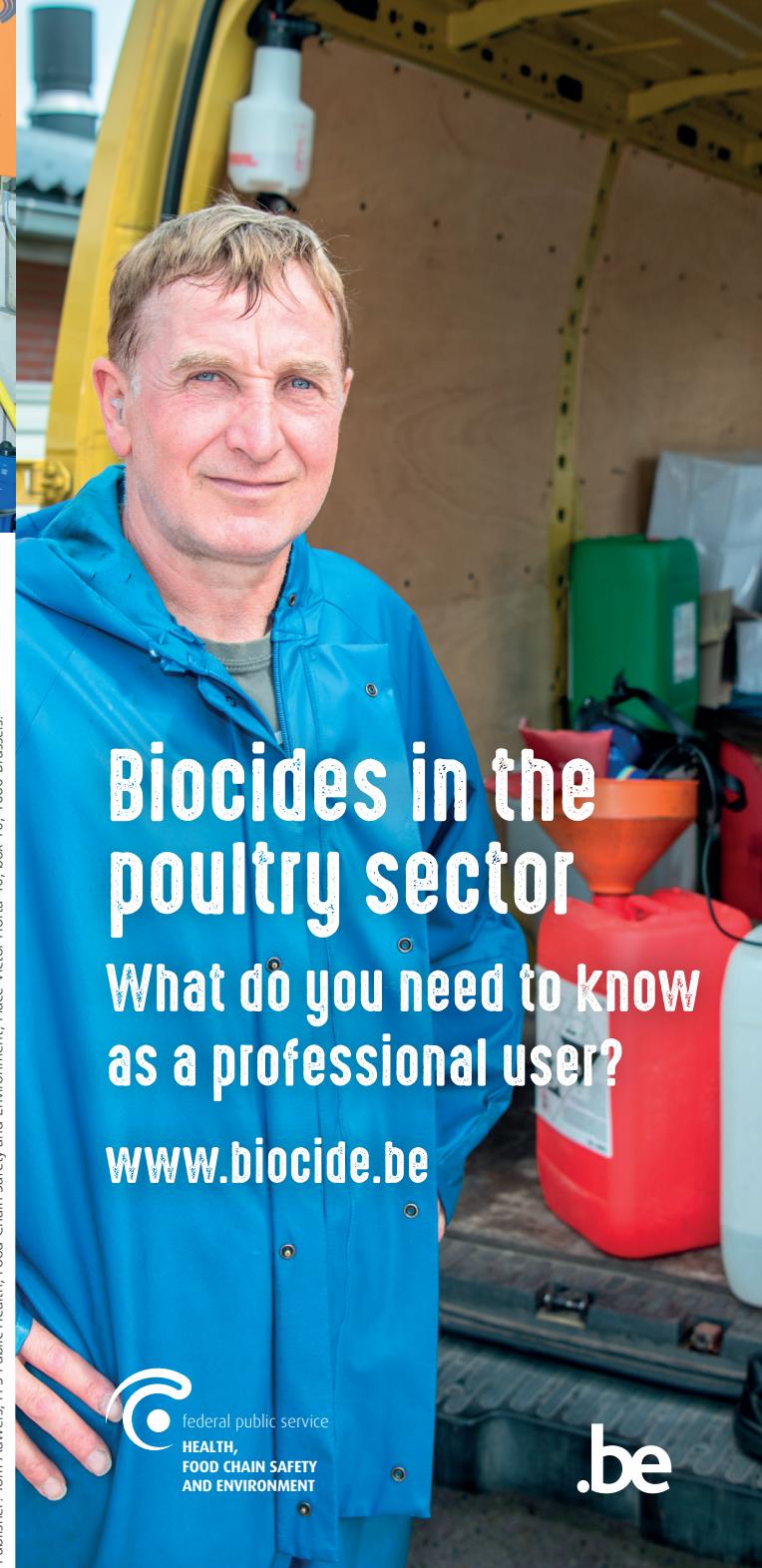


The label contains the most important information on the dangers and risks of the product.

- 1 The **hazard pictograms** show the dangers of a product.
- 2 The **hazard statements** describe the seriousness of these dangers and the circumstances in which they occur.
- 3 The **precautionary statements** explain how to limit the risks and what to do in the event of an accident.

The complete product information can be found on the **Safety Data Sheet**, which can be requested from your supplier at any time.

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## What are biocides?

Biocides are products that are used to deter, render harmless or destroy unwanted organisms. Examples are insect repellents, mouse and rat poison, cleaning and disinfecting agents and wood preservatives. Together with plant protection products, biocides fall under the category of pesticides. The difference: unlike plant protection products, biocides are not used to protect crops.

## Significant health risk

Biocidal products with a high risk to health belong to the **closed circuit**. They can be toxic, carcinogenic or harmful to reproduction. This is why these biocides are mainly reserved for professional users.

The **list of authorised biocides** can be found on the website [www.biocide.be](http://www.biocide.be). It indicates which biocides belong to the closed circuit.



## Compulsory registration

Do you want to buy and use a closed circuit biocide? Then you are required to register online and confirm your status as a **professional user** by 31 December of each year via your account (according to the Royal Decree of 4 April 2019).

Poultry farmers often call on the services of a service company to clean and disinfect barns. The rule is: anyone who purchases or uses closed circuit biocides must register as a user.

## How to register online?

- Go to [www.biocide.be](http://www.biocide.be) ('closed circuit' section).
- Create a personal account.
- Register your company via the company number (= VAT number).
- Confirm your registration annually via your account.

## Is a Phyto license sufficient?

No. A Phyto license is a certificate for the professional use of plant protection products and does not apply to closed circuit biocides. Register as a biocide user with the same e-mail address and password linked to your Phyto license account.

Need help? Consult the registration manual and the frequently asked questions at [www.biocide.be](http://www.biocide.be).

## Use the following rules of thumb

### Protect yourself, your colleagues and your family

- Read the label. Check the hazard pictograms and hazard statements. Strictly follow the precautionary statements.
- Wear suitable protective clothing and, if necessary, gloves, a mouth mask and/or safety goggles.
- Keep children and other people away.
- Wash or dispose of clothing and protective equipment after use.
- Ventilate the area well. If possible, work with an open window.
- Regularly take a break if you work in an enclosed space.
- Do not eat, smoke or drink while working.
- Keep flammable products away from fire and other heat sources.

### What to do in case of an accident?

- In case of contact with skin or eyes: rinse thoroughly with water.
- If inhaled: do not induce vomiting. Get out of the contaminated area.
- Call the Poison Control Centre (070 245 245) or your physician. In life-threatening situations, call the European emergency number 112.
- Keep the packaging or label at hand in order for the emergency services to know which product it is.



You can download this general information sheet from the website [www.biocide.be](http://www.biocide.be).

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