



Biocides

What are your obligations
as a seller?

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Know the dangers, risks and security measures

Both you and the customer need to know the **dangers and risks** of closed circuit biocides, what the **safety measures** are (e.g. wearing personal protective equipment such as gloves) and what to do if something goes wrong.

The authorisation act, the safety data sheet and the label will get you started.

The **authorisation act** mentions the conditions of use of the biocide, states whether the biocide belongs to the closed circuit and gives information about how to dispose of the product correctly. The act (in paragraph 8) also states what personal protective equipment you need. You can consult the act in the **list of authorised products** at 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.

Suppliers of chemical substances are obliged to enclose **safety data sheets** of their products. These sheets tell you what the risks of the products are, how to limit them and what measures are to be taken in the event of an accident.

Label

Danger	SAMPLE LABEL	1L
1  Irritating/harmful	PRODUCT NAME	
 Caustic/corrosive	2 Causes skin irritation. Causes serious eye damage.	
 Dangerous to the environment	In case of irritation or rash: rinse with water. 3	

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.



What are biocides?

Biocides are products that are used to deter, render harmless or destroy unwanted organisms. Examples are disinfectants, insecticides, products for the control of rats or mice, fungicidal products and wood preservatives. Together with plant protection products, biocides fall under the category of pesticides.

Compulsory registration

Do you want to sell a closed circuit biocide? Then you are required to register online as a **seller** and to indicate annually how many biocides you have sold in the past year (according to the Royal Decree of 4 April 2019).

Why register?

Your registration gives the government a clear idea of the sale and use of biocides in the various economic sectors.

The government treats the registered data confidentially and only uses them within the framework of the European and national legislation on biocides.

How do you register as a seller?

- Go to www.biocide.be ('closed circuit' section).
- Create a personal account.
- Register your company via the company number (= VAT number).

How do you report the sale of biocides?

- Register via the registration tool at www.biocide.be.
- Indicate which closed circuit biocides you sold in the past year.
- Specify the quantities sold.

Check the manual on the website to register correctly and report your sales.

Enter the quantities sold each year before 31 January of the following year. You can also choose to fill in your sales data on a quarterly basis.

Inform the buyer

As a seller of closed circuit biocides, you are obliged to inform the buyer properly about biocides and to assist them in their purchase:

- Remind the buyer that they, too, are obliged to register online, as a professional user of biocides.
- Inform them about the dangers and risks of the biocide and tell them how to use the product safely.
- On the invoice or receipt, state: "This product is a closed circuit biocide."
- Store personal protective equipment, such as gloves or masks, away from closed circuit biocides. Especially if non-professional users have access to these biocidal products.

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I use them with
the necessary
caution

More information? Questions?

Go to www.biocide.be or contact the helpdesk at www.helpdeskbiocides.be.

