

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2010/10/EU**of 9 February 2010****amending Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council to include brodifacoum as an active substance in Annex I thereto****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market⁽¹⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 16(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1451/2007 of 4 December 2007 on the second phase of the 10-year work programme referred to in Article 16(2) of Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market⁽²⁾ establishes a list of active substances to be assessed, with a view to their possible inclusion in Annex I, IA or IB to Directive 98/8/EC. That list includes brodifacoum.
- (2) Pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1451/2007, brodifacoum has been evaluated in accordance with Article 11(2) of Directive 98/8/EC for use in product-type 14, rodenticides, as defined in Annex V to Directive 98/8/EC.
- (3) Italy was designated as Rapporteur Member State and submitted the competent authority report, together with a recommendation, to the Commission on 5 June 2005 in accordance with Article 14(4) and (6) of Regulation (EC) No 1451/2007.
- (4) The competent authority report was reviewed by the Member States and the Commission. In accordance with Article 15(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1451/2007, the findings of the review were incorporated, within the Standing Committee on Biocidal Products on 17 September 2009, in an assessment report.
- (5) It appears from the examinations made that biocidal products used as rodenticides and containing brodifacoum may be expected not to present a risk to humans except for accidental incidents with children. A risk has been identified regarding non-target animals and the environment. However, the target rodents are vermin and thus constitute a danger to public health. Moreover, it has not yet been established that adequate alternatives to brodifacoum exist, which are both equally effective and less damaging to the environment. It is therefore justified to include brodifacoum in Annex I for a limited period, in order to ensure that in all Member States authorisations for biocidal products used as rodenticides and containing brodifacoum can be granted, modified, or cancelled in accordance with Article 16(3) of Directive 98/8/EC.
- (6) In the light of the findings of the assessment report, it is appropriate to require that specific risk mitigation measures are applied at product authorisation level to products containing brodifacoum and used as rodenticides. Such measures should be aimed at limiting the risk of primary and secondary exposure of humans and non-target animals as well as the long term effects of the substance on the environment. To this end, certain constraints such as the maximum concentration, the prohibition on marketing the active substance in products used as tracking powder or in products which are not ready for use, and the use of aversive agents should be imposed across the board, while other conditions should be imposed by the Member States on a case by case basis.
- (7) Because of the identified risks and its characteristics, which render it potentially persistent, liable to bioaccumulate and toxic, or very persistent and very liable to bioaccumulate, brodifacoum should be included in Annex I for five years only and should be made subject to a comparative risk assessment in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 10(5)(i) of Directive 98/8/EC before its inclusion in Annex I is renewed.
- (8) It is important that the provisions of this Directive be applied simultaneously in all the Member States in order to ensure equal treatment of biocidal products on the market containing the active substance brodifacoum and also to facilitate the proper operation of the biocidal products market in general.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 123, 24.4.1998, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 325, 11.12.2007, p. 3.

- (9) A reasonable period should be allowed to elapse before an active substance is included in Annex I in order to permit Member States and the interested parties to prepare themselves to meet the new requirements entailed and to ensure that applicants who have prepared dossiers can benefit fully from the 10-year period of data protection, which, in accordance with Article 12(1)(c)(ii) of Directive 98/8/EC, starts from the date of inclusion.
- (10) After inclusion, Member States should be allowed a reasonable period to implement Article 16(3) of Directive 98/8/EC, and in particular, to grant, modify or cancel authorisations of biocidal products in product-type 14 containing brodifacoum to ensure that they comply with Directive 98/8/EC.
- (11) Directive 98/8/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Biocidal Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annex I to Directive 98/8/EC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

1. Member States shall adopt and publish, by 31 January 2011 at the latest, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive.

They shall apply those provisions from 1 February 2012.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 February 2010.

For the Commission
The President

José Manuel BARROSO

ANNEX

The following entry for the substance brodifacoum is inserted in Annex I to Directive 98/8/EC:

No	Common Name	IUPAC Name Identification Numbers	Minimum purity of the active substance in the biocidal product as placed on the market	Date of inclusion	Deadline for compliance with Article 16(3) (except for products containing more than one active substance, for which the deadline to comply with Article 16(3) shall be the one set out in the last of the inclusion decisions relating to its active substances)	Expiry date of inclusion	Product type	Specific provisions (*)
16	brodifacoum	3-[3-(4'-bromo- biphenyl-4-yl)-1,2,3,4- tetrahydro-1-naphthyl]- 4-hydroxycoumarin EC No: 259-980-5 CAS No: 56073-10-0	950 g/kg	1 February 2012	31 January 2014	31 January 2017	14	<p>In view of the fact that the active substance characteristics render it potentially persistent, liable to bioaccumulate and toxic, or very persistent and very liable to bioaccumulate, the active substance is to be subject to a comparative risk assessment in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 10(5)(i) of Directive 98/8/EC before its inclusion in this Annex is renewed.</p> <p>Member States shall ensure that authorisations are subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The nominal concentration of the active substance in the products shall not exceed 50 mg/kg and only ready-for-use products shall be authorised. 2. Products shall contain an aversive agent and, where appropriate, a dye. 3. Products shall not be used as tracking powder. 4. Primary as well as secondary exposure of humans, non-target animals and the environment are minimised, by considering and applying all appropriate and available risk mitigation measures. These include, amongst others, the restriction to professional use only, setting an upper limit to the package size and laying down obligations to use tamper resistant and secured bait boxes.'

(*) For the implementation of the common principles of Annex VI, the content and conclusions of assessment reports are available on the Commission website: <http://ec.europa.eu/comm/environment/biocides/index.htm>