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Subject : Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing on the market and use of biocidal products (**second reading**)
- Approval of the European Parliament's amendments (**LA + S**)
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Consultation deadline: 2.5.2012

Statement of the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic perceives positively the attempts to ensure a closer harmonization in the field of placing of biocidal products on the market through a Regulation, which is aimed at the elimination of differences that have arisen from varied ways of transposition of the Directive 98/8/EC across the Member States of the European Union. It also welcomes some of the newly proposed principles such as the introduction of the unified authorization of biocidal products on the Union level or protection of consumers against the harmful effects of articles and materials treated by biocidal products.

Nevertheless the Czech Republic has serious concerns resulting from the estimated financial impact of this Regulation on small and medium-sized industry. This aspect is for the Czech Republic of the utmost importance particularly in the time of the financial crisis and constraints on European Union growth and competitiveness. The costs of the proposed compromise go, in the opinion of the Czech Republic, against the principle of support to the competitiveness of the small and medium-sized enterprises in Europe, which is the reason why the Czech Republic abstains in the voting on the proposal for the Regulation on the use and placing on the market of biocidal products.
