

European Union Biocidal Product Regulation (BPR) – EU № 528/2012

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For the attention of the Managing Director and Quality Manager.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Scope/Applicability:

All suppliers of substances/mixtures/articles doing business with Rolls-Royce plc.

Introduction:

Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) is a European Union (EU) legislation that regulates all chemicals and products that are intended to kill, repel or inhibit undesirable organisms by any means other than merely physical or mechanical action. BPR may apply to a small but technically significant proportion of Rolls-Royce products and processes.

Companies may face business risks such as lack of supply chain continuity, financial penalties, and/or reputational damage if they fail to comply with or acknowledge the requirements of BPR.

Industry guidance on BPR has been published by the Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD), and is available here: [Guidance for ASD Industries](#)

Important BPR dates:

- September 2015 – Biocidal active substances must have been notified for approval or removed from the market.
- March 2017 – Treated articles with non-compliant biocidal active substances must be removed from the market.

Action Required:

Suppliers are requested to identify any products affected by BPR. Suppliers should follow the processes described in the ASD guidance (pages 16-20) to determine whether an item is a treated article or biocidal product. The guidance also provides information to help identify if a product is compliant with the obligations of BPR and suggests remedial actions for non-compliant products. You should also assess all areas of your business to ensure that you are compliant with BPR, or are taking steps to remove or replace chemicals and products that are non-compliant.

If any items that you supply to Rolls-Royce contains a substance that is present for its use as a biocide, then this must be disclosed to us using the supplier declaration process.

Not all suppliers are routinely requested to make substance declarations. We encourage you to review your supply chain(s) and inform us by email via REACH.Programme@Rolls-Royce.com using the subject line "Biocides Communication" if you become aware of any biocides issues relating to your supply chain. Please do not use the declaration process when reporting a supply chain biocide issue. We very much appreciate your support in this matter.

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