

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why did the Biocides Panel rename to the Center for Biocide Chemistries (CBC)?

The Center for Biocide Chemistries more accurately reflects our membership and mission of education, advocacy and information sharing. As the CBC, the Center will continue its commitment to drive innovation, collaborate with key stakeholders and regulators, and establish scientifically sound approaches to the regulation of biocides.

2. Why are biocides important? What do they do?

Biocides, also known as “antimicrobials” or “antimicrobial pesticides,” are a group of chemistries that help prevent the spread of disease, are essential to preserving materials, and ensure countless manufacturing and industrial processes are not compromised by microorganism growth. From ensuring safe drinking water to destroying harmful bacteria and viruses in our healthcare facilities and homes, biocides are vital tools that protect public health. Beyond their uses as disinfectants, biocides also play an important role in promoting sustainability by preserving products to extend their useful lives.

3. Who is a part of the CBC?

The CBC represents more than 50 companies that manufacture active biocide ingredients and/or formulate biocidal products. For more than 30 years, the Center has served as a key voice for the biocide registrant community, advocating on behalf of its members before U.S. and international regulators and developing innovative scientific models and approaches to assessing exposure to active ingredients from the use of biocidal products in collaboration with government agencies.

4. How is the CBC related to the American Chemistry Council (ACC)?

The CBC operates as an international ACC sector group under [ACC's Chemical Products and Technology Division \(CPTD\)](#), which provides comprehensive issues management services including regulatory, legislative and marketplace advocacy; research; product stewardship; legal; and communication services.

5. What is the CBC's mission?

The CBC's mission is to promote the science and benefits of biocides, maintain the availability of biocides to help protect public health, and support advocacy efforts for the global biocides industry.

6. What does the future hold for the CBC?

The CBC will continue to support the availability of biocides in the marketplace, enhance the public's understanding of the critical need for biocides and facilitate discussions with policymakers across jurisdictions on regulations and policies.

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