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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/2273

of 12 October 2026

repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2619 postponing the expiry date of the approval of hydrochloric acid for use in biocidal products of product-type 2 in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products ([1]), and in particular Article 14(5) thereof,

After consulting the Standing Committee on Biocidal Products,

Whereas:

(1) Hydrochloric acid was included in Annex I to Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ([2]) as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 2. Pursuant to Article 86 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, it is therefore deemed approved under that Regulation subject to the requirements set out in Annex I to Directive 98/8/EC.

(2) On 26 October 2022, an application was submitted in accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 for the renewal of the approval of hydrochloric acid for use in biocidal products of product-type 2 ('the application'). The application was evaluated by the competent authority of Latvia.

(3) As the approval of hydrochloric acid was to expire on 30 April 2024, Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2619 ([3]) postponed that expiry date to 31 October 2026, in order to allow sufficient time for the examination of the application.

(4) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/2246 ([4]) renewed the approval of hydrochloric acid for use in biocidal products of product-type 2, subject to the conditions in the Annex to that Regulation, including a new expiry date of approval. Therefore, it is appropriate to repeal Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2619,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2619 is repealed.

([1]) OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/528/oj.
([2]) 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 (OJ L 123, 24.4.1998, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1998/8/oj).
([3]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2619 of 24 November 2023 postponing the expiry date of the approval of hydrochloric acid for use in biocidal products of product-type 2 in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L, 2023/2619, 27.11.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2023/2619/oj).
([4]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/2246 of 12 October 2026 renewing the approval of hydrochloric acid for use in biocidal products of product-type 2 in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L, 2026/2246, 13.10.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2026/2246/oj).

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 12 October 2026.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN