Non-approval of various active substances for use in biocidal products

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Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/888 on the non-approval of certain active substances for use in biocidal products

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has decided it will not approve the following active substances for use in biocidal products. In these cases, reapproval was no longer adequately supported by the manufacturers:

- potassium dimethyldithiocarbamate (for disinfecting drinking water and preventing slime growth)
- silver-polyethylenimine-chloride (for disinfecting surfaces and equipment)
- glucoprotamin (for disinfecting surfaces and equipment in food areas)
- Bardap 26 (for disinfecting surfaces and equipment in food areas)
- 2,2-dibromo-2-cyanoacetamide (DBNPA) (for disinfecting surfaces and equipment)
- active chlorine from electrolysis (for disinfecting surfaces and equipment)
- garlic extract (for use as a pest repellent)
- brandy (for use as a pest repellent).

Actions

Exporters of food to the European Union must ensure they comply with the EU's established maximum residue levels (MRLs) for these biocide residues.

Timeline

This Decision applies from **15 April 2024**.

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