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BPC-34: Minority opinion on BPC opinion on Union authorisation application for a product family containing hydrogen peroxide

New information emerged regarding the effectiveness of the product only a few days before the meeting of the Biocidal products Committee, and even during the meeting. The evaluating authority, in consultation with ECHA, had accepted that the applicant submitted further tests to prove the effectiveness of the product. In doing so, they breached the agreed procedures that new information can only be submitted after the review process if certain conditions are fulfilled. Despite the fact that the majority of delegates agreed that conditions were not fulfilled, the Committee accepted this procedure as an exception and agreed to discuss the results of the tests at the meeting. Sweden considers that it was not appropriate for the Committee to adopt the opinion at the meeting and argues that the decision should be postponed to a later meeting, because amendments were proposed that substantially changed the original proposal. Not all Member States had the possibility to scrutinise the new information provided.

Since the Committee did not postpone the adoption of the opinion, and since agreed procedures were not respected, Sweden voted against the revised proposal and submits a minority opinion.