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**POLYHEXAMETHYLENE BIGUANIDE (PHMB)
POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR SUBSTITUTION: PUBLIC CONSULTATION BY ECHA**

To Whom It May Concern,

As mentioned in our statement dated 10 February 2015 the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has launched a public consultation on the listing of PHMB as a potential candidate for substitution under the BPR. The announcement appears on the [ECHA website](#) and the deadline for submitting comments is the 10th April.

The previous statement explained the background to the consultation, the impact of a decision on listing as a candidate for substitution and asked users/interested parties to submit comments directly to ECHA in relation to the unique features of PHMB as a biocide and its place in the spectrum of available biocides.

All the information required to do this is in the "Submission of information" section on the [ECHA website](#) but to assist interested parties, Lonza have taken the ECHA template for submitting comments and turned it into an "outline" document which can be easily adapted by individuals.

The outline document highlights the very few chemistries available to the market, lists the key properties of PHMB which make it hard to replace and gives important points on the need for a choice of chemistries.

We ask users/interested parties to review the document and adapt it to submit their own comments through the ECHA website.

Please contact your local Lonza sales office should you have questions in this area.

Sincerely
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