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## **Draft scenario to estimate the indirect exposure via food by using insect repellents developed by the ARTFood ad hoc Working Group of the Biocidal Product Committee**

The Biocidal Product Committee Human Health Working Group II 2018 discussed the relevance of the consumer exposure via food to PT 19 products applied on skin, concluding that the exposure to repellent residues via food is not negligible, but measurable. The majority of the Working Group members supported the elaboration of a scenario for the estimation of dietary risk assessment of repellent residues.

ARTFood ad hoc Working Group developed the requested scenario, which is being available as a draft to Member States Competent Authorities (MSCAs) and applicants to address the assessment of possible biocide residue transfer into food as a result of use of insect repellents biocidal products applied on skin.

ECHA encourage the Applicants and the MSCAs to make use of the draft scenario and to submit any comments to the ARTFood functional mailbox [BPC-artfood@echa.europa.eu](mailto:BPC-artfood@echa.europa.eu) using the template available in the Annex.

The draft scenario finalisation and publication will take place in conjunction with the consultation procedure of ECHA Guidance Vol III Parts B+C - Human Health - Assessment & Evaluation. The draft scenario will be included in chapter 5 of the aforementioned ECHA Guidance.

The comments collected will be considered during the ECHA guidance consultation procedure before the final publication. When sending the comments, you are invited to indicate the chapter, the section and page of the document which your comment refers.

When using the draft scenario, MSCA are invited to indicate in the CAR/PAR that the estimation of the possible biocide residue transfer into food was performed on the basis of this draft scenario document. Users are reminded that this document represents a draft proposal. As such, it does not constitute assurance by the European Chemicals Agency as regards its practice.