

National Authorities – Slovakia

The enforcement of the BPR Regulation (placing on the market of biocidal products and treated products, their use and the evaluation of active substances in biocidal products) falls within the competence of the following authorities:

- **The Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, Centre for Chemical Substances and Preparations** (hereinafter “Ministry of Economy, Centre for Chemical Substances and Preparations”),
- **The Slovak Trade Inspection,**
- **The Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic** (hereinafter “Ministry of Environment”),
- **The Slovak Environmental Inspection,**
- **The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic** (hereinafter “Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development”),
- **The Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic** (hereinafter “Ministry of Health”),
- **The Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic** (hereinafter “Ministry of Defence”),
- **The Financial Administration of the Slovak republic** (hereinafter “Financial Administration”),
- **The National Labour Inspectorate ,**
- **The State Veterinary and Food Administration.**

Objectives of the control activity carried out by the about mentioned bodies depend on the competencies of each of them. The scope of competencies is specified in the laws that govern the competence of the concrete institutions.

In the process of enforcement of chemical legislation, national authorities cooperate with each other; some of them (for example Ministry of Economy, Centre for Chemical Substances and Preparations) provide advice to the state administration authorities and to the entrepreneurs.

Authorities responsible for BPR enforcement

Ministry of Economy and Centre for Chemical Substances and Preparations
(<http://www.mhsr.sk/>):

The Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic is an authorisation and registration body for biocidal products and an evaluating competent authority for evaluation of applications for approval of active substances. Within the Ministry of Economy the department Centre for Chemical Substances and Preparations is responsible for BPR tasks and biocidal product transitional registration scheme.

Slovak Trade Inspection (<http://www.soi.sk/>):

The Slovak Trade Inspection checks the compliance with the conditions of the availability of biocidal products and treated products in accordance with the Article 17 paragraph 1, 52, 58, 69, 72 of the BPR Regulation and uncovers short-comings. The Slovak Trade inspection is also entitled to deliver binding measures for elimination of the detected short-comings, to order the effective and immediate withdrawal of the biocidal articles from the market, and (if necessary), to order the destruction of such products at inspected person´s expenses.

Ministry of Environment (<http://www.minzp.sk/>) issues a binding opinion on the granting of a derogation for the making available or using a biocidal product which does not comply with the conditions of authorization under No. 55 of the BPR Regulation following on request of the Centre. The opinion is issued for a limited and controlled use. The Slovak Environmental Inspection shall ensure supervision over the use of a biocidal products which was authorized by the Centre based on the binding opinion issued by the Ministry of the Environment.

Slovak Environmental Inspection (<http://www.sizp.sk/>) supervises the using of the biocidal product which has been authorized by the Centre, determines the conditions and sets out the time limits for corrective action if the deficiencies are identified by the control of the manufacture of the biocidal product, active substances or treated products. In that case, there is the risk of damage to the environment it imposes corrective and temporary measures, orders the disposal of such product.

Financial Administration (<https://www.financnasprava.sk/>): Customs offices carry out the controls of goods under customs supervision. In case of doubts whether the goods are a biocidal product or a treated article, the customs offices request the statement of the Centre for Chemical Substances and Preparations before the goods are released for free circulation.

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (<http://www.mpsr.sk/>)

Ministry of Health (<http://www.health.gov.sk/>)

Ministry of Defence (<http://www.mod.gov.sk/>)

National Labour Inspectorate (<http://www.nip.sk/>)

State Veterinary and Food Administration (<http://www.svssr.sk/>).