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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products¹, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 89(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014² establishes a list of existing active substances to be evaluated for their possible approval for use in biocidal products. That list includes silicon dioxide Kieselguhr.
- (2) Silicon dioxide Kieselguhr has been evaluated for use in products of product-type 18, insecticides, acaricides and products to control other arthropods, as described in Annex V to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012.
- (3) France was designated as evaluating competent authority and submitted the assessment report together with its recommendations on 18 December 2015.
- (4) In accordance with Article 7(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014, the opinion of the European Chemicals Agency was formulated on 11 October 2016 by the Biocidal Products Committee, having regard to the conclusions of the evaluating competent authority.
- (5) According to that opinion, biocidal products of product-type 18 containing silicon dioxide Kieselguhr may be expected to satisfy the criteria of Article 19(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, provided that certain specifications and conditions concerning their use are complied with.
- (6) It is therefore appropriate to approve silicon dioxide Kieselguhr for use in biocidal products of product-type 18, subject to compliance with certain specifications and conditions.
- (7) A reasonable period should be allowed to elapse before an active substance is approved in order to permit interested parties to take the preparatory measures necessary to meet the new requirements.

OJ L 167, 27.6.2012, p. 1.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014 of 4 August 2014 on the work programme for the systematic examination of all existing active substances contained in biocidal products referred to in Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 294, 10.10.2014, p. 1).

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Biocidal Products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Silicon dioxide Kieselguhr is approved as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 18, subject to the specifications and conditions set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States. Done at Brussels,

For the Commission The President Jean-Claude JUNCKER