

## **FOCUS ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SAFETY IN THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES**

**As of October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, THONHAUSER, a member of the global ZEP group, submitted the European-wide biocide approval for disinfectants based on peracetic acid in due time, thus setting a clear sign for more consumer protection and employee safety in food production.**

In the European Union, Biocidal products are subject to the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) (EU) No. 528/2012, which regulates the use of biocidal products and their provision on the market in the European Union. It also harmonizes those previously vastly different local regulations for biocidal products within Europe. The aim is to ensure a high level of protection for humans, animals and the environment and to ensure adequate efficacy against corresponding target species.

THONHAUSER Ltd. from Giesshübl in Lower Austria is 100% committed to consumer protection and work safety and has therefore submitted its peracetic acid product portfolio to a comprehensive evaluation of efficacy and risks by the competent authorities. Peracetic acid has excellent disinfecting properties and supports the removal of bacteria, molds and viruses even at low concentrations.

Thus, TM PERACID 5 (5% peracetic acid), TM PERACID 15 (15% peracetic acid) and TM FOAM PERACID (2% peracetic acid) are still available in most European countries due to the pre-registration procedure in the private sector (PT 4), the public health sector (PT 2) as well as in the veterinary sector (PT 3).

After the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) will have reviewed the case, these products will be approved in accordance with the new directives throughout the European Union.

Philip Thonhauser, Managing Director of Thonhauser GmbH: "We are very pleased that we have achieved this important authorization in time in close cooperation with our sister company AFCO in the United Kingdom and we will continue to expand our portfolio of biocidal products as required."

Daniel Herzog, Head of the European Center for Development of ZEP at the Thonhauser site in Giesshübl, emphasizes: "In the future, the authorities will also increasingly pay attention that peracetic acid products are properly stored. That is, e.g. TM PERACID 15 should be stored in a separate storage space separate from other acids."

THONHAUSER has already registered its hydrogen peroxide products (TM BISTERIL, TM OXO IR) in the same way and is now working on the Europe-wide approval of its chlorinated bleach products (TM DESANA, TM DESANA ECO, TM BIPUR, TM CIP 1, TM FOAM BAC, TM FOAM IR, TM CHLORIT) which will be effective as from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

Mid 2017, THONHAUSER Ltd, together with its parent company AFCO, was integrated into the ZEP chemicals group in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, where it is now part of ZEP's worldwide food and beverage unit. The headquarters in Giesshübl, Lower Austria will remain in place and act as a basis for the European expansion strategy for AFCO / ZEP. Thonhauser's order and delivery system remains unchanged, and Philip Thonhauser continues to lead his team of experienced employees, while the laboratory will be expanded into a European development center for ZEP.

**See also <http://www.thonhauser.net/en/products/disinfectants/>**