

**NOTIFICATION OF DEROGATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 55(1) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 528/2012**

- Notifying Member State<sup>1</sup>

Austria

- Competent Authority granting the temporary derogation

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Email address</b>
Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology	

- In case of repeated action: number of previous action(s)

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- Product name

Products containing ethanol, 1-propanole and 2-propanole

- Product type

PT 1, PT 2, PT 4

- Active substance(s)

Ethanol, 1-Propanole, 2-Propanole

- Target organism(s)

SARS-CoV-2

- User category

General public  
Professional user

- Starting date of the action based on Art. 55 (1) of the BPR

19/03/2020

- End date of the action based on Art. 55 (1) of the BPR

31/08/2020

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- Description of danger the derogation is intended to address

danger to public health

The wide spread of the SARS-CoV-2 Corona virus has led to a shortage of disinfectants. In many applications disinfection products have become virtually unavailable, neither for hand disinfection nor for surface disinfection. In Austria, ethanol is the most commonly used active substance for disinfection products. However, because of the high demand stocks of ethanol based products have decreased dramatically and a sufficient supply cannot longer be guaranteed over a longer period of time.

It should be noted that the number of people in Austria diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2 infection continues to increase rapidly. As a consequence of this development we expect a further grow of the demand for disinfectants. This also includes increased preventive use in households, public health facilities, hospitals and food production.

In order to secure the supply of disinfection products a temporary exemption for the making available on the market and use of products containing 70-80% w/w ethanol, 60-80% w/w 1-propanol or 70-80% w/w 2-propanol is granted to producers of disinfectants. For the interim period the alcohols may be purchased from producers not listed under the BPR provided they comply with the quality criteria set out in the exemption.

danger to animal health

(describe briefly the danger, the area affected and the effects of the danger)

danger to environment

(describe briefly the danger, the area affected and the effects of the danger)

- Geographical area of use

Austria

- Absence of any other means to contain the danger

Because of the high demand most of the products for hand and surface disinfectants have been sold out and stocks of available products, in particular ethanol based products, are decreasing rapidly.

- Limited and controlled use

Exemption has been granted to licensed producers of disinfectants as well as producers of ethanol. They are required to report to the chamber of commerce and Ministry of Climate Action.