

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

- Notifying Member State¹

Estonia

- Competent Authority granting the temporary derogation

Organisation	Email address
Health Board	KOOBiotsiid@terviseamet.ee

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

- Product name

Biocide containing ethanol

- Product type

PT 1; PT 2; PT4

- Active substance(s)

Ethanol

- 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

01/05/2020

The government of Estonia has declared an emergency situation due to the pandemic spread of the coronavirus in the world and the likely further spread of the virus within Estonia. Unless decreed otherwise by the government, the emergency situation remains in force until 1 May 2020.

- Description of danger the derogation is intended to address

danger to public health

As a result of the wide spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, disinfectants for hand and surface disinfection are increasingly in demand across Estonia.

The number of confirmed cases of virus SARS-CoV-2 in Estonia is increasing rapidly.

Since the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 is transmitted in a similar way to the flu virus, as a droplet infection, the recommendation to disinfect the hands and surfaces can also be transferred in case of contact with SARS-Cov-2.

Appropriate disinfectants are practically no longer available on the market but the need will grow for use in households, public areas, public health facilities and hospitals. There are shortages in supply change both for active substances and biocidal products.

In order to secure the supply of disinfection products a temporary exemption from the BPR article 95 for the making available on the market and use of the disinfectants containing ethanol have been granted in Estonia.

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

Estonia

- Absence of any other means to contain the danger

Due to the high demand of the hand and surface disinfectants in most countries the supply of active substances from the Art 95 List suppliers is limited.

- Limited and controlled use

Exemption has been granted only for registrations via transitional measure.