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Subject: Practical Guides - Special Series on data sharing, letters of access and consortium

In the context of the implementation of Article 95 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 and of the deadline of 1 September 2015, many companies making biocidal products available on the market are required to engage in data sharing negotiations.

With a view to facilitating this process, the Commission is pleased to announce the release of a series of practical guides on data sharing, letters of access and consortium, which are complex aspects of the legislation, yet of great importance for all stakeholders, SMEs in particular.

These practical guides are therefore especially targeted to help SMEs.

These practical guides are now available as working documents on CIRCA BC before they are released by ECHA after some final editing. A translation of these guides in all official languages of the EU is also under preparation.

We hope that all companies involved in data sharing negotiations will find these guides useful and practical and that it will help them.

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