

Development of Legislation and Other Instruments

## BPC-41: SE minority opinion alkyl (C12-16) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride; product type 2

An error in the environmental exposure calculation of alkyl (C12-16) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride had been discovered after ECHA had distributed the current draft opinion to the members of the committee. As a result of the corrected calculation, the risk assessment no longer showed that biocidal products with the active substance can be used safely in product type 2. During the meeting, ECHA and the evaluating competent authority presented proposals for a revision of the risk assessment based on scientific arguments. To assess these proposals, expert knowledge in environmental risk assessment is required. As the proposals were presented so late in the process that it was no longer possible for member states' experts to assess the revised risk assessment, Sweden considers it inappropriate for the committee to deliver an opinion on the approval of the active substance in product type 2.

Since the majority of the committee members agreed to adopt the opinion at the current meeting, Sweden hereby submits a minority opinion.