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### **BIOCIDES INDUSTRY GROUP ANNOUNCES NEW NAME: CENTER FOR BIOCIDES CHEMISTRIES**

*Group Committed to Fostering Innovation and Supporting Advocacy Efforts  
for the Global Industry*

**WASHINGTON (June 7, 2018)** – Today, the American Chemistry Council’s (ACC) Biocides Panel announced its new name, the [Center for Biocide Chemistries \(CBC\)](#), at the Twelfth Antimicrobial Workshop at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. Established in 1986, the Center represents more than 50 companies that manufacture active biocide ingredients and/or formulate biocide products. As the CBC, the group will continue its commitment to drive innovation, collaborate with key stakeholders and regulators, and establish scientifically sound approaches to the regulation of biocides.

Biocides, also known as “antimicrobials” or “antimicrobial pesticides,” are a group of chemistries that help prevent the spread of disease, are essential to preserving products, and ensure countless manufacturing and industrial processes are not compromised by microorganism growth.

“The benefits of biocides are clear,” said Komal K. Jain, Senior Director of the CBC. “From ensuring safe drinking water to destroying harmful bacteria and viruses in our healthcare facilities and homes, biocides are vital tools that protect public health. Beyond their uses as disinfectants, biocides play an important role in promoting sustainability by preserving products to extend their useful lives.”

“Our new name, the Center for Biocide Chemistries, more accurately reflects our membership and mission of education, advocacy and information sharing. The CBC is committed to promoting the benefits of biocides, protecting public health, and supporting advocacy efforts for the global industry,” continued Jain. “Our goal is to maintain the availability of biocides in the marketplace, enhance the public’s understanding of the critical need for biocides and facilitate discussions with policymakers across jurisdictions on regulations and policies.”

For more than 30 years, the CBC has served as a key voice for the biocide registrant community, advocating on behalf of its members before U.S. and international regulators and developing innovative scientific models and approaches in collaboration with government agencies.

The North American biocides market alone was \$2.19 billion in 2016, with U.S. production estimated at \$1.97 billion and payrolls an estimated \$89.5 million.<sup>1</sup>

“It is essential that the pipeline to developing new chemistries, creating sustainable solutions and promoting global harmonization continues,” said Bill Goodwine, Chairman of the CBC. “As one of the principal associations of registrants in the biocide industry, the CBC’s voice represents the industry’s desire to educate both the public and policymakers alike on the vital role biocides serve in today’s society.”

The CBC will continue to operate as an international ACC sector group under [ACC’s Chemical Products and Technology Division \(CPTD\)](#), which provides comprehensive issues management services including regulatory, legislative and marketplace advocacy; research; product stewardship; legal; and communication services.

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<sup>1</sup> American Chemistry Council, IMPLAN, Bureau of Labor Statistics and [IHS Markit](#)