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Introduction on hazard and risk assessment under REACH



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HAZARD & RISK ASSESSMENT - roles

- **Legislative background**
 - Industrial Chemicals
 - Pesticides
 - Biocides
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - ...contaminated areas (“specific risk assessment”)
 - Point sources – environment, human health...
- **Assessment of a Priority Chemicals – SVHC**
- **Hazard vs Risk**
- **RISK ASSESSMENT – RISK MANAGEMENT**



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LIKELIHOOD (probability) How likely is the event to occur at some time in the (Linear Scale time specific matrix)	CONSEQUENCES				
	What is the Severity of injuries /potential damages / financial impacts (if the risk event actually occurs)? (Logarithmic Scale, property industry specific matrix)				
	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
	No Injuries First Aid No Envir Damage << \$1,000 Damage	Some First Aid required Low Envir Damage << \$10,000 Damage	External Medical Medium Envir Damage <<\$100,000 Damage	Extensive injuries High Envir Damage <<\$1,000,000 Damage	Death or Major Injuries Toxic Envir Damage >>\$1,000,000 Damage
Almost certain - expected in normal circumstances (100%)	MODERATE RISK	HIGH RISK	HIGH RISK	CRITICAL RISK	CRITICAL RISK
Likely - probably occur in most circumstances (10%)	MODERATE RISK	MODERATE RISK	HIGH RISK	HIGH RISK	CRITICAL RISK
Possible - might occur at some time. (1%)	LOW RISK	MODERATE RISK	HIGH RISK	HIGH RISK	CRITICAL RISK
Unlikely - could occur at some future time (0.1%)	LOW RISK	MODERATE RISK	MODERATE RISK	HIGH RISK	HIGH RISK
Rare - Only in exceptional circumstances 0.01%)	LOW RISK	LOW RISK	MODERATE RISK	MODERATE RISK	HIGH RISK



Summary Table of Available Tools for Risk Assessment

Categories	Links to Available Materials	Explanation
Hazard Assessment	Gathering existing information	OECD Existing Chemicals database OECD-wide agreed hazard assessments elaborated in the OECD Co-operative Chemicals Assessment Programme
	eChemPortal	Global Portal to Information on Chemical Substances
	Manual for the Assessment of Chemicals (Chapter 2)	A set of guidance documents for (initial) risk assessment developed for the OECD Co-operative Chemicals Assessment Programme . See chapter 2 for gathering data
	Evaluating existing information	Manual for the Assessment of Chemicals (Chapter 3) See chapter 3.1 for determining the quality of existing data
	Generating new data	Test guidelines Test methods for assessing (hazard) properties of chemicals
		The OECD (Q)SAR Project Guidance and tools for filling data gaps by non-testing methods.
	Assessing the hazards	Manual for the Assessment of Chemicals (Chapter 4) & (Chapter 5) Chapter 4 provides guidance assessing the hazards of chemical substances to man and the environment Chapter 5 provides guidance on elaborating a hazard assessment report
	Series on Testing and Assessment	Guidance documents and reports related to assessment of several inherent effects



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What is risk assessment?

EPA uses risk assessment to characterize the nature and magnitude of health risks to humans (e.g., residents, workers, recreational visitors) and ecological receptors (e.g., birds, fish, wildlife) from chemical contaminants and other stressors, that may be present in the environment. Risk managers use this information to help them decide how to protect humans and the environment from stressors or contaminants. Note that "risk managers" can be:

- federal or state officials whose job it is to protect the environment,
- business leaders who work at companies that can impact the environment, or
- private citizens who are making decisions regarding risk.

At EPA, environmental risk assessments typically fall into one of two areas:

- Human Health
- Ecological



Risk assessment is, to the highest extent possible, a scientific process. In general terms, risk depends on the following factors:

- How much of a chemical is present in an environmental medium (e.g., soil, water, air),
- How much contact (exposure) a person or ecological receptor has with the contaminated environmental medium, and
- The inherent toxicity of the chemical.



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Risk Assessment

European Union GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT

- **Human Health RA**
 - scenarios for workers and consumers
- **Environmental RA**
 - exposure through environ. compartments
 - ecosystems & human beings



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SITE SPECIFIC RISK ASSESS.

- **Human Health RA**
 - all exposure routes incl. environ. compartments
- **Ecological RA**
 - ecosystems, endangered species
 - all stressors



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Risk Assessment

• Effect Assessment

Data: toxicological and ecotoxicological data incl. environmental fate



ADI/TDI (UN);



RfD (US EPA);



DNEL / DMEL / PNEC, occupational exposure limits (OEL)

• Exposure Assessment



Data: measured concentrations, monitoring, models

Exposure levels / PEC

• Risk Characterisation

Data: toxicity / ecotoxicity, emissions into environment and exposure based on standardised conditions

GOAL: control and management of chemicals



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EU legislation - Risk Assessment

- **Guidance Document in Support of Commission Directive 93/67/EEC on Risk Assessment for New Notified Substances and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1488/94 on Risk Assessment for Existing Substances**

European Commission, CR-48-96-001-EN-C

REACH Regulation – Guidance documents

<http://echa.europa.eu/guidance-documents/guidance-on-reach>

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|----------------------------------|--|
| * RA for Human Health | * Environmental Risk Assessment |
| * Use of (Q)SARs / models | * Use Categories |
| * RA Report Format | * Emission Scenario Documents |



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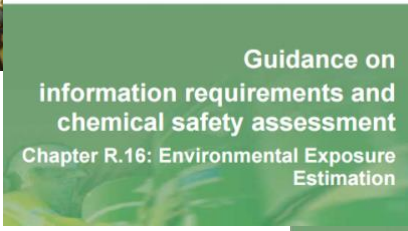



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**Guidance on
information requirements and
chemical safety assessment**
**Chapter R.10: Characterisation of dose
[concentration]-response for environment**

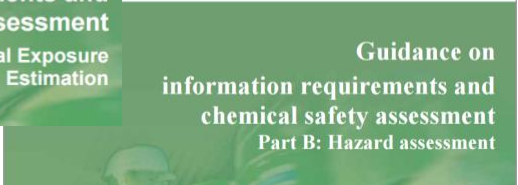
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**Chapter R.16: Environmental Exposure
Estimation**

**Guidance on
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Part E: Risk Characterisation



**Guidance on
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Part B: Hazard assessment



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EU Risk Assessment Guidance

Concise Guidance

- A. Introduction
- B. Hazard assessment
- C. PBT and vP vB assessment
- D. Exposure assessment
- E. Risk characterisation
- F. Chemical Safety Report

In Depth Guidance

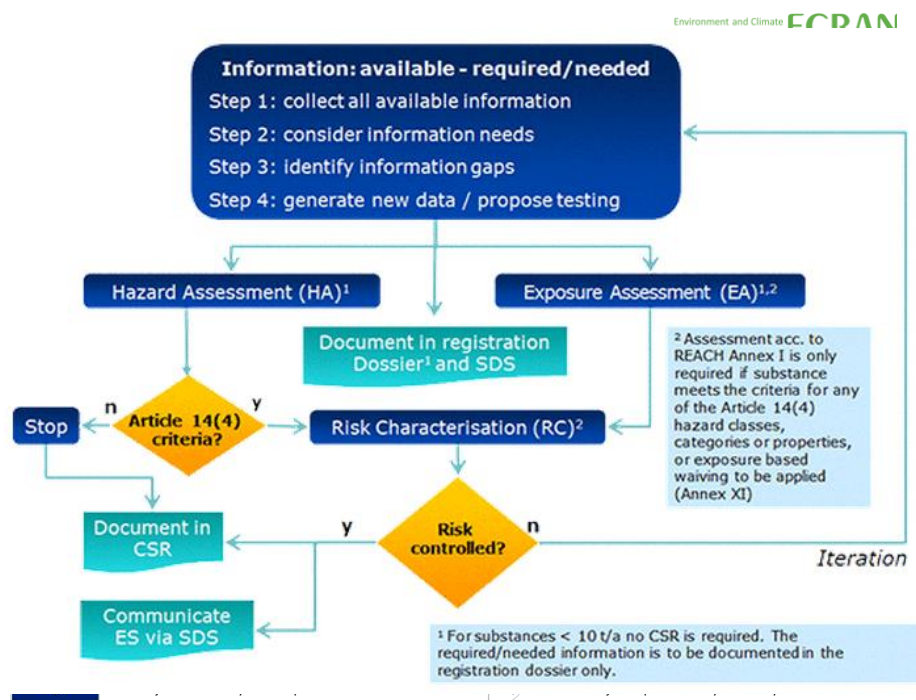
- R.2-R.7: Information requirements
- R.8-R.10: Dose –or concentration-
response characterisation
- R.11: PBT / vPvB assessment
- R.12: Description of uses
- R.13: Conditions of use (RMM,OC)
- R.14-18: Exposure estimation
- R.19: Uncertainty assessment
- R.20: Explanation of terms



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Effects Assessment

- **Hazard Identification**
 - classification / other hazard
- **Dose (concentration) - response (effect) assessment**
 - **Derived No Effect Level (DNEL)**
 - **Derived Minimal Effect Level (DMEL)**
 - **Predicted No-Effect Concentration (PNEC)**



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Adverse effects of a toxicant

- **Adverse effects**
 - any change from an organism's normal state
 - dependent upon the concentration of active compound at the target site for a sufficient time.
- **Toxicant (Poison)**
 - Man-made (synthetic) substance that presents a risk of death, disease, injury, or birth defects in living organisms through absorption, ingestion, inhalation, or by altering the organism's environment.
 - In comparison, a **toxin** is produced in nature by a living animal or plant.



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What is a Poison?

All substances are poisons;
there is none that is not a poison.

The right **dose**
differentiates a poison and a remedy.

Paracelsus (1493-1541)



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Dose

The amount of chemical entering the body

This is usually given as

mg of chemical/kg of body weight = **mg/kg**

The dose is dependent upon

- * The environmental concentration
- * The properties of the toxicant
- * The frequency of exposure
- * The length of exposure
- * The exposure pathway



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What is a Response?

The degree and spectra of responses depend upon the dose

- Change from normal state
 - could be on the molecular, cellular, organ, or organism level--the symptoms
- Local vs. Systemic
- Reversible vs. Irreversible
- Immediate vs. Delayed



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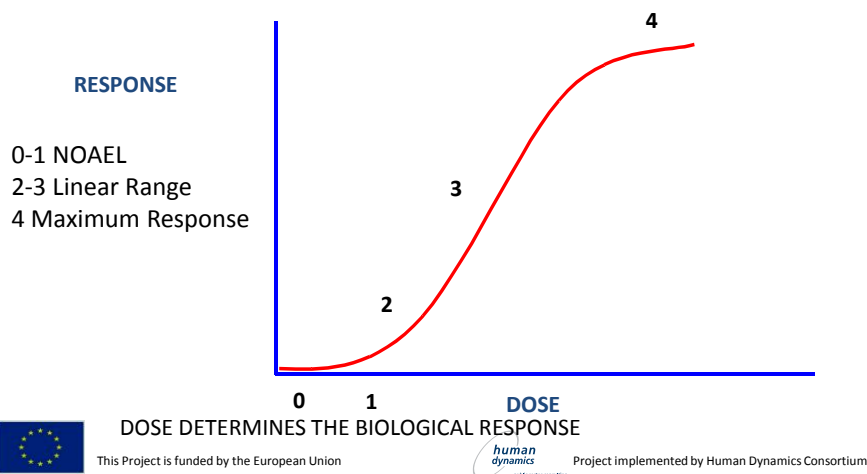


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Dose-Response Relationship:

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As the dose of a toxicant increases,
so does the response.



LD₅₀

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- Quantal responses can be treated as gradient when data from a population is used.
- The cumulative proportion of the population responding to a certain dose is plotted per dose--10-30 fold variation w/in a population
- If Mortality is the response, the dose that is lethal to 50% of the population LD₅₀ can be generated from the curve
- Different toxicants can be compared--lowest dose is most potent



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LD₅₀ Comparison

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Chemical	LD ₅₀ (mg/kg)
Ethyl Alcohol	10,000
Sodium Chloride	4,000
Ferrous Sulfate	1,500
Morphine Sulfate	900
Strychnine Sulfate	150
Nicotine	1
Black Widow	0.55
Curare	0.50
Rattle Snake	0.24
Dioxin (TCDD)	0.001
Botulinum toxin	0.0001



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Exposure: Pathways

- Routes and Sites of Exposure
 - Ingestion (Gastrointestinal Tract)
 - Inhalation (Lungs)
 - Dermal/Topical (Skin)
 - Injection
 - intravenous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal
- Typical Effectiveness of Route of Exposure
iv > inhale > ip > im > ingest > topical



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Exposure: Duration

Acute	< 24hr	usually 1 exposure
Subacute	1 month	repeated doses
Subchronic	1-3mo	repeated doses
Chronic	> 3mo	repeated doses

Over time, the amount of chemical in the body can build up, it can redistribute, or it can overwhelm repair and removal mechanisms



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Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion

- Once a living organism has been exposed to a toxicant, the compound must get into the body and to its target site in an active form in order to cause an adverse effect.
- The body has defenses:
 - Membrane barriers
 - passive and facilitated diffusion, active transport
 - Biotransformation enzymes, antioxidants
 - Elimination mechanisms



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Chemicals behaviour

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- Physico-chemical parameters that determine which compartment a chemical will go:
- Abiotic compartment
 - **Air:** - Henry constant (H), The pressure of a gas above a solution is proportional to the concentration of the gas in the solution
 - **water:** - water solubility (S)
 - **Soil/sediment:** - soil sorption coefficient (Koc)



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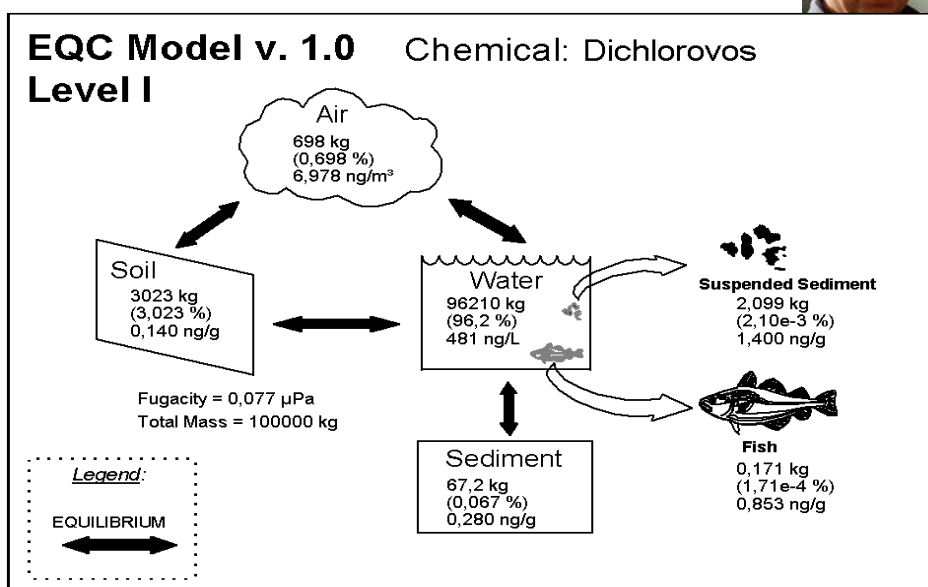


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Fate in the environmental compartments - models

- Donald Mackay

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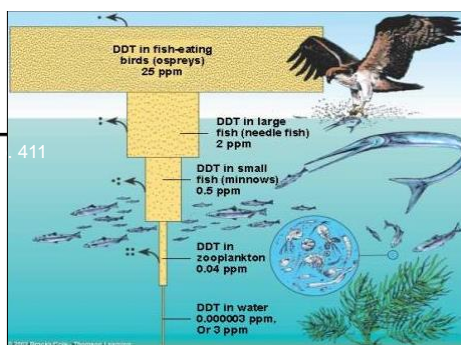


Toxicology

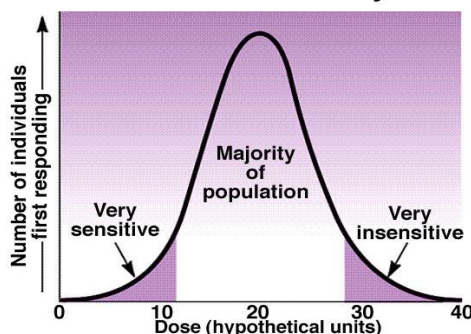
- Toxicity
- Dosage
- Bioaccumulation
- Biomagnification
- Synergism
- Response
- Acute effect
- Chronic effect



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Toxin Sensitivity



TOXICOLOGY: Assessing Chemical Hazards

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Toxicity: measure of how harmful a substance is in causing injury, illness, or death to living organisms.

FACTORS AFFECTING TOXICITY:

1) Dose: the amount of substance ingested, inhaled or absorbed...



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Toxicology and Ecotoxicology are similar but not identical.

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Toxicology

Absorption

Distribution

Metabolism

Elimination



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Ecotoxicology

Release into the environment

Fate and Disposition

Metabolism

No counterpart!



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BASE SET REQUIREMENT
AQUATIC

ACUTE TOXICITY LC50



Algae





Fish



Daphnia:

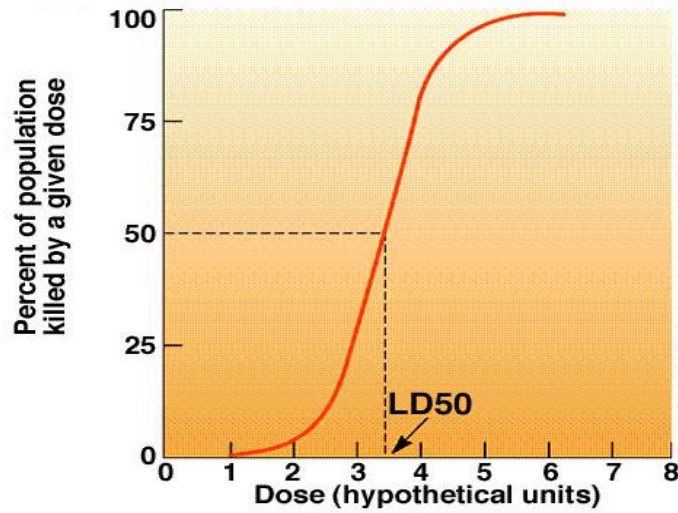




CHEMICALS: Major Types of Toxicity

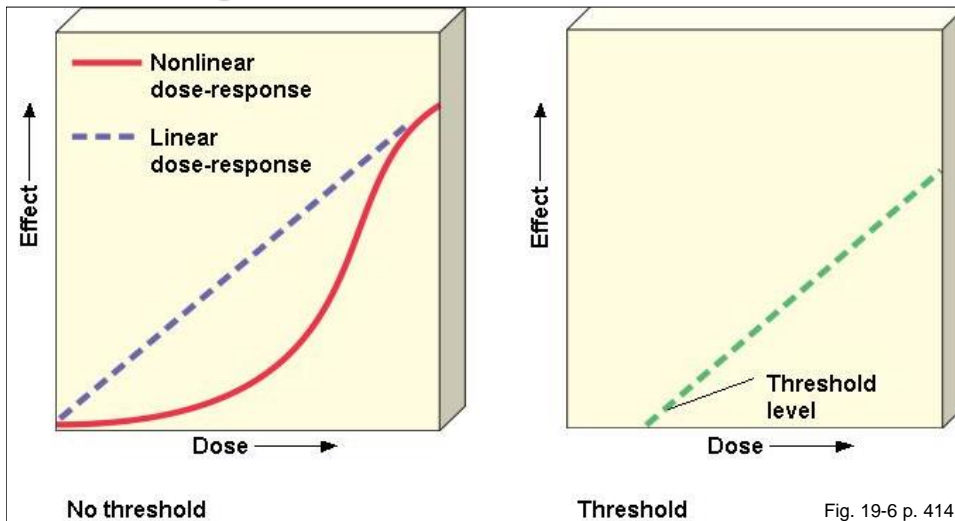
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Toxin Dose-Response



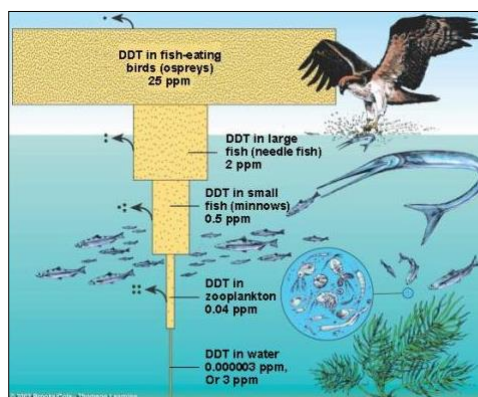
Dose-Response Curves

> **Dose-response** > **Nonthreshold** > **Threshold**



Factors Affecting Harm Caused By A Substance

- 1) Solubility (water soluble move through environment easily)
 - 2) Fat Soluble (can accumulate in body tissue and cells)
 - 3) Persistence (how long before it breaks down)
- Bioaccumulation
 - Biomagnifications



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Effects Assessment - steps

- **Hazard identification:** The aim of the hazard identification is to identify the effects of concern. The aim is also to review the classification of the;
- **Dose (concentration) - response (effect) assessment:** At this step the predicted no effect concentration (PNEC), shall, where possible, be determined.



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No GLP Studies?

NO GLP data may be used for the risk assessment, if valid conclusions can be drawn from them.

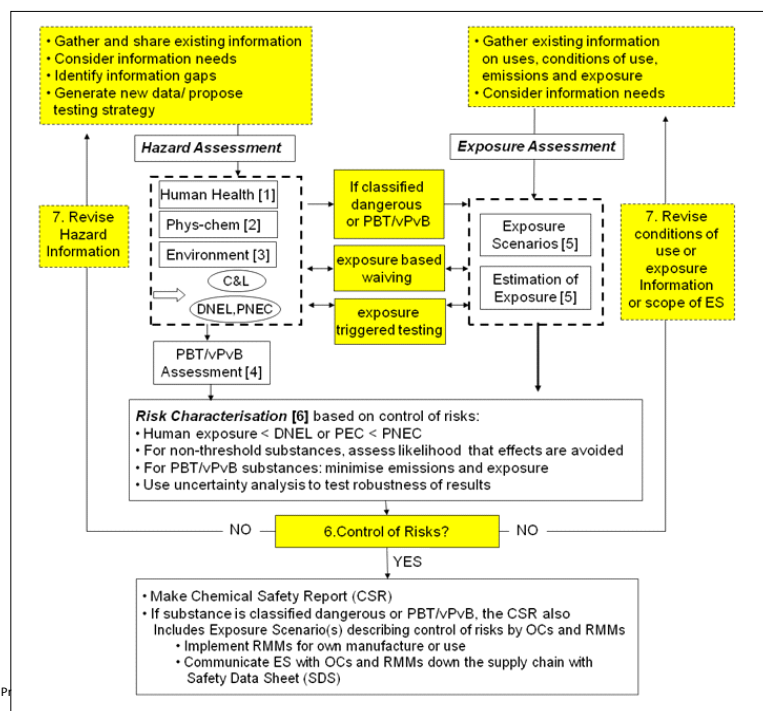
This means that the data, and the test methods used to generate them, must be evaluated in order to determine whether they are of sufficient quality for use in risk assessment. Such an evaluation will require the use of expert judgement, but the determination of data as being valid or not valid must be both justified and transparent.



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Hazard/Risk Communication

Extended Safety Data Sheet – Exposure Scenario



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1. ES 1: Formulation. Various products

1.1. Title section

Environment	
CS 1: Formulation of mixtures	ERC 2
Worker	
CS 2: Raw material transfer and/or dispensing with dedicated equipment	PROC 8b
CS 3: Mixing, milling, dispersing, completion. Batch. Closed systems	PROC 3
CS 4: Mixing, milling, dispersing, completion. Batch. Open systems	PROC 5
CS 5: Transfer and/or dispensing with non-dedicated equipment	PROC 8a
CS 6: Transfer and/or dispensing with dedicated equipment	PROC 8b
CS 7: Filling small containers in dedicated lines	PROC 9
CS 8: Equipment cleaning and maintenance	PROC 8a

1.2. Conditions of use affecting exposure

1.2.1. Control of environmental exposure: Formulation of mixtures (ERC 2)

Amount used, frequency and duration of use (or from service life)
Daily amount per site <= 0.5 tonnes/day
Annual amount per site <= 100.0 tonnes/year
Technical and organisational conditions and measures
Collect water from process and/or cleaning operation as waste
Conditions and measures related to treatment of waste (including article waste)
Hazardous waste incineration

Comment [ECHA1]: Formulation takes place in a range of industrial settings, from environments where good control standards apply to those where control are limited or non-existent. This exposure scenario assumes that industrial control standards apply

Comment [ECHA2]: A field "ES name" that provides a short description of the scope of the ES can be included here. This will be considered for implementation in the next version of Chesar.

Comment [ECHA3]: The approach to describing open and closed processes is under consideration. In this example, it is stated in the CS title whether the process is open or closed

Comment [ECHA4]: Some conditions of use (e.g. indoor use, basic general ventilation, process temperature) are valid for all workers' contributing scenarios. These "common conditions of use" could be reported in one place. This will be considered for implementation in the next version of Chesar.

Comment [ECHA5]: The numbering of the contributing scenario (CS1, CS2, ... as it is in the Title section) could be included here. This will be considered for implementation in the next version of Chesar.



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1.2.2. Control of worker exposure: Raw material transfer and/or dispensing with dedicated equipment (PROC 8b)

Product (article) characteristics
Covers percentage substance in the product up to 100 %
Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure
Avoid carrying out activities involving exposure for more than 1 hour. <i>The duration specified here is within the context of an eight hour work day</i>
Technical and organisational conditions and measures
Provide a basic standard of general ventilation (1 to 3 air changes per hour).
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation
Wear suitable gloves tested to EN374. For further specification, refer to section 8 of the SDS.
Use suitable eye protection.
Other conditions affecting workers exposure
Indoor use
Assumes process temperature up to 40.0 °C

Comment [ECHA6]: Although this statement does not constrain the use of the substance, it is included because making explicit the upper boundaries for concentration and duration increases clarity for the recipients.

ESCom standard phrases for concentration of 100% and duration of 8 hours include the statement "unless otherwise stated". This statement was removed as it is preferable that any other different limits that apply are given.



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1.3.2. Worker exposure: Raw material transfer and/or dispensing with dedicated equipment (PROC 8b)

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long-term	12.5 mg/m ³ (TRA Worker 3.0)	0.506
Dermal, systemic, long-term	2.742 mg/kg bw/day (TRA Worker 3.0)	0.392
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		0.898

1.3.3. Worker exposure: Mixing, milling, dispersing, completion. Batch. Closed systems (PROC 3)

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long-term	3.75 mg/m ³ (TRA Worker 3.0)	0.152
Dermal, systemic, long-term	0.69 mg/kg bw/day (TRA Worker 3.0)	0.099
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		0.25

1.3.4. Worker exposure: Mixing, milling, dispersing, completion. Batch. Open systems (PROC 5)

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure estimate	RCR
Inhalation, systemic, long-term	6.25 mg/m ³ (TRA Worker 3.0)	0.253
Dermal, systemic, long-term	2.742 mg/kg bw/day (TRA Worker 3.0)	0.392
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		0.645

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Questions? Comments?



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