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Overview

REACH is based on the principle that industry should manufacture, import or use substances or place them on the market in a way that human health and the environment are not adversely affected. For substances manufactured or imported in quantities at or above 10 tonnes per year and that are classified as dangerous or considered as persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB), the chemical safety assessment (CSA) is the instrument to:

- Assess the intrinsic hazards of substances;
- Assess the exposure of man and the emission to the environment that result from manufacture and uses throughout the life cycle of the substances.
- Characterise the risks identified following the assessment of exposure/emission; and
- Identify and document the conditions of manufacture and use which are needed for controlling the risks to human health and the environment. This includes the operational conditions (OC) and risk management measures (RMM). In REACH this set of information is called the **exposure scenario** (ES)

The outcome of the CSA, including relevant data, justifications and judgements has to be documented in a chemical safety report (CSR)¹.

When an ES is developed, the company carrying out the assessment shall inform its direct customers and the actors further down the supply on the conditions of use (i.e. the operational conditions and risk management measures) to ensure control of risk. For this purpose the relevant information from the CSR is compiled into one or more exposure scenarios (ES) to be annexed to the safety data sheet (SDS).

The exposure scenario in the contexts of the CSR and the safety data sheet have different purposes, and thus their content may differ. For example, the exposure scenario in the CSR will contain justifications and comments, the exposure scenario annexed to the safety data sheet will not. However, the operational conditions and risk management measures relevant for each task must be consistent.

The aim of this document is to describe, by means of an example², an iterative procedure for the assessment of consumer and environmental exposure to a substance which is commonly used in consumer products and how to build an exposure scenario for both the CSR and communication once the exposure assessment and risk characterisation have been completed.

Exposure can be considered as a single event, as a series of repeated events or as continuous exposure. In the exposure assessment the levels of exposure need to be considered, as well as other parameters such as the duration and frequency. Exposure assessments should take account of acute and chronic effects and whether they are local or systemic.

Consumer exposure can be estimated in a tiered manner. The process starts with a screening estimation (Tier 1) designed to be conservative. If the result of the screening is that exposure is below the thresholds established from toxicological studies (for instance the appropriate DNEL= derived no effect level), then it can be concluded that there is “no concern”, and the risks from using the product are deemed to be controlled. If the Tier 1

¹Annex 1 of REACH provides the requirements for the CSA and format for the CSR

²Built on the basis of ECHA Guidance on Information Requirements and Chemical Safety Assessment (IR/CSA)

assessment does not generate an acceptable level of risk, the estimate has to be refined, by iteration until the risk characterisation shows that risks identified are adequately controlled. The Tier 1 estimate can be refined through using real data or alternatively a higher Tier model can be applied that takes account of other factors that influence the exposure result.

This example shows how the application of the ECETOC TRA Consumer tool (Tier 1) and then ConsExpo (version 4.1, a Tier 2 tool) generate different exposure results. The ConsExpo computer tool does require some prior knowledge and expertise to ensure it is used correctly.

More detail on the estimation tools used in this project, and exposure estimation generally, can be found in ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment R.15. - Consumer exposure estimation (v.2, 2010). Guidance R.15 explains the core concepts, input parameters, strengths and limitations of the different tools. An important aspect of this example is a practical demonstration of how the limitations within the models can be addressed and reflected in exposure scenarios for the chemical safety report (CSR) and for communication.

This example is therefore intended to support production of good quality exposure scenarios in the chemical safety report and subsequently, in simplified form to provide good quality, tailored, information down the supply chain.

The example concentrates on risks arising from (eco)toxicological properties of a substance in consumer use. Physical health hazards are not considered in this example.

It must be emphasised that this example is focused on one particular substance used in a well defined type of cleaning products. Thus the example is not necessarily representative for substances with other properties or for other uses.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The exposure scenario³ is one of the main innovations of the REACH Regulation. The exposure scenario aims to document how to safely use chemicals. ECHA recognises publication of examples is a good way to illustrate how an exposure scenario can look like in practice. Examples will help to establish between industry and authorities a common understanding of the information that an exposure scenario should contain. These examples have been developed in cooperation with industry.

The aim of this project was to develop an example of an exposure scenario for a Chemical Safety Report (CSR). Further it is intended to show how the results of the process are communicated via an annex of the safety data sheet for one substance used by consumers, and then to demonstrate control of risk based on the release and exposure estimations leading to characterisation of risk for human health and the environment.

The consumer cleaning product sector was identified as a possible partner for this project. A substance used in cleaning and washing products (Product Category – PC - 35) has been selected as an example.

The objectives of the project are summarized below:

- To develop a reference example of an exposure scenario for the CSR and subsequent communication, specific to ‘consumer use’ of substances. This is intended as a guide for industry.
- To test the formats, guidance⁴ and tools for industry, including Chesar, in order to provide feedback to the development teams within ECHA.

1.2 Project outcome

The outputs of the project are:

- A summary document which:
 - describes the project and the results obtained;
 - presents the criteria adopted for the selection of substances and uses;
 - describes the methodology used for the assessment;
 - details the major issues, constraints and lessons learned (**Chapter 2, in particular *paragraph 2.1* deals with substance selection and properties, *paragraph 2.2* with generating the ‘exposure scenarios for CSR’ including exposure assessment and risk characterisation and *paragraph 2.3* with generating the exposure scenario for communication from the information contained in the CSR.)**
- The exposure scenarios for the Chemical Safety Report (Sections 9 and 10 of the CSR, **Appendix 1**), which includes⁵:

³REACH, Annex I, Section 0.7: “An exposure scenario is the set of conditions that describe how the substance is manufactured or used during its life-cycle and how the manufacturer or importer controls, or recommends downstream users to control, exposures of humans and the environment. These sets of conditions contain a description of both the risk management measures and operational conditions which the manufacturer or importer has implemented or recommends to be implemented by downstream users”

⁴ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment: Part D: Exposure Scenario Building (Version 1.1, May 2008 and version 2, May 2010)

- Description of use conditions and risk management measures
- Exposure estimation for both environment and human health⁶
- The risk estimation and risk characterisation ratio for both the environment and human health⁷
- The exposure scenario for onward communication (**Appendix 2**) based on those developed for the CSR and taking into consideration current ECHA guidance and comments provided by downstream users' associations. The exposure scenario is intended for communication between the registrant and industrial customers (*who produce mixtures (cleaning products) for consumer end-use*).

Sections 9 and 10 of the CSR (**Appendix 1**) and ES for communication (**Appendix 2**) have been generated with ECHA's Chemical Assessment and Reporting Tool, Chesar⁸ (version 1.2).

The examples also help to identify possible answers to the following questions:

- Exposure scenario for CSR
 - How to report operational conditions and model assumption(s) in the CSR to ensure transparency and reproducibility of the exposure estimates?
 - What level of detail is the registrant expected to assess for the different types of consumer product in which the substance may be included?
 - Is there a need for a REACH-orientated consumer-related exposure estimation tool which includes some of the elements found in more advanced tools (Tier 2 tool) such as ConsExpo?
- Exposure scenario for communication
 - How to address the role that different actors in the supply chain are required to play in exposure scenarios, in order to ensure that the conditions of safe use as described in the ES are really implemented?
 - Apart from risk management measures (RMMs) related to product design and behavioural advice to the consumer, what other types of information could be provided, as a minimum?
 - To what extent should the assumptions on consumer habits and practices and the standard operational conditions for the different product types be:
 - made explicit in the exposure scenario for communication or
 - referenced to an external source of documentation?
 - How should information be communicated to the formulator of the consumer product on exposure estimates and the resulting risk characterisation?
 - How best to communicate on the concept of scaling to the formulator related to consumer products?

⁵In the current example, the ES for both CSR and communication represent only part of the life-cycle of the substance. The REACH Regulation requires that the assessment covers all stages of a life-cycle.

⁶REACH Annex I, Section 5

⁷REACH Annex I, Section 6

⁸ <http://chesar.echa.europa.eu/>

1.3 Main findings

- The example is about a substance of low hazard for both human health and environment which can be released to air and waste water during its use in cleaning products. Consequently, the use of a Tier 1 exposure assessment tool should cover most of the uses, and the need for differentiation into product subcategories should be relatively low. In practice however it turned out that the currently available consumer exposure estimation tools (ECETOC TRA consumer and ConsExpo) do not sufficiently support such logic, and thus further development of the tools would be desirable.
- The example is also representative for the exceptional case that a DNEL for (a mild) local effect is available. This triggered the need to apply a Tier 2 exposure estimation model for event exposure for certain sub product groups.
- The example demonstrates how the available Tier 1 tool for consumer exposure assessment (ECETOC TRA consumer) can be used to demonstrate safe use for some product subcategories within the category of *washing and cleaning products* (Product Category 35) but not others. For some product subcategories the TRA is too conservative to demonstrate safe use and a higher Tier tool (ConsExpo) was needed.
- The ECETOC TRA was applied in a slightly modified way to assess long term (repeated) inhalation exposure against the chronic DNEL. The event concentration for inhalation predicted by the tool was averaged out over the day before being compared with the chronic DNEL. This was based on documentation available that such products are normally used only once a day.
- For the presentation of the assessment in the CSR an approach has been chosen that aims to provide for a high level of transparency. This will facilitate the work of persons expected to read and eventually update the CSR at a later stage or authorities evaluating the CSR.
- For the exposure scenario for communication two options have been worked out:
 1. Long (full) version: Detailed information on assumptions about generic conditions of use has been reported.
 2. Short (reduced) version: The information is limited to those conditions of use which are directly related to the product design and basic use characteristic determined by the individual manufacturer of the consumer product. In this option, a link to an external source of documentation has been included.

Both approaches are acceptable provided that references to external documentation are well reported and readily accessible; the short version may be easier to use in some circumstances, particularly by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

- The example for the exposure scenario for communication is still work in progress and ECHA is interested to receive comments on the way the ES for communication should be structured. Please note: The ES for communication is as yet not expressed in standard phrases; the phrases used in this document have been generated in Chesar for the specific examples. Once a complete phrase catalogue will be made available by industry, the use of standard phrases would be highly recommended to facilitate communication amongst actors in the supply chain.

2. BUILDING A CONSUMER EXPOSURE SCENARIO FOR CSR AND FOR COMMUNICATION

2.1 Substance selection and properties

An alcohol widely used as a liquid component in several cleaning products (PC35) has been selected as an example reference substance.

The substance is potentially used in a wide range of cleaning products, such as⁹:

- Laundry and dishwashing products:
 - Detergent liquids – laundry products
 - Hand dishwashing liquids
 - Machine dishwashing products - rinse aids
- Liquid surface cleaners:
 - All-purpose cleaners (including sprays)
 - Abrasive liquids
 - Sanitary cleaners like bathroom cleaners (including sprays)
 - Floor cleaners
 - Carpet cleaners
 - Glass cleaners (including sprays)

From market data provided by the industry and taking into account data contained in RIVM fact sheet to be used with ConsExpo (see footnote 7), the concentration of the substance in washing and cleaning products is typically < 5% but the maximum level of use, 15%, was used for a conservative exposure assessment, with 2 exceptions:

- Abrasive liquid: only up to 5%
- Carpet cleaners: up to 30%

The substance is volatile, readily biodegradable, water soluble and has a low octanol-water partition coefficient. It is classified as highly flammable (harmonised classification) and, if concentrations are above 50%, as an eye irritant (self-classification).

⁹Reference: RIVM report 320104003/2006 - Cleaning products Fact Sheet

Table 1: Physicochemical properties and Classification and Labelling

SUBSTANCE INFORMATION		
General properties		
1	Physical state at 20 °C and 101,3 kPa	Liquid
2	Vapour pressure (kPa) at 20 °C	5.726
3	Water solubility	790 g/L at 20 °C
4	Octanol-Water partitioning coefficient (log Kow)	- 0.35
5	Biodegradation screening test	Readily biodegradable
Classification and labelling		
6	Substance classified as CMR PBT/vPvB	No
7	Substance classification (R/H phrases)	Directive 67/548/EEC: R11 Highly flammable Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008: H225: Highly flammable liquid and vapour. H319: Causes serious eye irritation (>50%)

The manufacturer of the substance has provided DNELs for the general population covering the following routes of exposure and type of effects:

- Long term systemic effects - dermal
- Long term systemic effects – inhalation
- Long term systemic effects – oral
- Acute local inhalation for respiratory sensory irritation.

The substance is classified as an eye irritant at concentrations above 50% via splashes but no DNEL is available for this route / scope of effect.

All PNECs have been provided by the manufacturer, except for secondary poisoning, since the substance is not bioaccumulative as indicated by a low octanol-water partition coefficient.

All relevant DNELs and PNECs are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: (Eco)toxicological information

SUBSTANCE INFORMATION		
Toxicological information (general population)		
1	DNEL long term systemic – Inhalation	114 mg/m ³
2	DNEL long term systemic – Dermal	206 mg/kg/d
3	DNEL long term systemic – Oral	87 mg/kg/d
4	DNEL local acute – Dermal ¹⁰	Not available
5	DNEL local acute – Inhalation	950 mg/m ³
Ecotoxicological information		
6	PNEC freshwater	0.96 mg/L
7	PNEC freshwater sediment	3.6 mg/kg dry weight
8	PNEC marine water	0.79 mg/L
9	PNEC marine water sediments	2.96 mg/kg dry weight
10	PNEC agricultural soil	0.63 mg/kg dry weight
11	PNEC STP	580 mg/L

¹⁰Eye irritancy is currently covered by acute local effects via dermal exposure in IUCLID 5

The toxicological and ecotoxicological information provided by the manufacturer of the substance trigger the following consequences:

- A quantitative risk assessment is needed in order to cover the long term systemic effect for both consumers and humans via the environment exposed to the substance via dermal, oral and inhalation routes.
- In this specific case, a quantitative risk assessment is also needed to cover the acute local effects for consumers exposed to the substance via the inhalation route.
- A qualitative assessment has been added in relation to eye irritation in order to cover the acute local effects via dermal exposure (eye irritancy endpoint).

These effects have been considered when building the exposure scenarios and when calculating exposure estimation and the risk characterisation ratio(s) for consumers.

2.2 Exposure Assessment and Exposure Scenarios for CSR

A CSR has been generated using ECHA's Chemical Safety Assessment and Reporting Tool, Chesar. Relevant information arising from hazard assessment and relevant for ES generation has been briefly summarized in the previous section.

When using Chesar for exposure assessment and generation of exposure scenarios the following terms are key:

- use
- stage
- contributing scenario.

In Chesar¹¹:

- The **uses** of a substance are described in a life-cycle tree structure. This structure includes 8 different "**stages**": manufacturing stage, formulation stage (for production of mixtures), end-use stage of the substance as such or in a mixture (3 main user groups exist: industrial worker, professional worker and consumer) and article service life if relevant (again three main user groups). For each of these 8 stages, one or more exposure scenarios can be built.
- The number of exposure scenarios per **stage** depends on how the substance is used. For consumer **uses**, the product categories as defined in ECHA's Guidance R.12 are used to describe the scope of a single exposure scenario. As a generic example, washing and cleaning products (PC35) are usually meant to be released to air or to waste water, while pigments in paints (PC9) are meant to stay on the painted object. Thus the characteristic of the use from the environmental perspective is very different. As a consequence two different exposure scenarios would be built for PC35 and PC9.
- At each **stage**, a worker or a consumer can carry out different activities (= **uses**) characterised by the corresponding operational conditions and risk management measures. The consumer activities with a substance can be briefly described via the product (sub)category they are using, since the nature of the product predetermines the foreseeable use. The set of operational conditions and risk management measures related to a "use" is called the "**contributing scenario**". One or more of these contributing scenarios form an exposure scenario.

The following principles and assumptions have been applied for generating the exposure scenarios and exposure estimations:

¹¹Chesar user manual – Part 2 – Reporting uses(as updated 5 August 2011)

Link: http://chesar.echa.europa.eu/download/documents/Chesar_user_manual_2_use_reporting1_2.pdf

- All the input parameters that enable the calculations of exposure levels to which consumers, humans via environment and environment are exposed have been reported in the CSR. This ensures transparency of the assessment and reproducibility of the estimations. The determinants that reflect the conditions of use and the risk management measures are reported in the exposure scenario (and corresponding contributing scenarios). Other parameters which are important for the calculation but address more the assumptions in the model(s), rather than describing the condition of use, are reported in the exposure tables included in the CSR.
- Product categories and product subcategories are key input parameters for consumer exposure estimation. One contributing scenario has been associated with each product subcategory relevant for the assessment. The aggregation of different product subcategories was made under the following conditions:
 - Different product subcategories could be characterised by a largely common feature (e.g. use of surface cleaner diluted before application).
 - It was possible to identify one subcategory representing the worst case in terms of exposure for all relevant routes and type of effect.
 - The condition of use related to the subcategory with the highest exposure covered other product subcategories (i.e. higher amount used, larger surface of area of application, etc.).
 - Aggregation of contributing scenarios is done on a case-by-case basis.
- In the first instance the ECETOC TRA for consumers¹² (Tier I model) has been used for the exposure assessment. ConsExpo¹³ has been used in situations where the ECETOC TRA could not determine the safe use within a product subcategory.
- For the environment, the assessment is based on environmental release categories (ERC) with the assumption that any emission to water may pass through a sewage treatment plant (STP) before release to surface water takes place. The EUSES fate and transport model as implemented in Chesar has been used to calculate the exposure levels for both the environment and human via the environment. Even if the contributing scenario for the environment and the related exposure estimation has been included in CSR, the focus reported in this project has been directed to consumer exposure only.

The output of the ECETOC TRA exposure assessment for the relevant product category (PC35) and the related product subcategory identified in ECETOC TRA for consumers is summarized in Table 3; the output of the assessment is expressed in terms of risk characterisation ratio (RCR), which represents the ratio between the exposure level and the relevant DNEL.

¹²<http://www.ecetoc.org>

¹³<http://www.rivm.nl/en/healthanddisease/productsafety/Main.jsp>

Table 3: Product subcategory, input parameters and risk characterisation ratio (RCR) using ECETOC TRA for consumers

Product subcategory (ECETOC TRA)	Product design and amounts per event	Condition of use	RCR ^(a,b,c)
1. Laundry and dish washing products	Concentration of substance = 15% Product amount = 50 g	Frequency = daily Duration of exposure = 60 min Exposed body part = two hands Room volume = 20 m ³	Inh. ST = 0.39 Inh. LT = 0.14 Der. LT = 0.1
2. Cleaners, liquids (all purpose cleaners, sanitary products, floor cleaners, glass cleaners, carpet cleaners, metal cleaners)	Concentration of substance = 30% ¹⁴ Product amount = 250 g	Frequency = daily Duration of exposure = 20 min Exposed body part = two hands Room volume = 20 m ³	Inh. ST = 3.9 Inh. LT = 0.41 Der. LT = 0.2
3. Cleaners, trigger sprays (all purpose cleaners, sanitary products, glass cleaners)	Concentration of substance = 15% Product amount = 35 g	Frequency = daily Duration of exposure = 4 hours Exposed body part = two hands Room volume = 20 m ³	Inh. ST = 0.28 Inh. LT = 0.38 Der. LT = 0.1

Note:

(a) Air concentrations for the substance (event concentrations) from ECETOC TRA for consumers have been compared to the DNEL for acute local inhalation;

(b) The air concentration (event) averaged over the day¹⁵ has been compared to the DNEL for long term systemic inhalation.

(c) Inh ST: Inhalation short term exposure; Inh LT: Inhalation long term exposure; Der LT: Dermal long term exposure

2.2.1 Application of ConsExpo methodology

Due to the RCR for inhalation short term exposure above 1 (RCR = 3,9, see Table 3), a Tier 2 exposure assessment via ConsExpo 4.1 has been performed in order to further address the use of surface cleaning products (subcategory 2 for PC 35 in ECETOC TRA – see Table 3) and obtain a more precise exposure estimation.. The relevant sub-product categories as set out in the RIVM Fact Sheet have been used as a reference for the purposes of this assessment. For the conditions of use, the default assumptions as documented in the ConsExpo RIVM Fact Sheets (see footnotes 17, 18, 19) have been adopted and included as the conditions of use in the exposure scenario for the CSR. Looking at the different surface cleaner (not spray application) sub-products described in the RIVM Fact Sheet¹⁶ and potentially containing the selected substance, the following sub-products have been selected for the purposes of this assessment:

- The use of a diluted cleaning product in a surface cleaning application has been modelled using the most exposure-relevant subproduct represented by a floor cleaning product¹⁷.
- The use of an undiluted surface cleaning product is modelled by an abrasive product¹⁸, which includes toilet cleaners. Since ConsExpo makes a different assumption on the use of an undiluted product compared to that describing a product diluted before use, it was not possible to merge this use with the previous one.

¹⁴Carpet cleaners

¹⁵Assuming the product is used not more then once per day, as described in RIVM fact sheet (maximum frequency is related to dishwashing product and all purpose or glass spray cleaners and is about once per day)

¹⁶Reference: RIVM report 320104003/2006 - Cleaning products fact sheet

¹⁷ RIVM report 320104003/2006 - Cleaning products fact sheet: paragraph 8.1.1 (Floor cleaning product)

¹⁸ RIVM report 320104003/2006 - Cleaning products fact sheet: paragraph 6.1 (Abrasive liquid)

- The use of a carpet cleaner¹⁹ has been evaluated separately since it covers a special use with a different set of conditions of use, such as high volume / quantity used in a cleaning operation.

Five contributing scenarios were then identified to cover the consumer use of the selected substance in a washing and cleaning product:

- Contributing Scenario 1: laundry and dishwashing products (ECETOC TRA for consumers exposure assessment)
- Contributing Scenario 2: spray cleaner (ECETOC TRA assessment)
- Contributing Scenario 3: surface cleaning product diluted before use (floor cleaner assessed with ConsExpo 4.1)
- Contributing Scenario 4: abrasive liquid cleaner (ConsExpo 4.1 assessment)
- Contributing Scenario 5: carpet cleaner (ConsExpo 4.1 assessment)

Different tasks within the same product subcategory have been merged for the purposes of the exposure assessment in order to reduce the granularity of the relevant contributing scenario. (For instance ConsExpo differentiates, when “diluting the substance in water”, between mixing and loading and the final application phase.)

Exposure estimation for air inhalation via ConsExpo 4.1 has used the evaporation model (as recommended in the RIVM Fact Sheet, see footnotes 17, 18, 19), where the air concentration is calculated according to a mass transfer equation²⁰. Other approaches included in ConsExpo (such as the instantaneous release model and the constant rate model) were not able to demonstrate the safe use of the substance. The air concentration during the use phase has been used to assess short term effects on consumers, while the event concentration averaged over the day has been used to assess against chronic endpoints.

For dermal exposure, the ConsExpo instant application model, in which all the substance is supposed to be applied directly onto the skin, has been used; in this situation, the dose absorbed during the day of exposure has been used to assess chronic effects.

Exposure via the oral route was not a relevant factor for a product containing the example reference substance and therefore not considered further in the assessment.

A qualitative assessment has been performed in relation to eye irritation. In this case, the concentration of the substance in the product is the key determinant in order to control acute local dermal effects; the substance is classified as an eye irritant at concentrations above 50%.

¹⁹ RIVM report 320104003/2006 - Cleaning products fact sheet: paragraph 8.2.1 (Carpet cleaning liquid)

²⁰The more suitable Thibaudaux mass transfer equation, describing a release of compound from a water solution, has been used for the exposure estimation, instead of the Langmuir equation suggested in the above mentioned RIVM Fact Sheet which was considered as too conservative in this case.

In the following boxes, some of the main issues and lessons learned from these examples are summarized.

Issue 1: Tier I models for exposure estimation for consumers

The available Tier I model (ECETOC TRA for consumers) is a straightforward and REACH-oriented tool. Exposure estimation is directly related to PC/AC category and few product sub-categories; it depends on a small number of determinants. Unfortunately, the degree of conservativeness in the model, for both model assumptions and default values (which are often not variable) limits the usability. According to the industry and based on current experience, around 70-80% of hazardous substances cannot pass the first screening using this Tier I model.

Lesson Learned

Regarding ECETOC TRA for consumers (Tier I model), there is a need to improve the usability of the tool to overcome some of the conservatism whilst keeping the same product-category approach and the Tier 1 model (instantaneous release) to maintain some degree of conservatism. Based on the experience with the current example, the following improvements would be useful:

1. Enable averaging of event exposure over the day if sufficient evidence is available on how often the product is normally used in a day (the current default assumption is once per day)
2. Allow for a standard ventilation rate;
3. Enable the modification or setting of product-related defaults based on transparent documentation provided by sector groups.

Issue 2: Granularity of the assessment and condition of use

The use of a highly conservative Tier 1 tool triggers the need for Tier II tools for consumer exposure assessment, in particular ConsExpo 4.1. ConsExpo 4.1 is not REACH oriented as the number of input parameters, the complexity of the model assumptions and the high degree of product differentiation make it difficult to use the tool for efficient and routine building of exposure scenarios under REACH.

Lesson Learned

1. The example illustrates the complexity within the choices a registrant can make in his assessment using ConsExpo. Each assumption would need to be documented in the CSR. The scientific documentation of the model does not provide for easy justification within the CSR of the decisions taken to achieve an output. (For example, the mass transfer equation and why the equation can be used for a product subcategory and the conditions of use related to it.)
2. Merging of contributing scenarios can reduce the number of assessments. This can lead to acceptable outcomes but there are no set rules within ConsExpo to ensure consistency within product types and between substances. If such merging is not possible, exposure assessment is more complex and exposure scenarios for communication become longer.

2.3 Exposure Scenario for Communication

The exposure scenario for communication is meant to relay relevant information from the registrant's chemical safety assessment to the downstream users of the substance so they can make judgements about necessary risk management measures.

For substances in mixtures intended for consumer use, the formulators, and potentially the companies producing the final product for consumers, are the target for the exposure scenario.

The exposure scenario for communication has four sections:

- Section 1: The Title section
 - Indicates the types of consumer products specifically addressed in the exposure scenario (ES). The example addresses the uses of a substance in washing and cleaning products. From the title section a downstream user should be able to identify whether the ES is relevant to him.
- Section 2: Operational Conditions and Risk Management Measures
 - Ensures safe use of the substance from environmental (section 2.1) and human health perspective (section 2.2 to 2.6 for different product subcategories). To ensure that the information is presented to the downstream user in a structured way, it is sorted under a number of headings consistent with the structure of the exposure scenario in the CSR. Based on the information in this section a company producing consumer products should be able to establish whether
 - The design and use characteristics of its products (concentration of substance, viscosity, dustiness of product, particular form of application - spray application, dilution before use) or recommended amount per use event are in line with assumptions of the registrant in his assessment
 - The generic assumptions on consumer habits and practices in relation to a particular type of product (e.g. frequency of use by a "normal consumer") are valid for its product
 - Whether the registrant made assumptions in his assessment that would impact on the technical instruction or behavioural advice given to consumers

Details on generic conditions under which a product type is used (e.g. application surface, room volumes, ventilation rates) and model assumptions behind the assessment are not specified in the exposure scenario. It is assumed that such conditions of use are an inherent (and well documented) part of the definition of a product (sub)category and the corresponding assessment method, and that modifications at the level of the single registrant or downstream user are not required.

- Section 3: Summarises registrant's exposure estimation and risk characterisation
 - This is potentially relevant to the downstream user and in this section the registrant communicates key values from the exposure estimates and risk characterisation. The registrant also states which methods have been used to generate these values.

- Section 4: Need for recalculation
 - An opportunity to provide information so that the downstream user can recalculate exposures to take account of specific conditions of use and scaling²¹. Such “scaling advice” has not been provided within this example.²²

All the information in the ES for communication should be expressed in standard phrases from a harmonised phrase catalogue as soon as a complete phrase catalogue will be made available. The current example does not contain standard phrases as these are being developed by industry. The phrases reported in the example have been generated within Chesar.

The example of the “exposure scenario for communication” has been produced in two versions:

1. Long (full) version: Detailed information on assumptions about generic conditions of use have been reported.
2. Short (reduced) version: The information is limited to those conditions of use which are directly related to the product design and basic use characteristic determined by the individual manufacturer of the consumer product.

Note: The worked example refers to a substance of relatively low hazard. Consequently the extent of the information in the exposure scenario and the level of detail presented here may not be fully representative for other cases where more hazardous substances are used in a cleaning product.

In the following boxes, some of the main issues and lessons learned from these examples are summarized.

Issue 3: Minimum information to be reported in the exposure scenario (ES) for communication

The content of Section 2 may be limited to those conditions of use which are directly related to the product design and the basic use characteristic determined by the individual manufacturer of the consumer product.

Lesson Learned

- The extent and level of detail for a consumer exposure assessment depends on the assessment method applied. Many product-related default assumptions are documented in the exposure estimation tool itself. In practice, only a very limited part of the conditions that impact on the consumer exposure estimate can be checked or modified at the level of an individual company. All the other information should be well documented and accessible but not necessarily be included into the exposure scenario for communication.
- The type of conditions and the level of detail to be communicated depend on the hazard profile of the substance. The current example is not representative for more hazardous substances.

²¹The aim of scaling is to allow flexibility in checking if your own or your customers’ uses are covered by an exposure scenario. In principle you should comply with the conditions of use indicated in your supplier’s exposure scenario. However, if you have another combination of operational conditions and risk management measures which allow you to achieve the same level of safety, you can use scaling to demonstrate that you are in compliance

²²Section 4 of the current example has been left empty (see Appendix 2) since “scaling advice” for consumers is still work in progress

Issue 4: ES for communication: Sections 3 and 4 and options for scaling

The usefulness of the information in the Sections on exposure estimation and risk characterisation to be communicated.

Lessons Learned

- The reference to the exposure assessment method used by the registrant is essential for the formulators to be able to understand and process the conditions and measures communicated in Section 2. Assessment of the same product with different tools or defaults leads to different risk characterisation ratios.
- If the risk characterisation ratios, which should be reported in Section 3, are significantly lower than 1 (e.g. 0.2) a formulator of the consumer product may conclude that the concentration and amount communicated in Section 2 of the ES for communication do not represent the limits of safe use, and hence adequate control of risk may still be ensured if the substance is used in higher concentrations, amounts or frequency. In such a case, a downstream user (DU) might consider that his use is covered by the supplier's ES even if the concentration, amount or frequency is slightly higher than what is stated in the ES. However, taking account of the large variability in consumer behaviour and recognition of possible multiple exposures to the same substances from different products in the consumer setting, the "filling up" of the risk characterisation at downstream user level to an RCR closer to 1 without carrying out a downstream user CSA is not recommended. In any case, the prerequisite for interpreting an ES in the way described is to fully understand how the registrant had built the ES (methodology and tools used). Guidance and examples will help the downstream user to implement, and work within the boundaries set by, the ES communicated by the registrant without compromising the safe use of a substance.
- There are only two variable parameters per product category that are suitable for scaling based on the available Tier 1 models. Concentration of the substance in the product and the product amount per event are both contributing to the amount of substance released to air and therefore are interchangeable. All other quantitative determinants are linked to the generic conditions of use associated with a product category, and they should therefore not be subject to scaling by individual companies.

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Appendix 1 – ES for CSR

Exposure scenarios describing the conditions of use, exposure estimation and risk characterisation related to the example are reported in sections 9 and 10 of the CSR.

The main parts of the CSR, as generated by Chesar 1.2²³, are briefly discussed below in order to facilitate the reading of the Appendix; the focus has been placed on the human health part of the exposure scenario (i.e. the contributing exposure scenarios and exposure assessment covering consumer uses).

- Section 9.0.1: General tables showing uses and exposure scenarios covered in the CSR are reported. In this example, the tables are very simple since the CSR is covering one exposure scenario only.
- Section 9.0.2: Reports the scope and type of exposure assessment. Essentially this means what route of exposure and type of effect (directed by hazard data) should be assessed and whether assessment should be qualitative or quantitative²⁴.
- Section 9.1.1.x: Presents the contributing scenarios. (In the Appendix, the first one relates to the environment, then follow the contributing scenarios covering exposure to consumers.) In particular there is:
 - Supporting information to add detail to described uses and tasks covered by the contributing scenario for consumers
 - The structure of the contributing scenarios for human health follow the Chesar logic; in particular each determinant (reflecting a condition of use or risk management measure) is linked to the route of exposure (Inhalation, Dermal, Oral) and the type of effect (Local, Systemic and Acute or Long term) for which the determinant has been used for exposure estimation.
- Section 9.1.2.x: Provides the exposure estimation for each contributing scenario (9.1.2.1 for the environment and from 9.1.2.2 for consumer exposure); with respect to consumer exposure the following information is reported:
 - Exposure estimation in the appropriate unit for each relevant route and type of effect.
 - Exposure assessment tools (ECETOC TRA, ConsExpo) or method used for the exposure assessment
 - Other remarks including:
 - model assumptions (needed for calculation but not reflecting the condition of use and hence not reported in the exposure scenario); and
 - more detailed information on the source of the exposure concentration or dose.
- Section 10.1.1: The risk characterisation for human health is reported for each contributing scenario. In the tables the following information is reported:

²³Chesar version 1.2 August 2011

²⁴The exposure assessment follows the provisions of the ECHA Guidance B.8 on the scope of the exposure assessment available at the time of publication. A revised version of this guidance is currently under consultation and an updated publication is expected in the autumn 2011. For the state of play of the consultation procedure please go to the [Consultation Procedure page](#) on the ECHA web site

- Risk characterisation ratio for each relevant route and type of effect.
- Justifications for qualitative risk assessment
- Combined risk to take into account exposure via different routes (i.e. dermal + inhalation) and the man via environment contribution.

CHEMICAL SAFETY REPORT

Substance Name: Alcohol

EC Number:

Registrant's Identity:

9. EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT

9.0. General information

9.0.1. Overview of exposure scenarios and uses

Table 1. Overview of exposure scenarios (ES) described in sections 9.1ff.

ES number	Exposure scenario name	Manufacture / Use / Subsequent service life	Stage No. *)
1	Consumer use of alcohol in washing and cleaning product	Consumer use of alcohol in washing and cleaning product - Consumer use of laundry and dishwashing product - Consumer use of trigger spray cleaner products - Consumer use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application - Consumer use of abrasive product for manual surface application - Consumer use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet	C-1
*) A stage number consists of an abbreviation of the main life cycle stage followed by a consecutive number. Manufacture: M-#, Formulation: F-#, Industrial end use: IW-#, Professional end use: PW-#, Consumer end use: C-#, Service life (by workers in industrial settings): SL-IW-#, Service life (by professional workers): SL-PW-#, Service life (by consumers): SL-C-#.			

Table 2. Overview of uses broken down by life cycle stages and the exposure scenarios (ES) described in sections 9.1ff.

Main life cycle stage	Stage No. *)	Manufacture / Use / Subsequent service life	Related subsequent service life	Market sector	Tonnage (tonnes per year)	ES No.
		Manufacture/Import - 40000.0 tonnes/year			40000.0	
Consumer end use	C-1 (IUC-1)	Consumer use of alcohol in washing and cleaning product (ERC 8a) - Consumer use of laundry and dishwashing product (PC 35) - Consumer use of trigger spray cleaner products (PC 35) - Consumer use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application (PC 35) - Consumer use of abrasive product for manual surface application (PC 35) - Consumer use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet (PC 35)			40000.0	1
*) A stage number consists of an abbreviation of the main life cycle stage followed by a consecutive number. Manufacture: M-#, Formulation: F-#, Industrial end use: IW-#, Professional end use: PW-#, Consumer end use: C-#, Service life (by workers in industrial settings): SL-IW-#						

Main life cycle stage	Stage No. *)	Manufacture / Use / Subsequent service life	Related subsequent service life	Market sector	Tonnage (tonnes per year)	ES No.
<p>#, Service life (by professional workers): SL-PW-#, Service life (by consumers): SL-C-#.</p> <p>In IUCLID section 3.5, the identified uses are denoted with integer or whole numbers and no acronyms can be added for the stage types. As Formulation uses and Industrial end uses are included in the same IUCLID table when imported from Chesar, different numbers are used for better distinction, i.e. numbers starting at 1001 for Formulation and starting at 2001 for Industrial end uses. In the CSR both numbering systems are reported.</p>						

9.0.2. Scope and type of exposure assessment

9.0.2.1. Environment

Table 3. Scope and type of exposure assessment based on hazard assessment

Protection target	Type of assessment	Explanation / Justification
Water: Fresh Water (Pelagic)	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment (EUSES 2.1) and risk characterisation
Water: Fresh Water (Sediment)	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment (EUSES 2.1) and risk characterisation
Water: Marine Water (Pelagic)	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment (EUSES 2.1) and risk characterisation
Water: Marine Water (Sediment)	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment (EUSES 2.1) and risk characterisation
Water: Fresh Water Food Chain (Predators)	Exposure assessment and risk characterisation not required	No potential for bioaccumulation
Water: Marine Water Food Chain (Predators)	Exposure assessment and risk characterisation not required	No potential for bioaccumulation
Water: Marine Water Food Chain (Top Predators)	Exposure assessment and risk characterisation not required	No potential for bioaccumulation
Water: Sewage Treatment Plant (Effluent)	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment (EUSES 2.1) and risk characterisation
Air	Quantitative exposure assessment	
Soil: Agricultural Soil	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment (EUSES 2.1) and risk characterisation
Soil: Terrestrial Food Chain (Predators)	Exposure assessment and risk characterisation not required	No PNEC oral because no potential for bioaccumulation

9.0.2.2. Consumer

Table 4. Scope and type of exposure assessment based on hazard assessment

Route of exposure and type of effects	Type of assessment	Explanation / Justification
Inhalation: Acute, Local	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment and risk characterisation. See DNEL in section 5.11.2. ²⁵
Inhalation: Acute, Systemic	Exposure assessment and risk characterisation not required	No hazard identified for acute systemic effects (all routes).
Inhalation: Long term, Local	Exposure assessment and risk characterisation not required	No hazard identified for long term local effects (all routes).
Inhalation: Long term,	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment and risk characterisation. See DNEL in section 5.11.2.

²⁵This section of the CSR is not reported in the appendix

Route of exposure and type of effects	Type of assessment	Explanation / Justification
Systemic		
Dermal: Acute, Local	Qualitative risk characterisation with quantitative exposure assessment where applicable	No-threshold effect and/or no dose-response information available
Dermal: Acute, Systemic	Exposure assessment and risk characterisation not required	No hazard identified for acute systemic effects (all routes).
Dermal: Long term, Local	Exposure assessment and risk characterisation not required	No hazard identified for long term local effects (all routes).
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment and risk characterisation. See DNEL in section 5.11.2.
Oral: Acute, Systemic	Exposure assessment and risk characterisation not required	No hazard identified for acute systemic effects (all routes).
Oral: Long term, Systemic	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment and risk characterisation. See DNEL in section 5.11.2.

9.0.2.3. Man via environment

Table 5. Scope and type of exposure assessment based on hazard assessment

Route of exposure and type of effects	Type of assessment	Explanation / Justification
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment and risk characterisation. See DNEL in section 5.11.2.
Oral: Long term, Systemic	Quantitative	Quantitative exposure assessment and risk characterisation. See DNEL in section 5.11.2.

9.0.3. Regional environmental exposure from the releases of all exposure scenarios covered

9.0.3.1. Total releases

- **Water:** 4E4 tonnes/year
- **Air:** 4E4 tonnes/year
- **Soil:** 0 tonnes/year

9.0.3.2. Regional exposure: environment

>>>**Caution:** The exposure estimates have been obtained with EUSES although the following parameter(s) is/are outside the boundaries of the EUSES model: <<<

Water Solubility, Melting Point

Table 6. Summary of predicted regional exposure concentrations (Regional PEC)

Protection target	Regional PEC
Fresh Water (Pelagic)	0.012 mg/L
Fresh Water (Sediment)	0.044 mg/kg dw
Marine Water (Pelagic)	0.001 mg/L
Marine Water (Sediment)	0.004 mg/kg dw
Air	2.33E-4 mg/m ³
Agricultural Soil	8.83E-4 mg/kg dw

9.0.3.3. Regional exposure: man via environment

Regional total estimated daily intake for humans: 4.152E-4 mg/kg bw/day

Table 7. Summary of estimated daily human doses through intake and concentrations in food from regional exposure

Type of food	Estimated daily dose from regional exposure	Concentration in food from regional exposure
Drinking water	3.35E-4 mg/kg bw/day	0.012 mg/L
Fish	2.72E-5 mg/kg bw/day	0.016 mg/kg
Leaf crops	4.25E-5 mg/kg bw/day	0.002 mg/kg
Root crops	1.04E-5 mg/kg bw/day	0.002 mg/kg
Meat	2.87E-9 mg/kg bw/day	6.68E-7 mg/kg
Milk	5.35E-8 mg/kg bw/day	6.68E-6 mg/kg

9.1. Consumer use of alcohol in washing and cleaning product

Environment:	
Use in cleaning product as processing aids	ERC 8a
Consumer	
Use of laundry and dishwashing product	PC 35
Use of trigger spray cleaner products	PC 35
Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application	PC 35
Use of abrasive product for manual surface application	PC 35
Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet	PC 35

9.1.1. Exposure scenario

9.1.1.1. Control of environmental exposure: Use in cleaning product as processing aids

Product characteristics
Amounts used
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily wide dispersive use: = 0.022 tonnes/day
Frequency and duration of use
Environment factors not influenced by risk management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receiving surface water flow rate: $\geq 1.8E4 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}$
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure
Conditions and measures related to municipal sewage treatment plant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal STP: Yes [Effectiveness Water: 87.4%] Discharge rate of STP: $\geq 2E3 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}$ Application of the STP sludge on agricultural soil: Yes
Conditions and measures related to external treatment of waste for disposal
Conditions and measures related to external recovery of waste
Additional good practice advice beyond the REACH CSA

9.1.1.2. Control of consumers exposure for "Use of laundry and dishwashing product" [PC 35]

Further specification: Covers use of washing product for both automated/machine and manual application according to ECETOC TRA product sub category 1

	Inhal*)		Derm*)		Oral*)	
	Loc	Sys	Loc	Sys	Loc	Sys
Product characteristic						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concentration of the substance in the product: < 50% Substance not classified for eye irritancy below above mentioned concentration 				A		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concentration of the substance in the product: < 15 %²⁶ Source: Market data 	A	L		L		L
Amounts used						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product amount per task: = 50 grams Source: Default ECETOC TRA for Sub Product "Laundry and dishwashing" 	A	L				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dilution of the product before application: = 1 times ECETOC TRA assumes exposure to undiluted product 	A	L		L		L
Frequency and duration of use/exposure						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequency: = 365 times/year ECETOC TRA assumes daily use of product. 	A	L		L		L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration of exposure: = 60 minutes Source: Default ECETOC TRA for Sub Product "Laundry and dishwashing" 	A	L				
Human factors not influenced by risk management						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposed body parts: two hands (Skin surface: 860 cm²) Source: Default ECETOC TRA for Sub Product "Laundry and dishwashing" 				L		
Other given operational conditions affecting consumers exposure						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room where tasks take place: Generic room (Volume: 20 m³; no ventilation rate assumed) ECETOC TRA assumption 	A	L				
Conditions and measures related to information and behavioural advice to consumers						
Conditions and measures related to personal protection and hygiene						
Additional good practice advice beyond the REACH CSA						

*) The route of exposure (**Inhalation**, **Dermal**, **Oral**) and type of effect (**Local**, **Systemic** and **Acute** or **Long term**) for which the determinant has been used for exposure estimation are reported.

²⁶It represents the actual maximum concentration in product. Not to be confused or aggregated with the determinant above which controls the eye irritancy endpoint.

9.1.1.3. Control of consumers exposure for "Use of trigger spray cleaner products " [PC 35]

Further specification: Covers use of trigger spray cleaners such as:

- all purpose cleaners
- sanitary product
- glass cleaners

according to ECETOC TRA product sub category 3

	Inhal*)		Derm*)		Oral*)	
	Loc	Sys	Loc	Sys	Loc	Sys
Product characteristic						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration of the substance in the product: < 50% Substance not classified for eye irritancy below above mentioned concentration 				A		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration of the substance in the product: < 15 % Source: Market data 	A	L		L		L
Amounts used						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product amount per task: = 35 grams Source: Default ECETOC TRA for Sub Product "Trigger spray cleaners" 	A	L				
Frequency and duration of use/exposure						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency: = 365 times/year ECETOC TRA assumes daily use of product. 	A	L		L		L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of exposure: = 240 minutes Source: Default ECETOC TRA for Sub Product "Trigger spray cleaners" 	A	L				
Human factors not influenced by risk management						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposed body parts: two hands (Skin surface: 860 cm²) Source: Default ECETOC TRA for Sub Product "Trigger spray cleaners" 				L		
Other given operational conditions affecting consumers exposure						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room where tasks take place: Generic room (Volume: 20 m³; no ventilation rate assumed) ECETOC TRA assumption 	A	L				
Conditions and measures related to information and behavioural advice to consumers						
Conditions and measures related to personal protection and hygiene						
Additional good practice advice beyond the REACH CSA						

*) The route of exposure (**Inhalation**, **Dermal**, **Oral**) and type of effect (**Local**, **Systemic** and **Acute** or **Long term**) for which the determinant has been used for exposure estimation are reported.

9.1.1.4. Control of consumers exposure for "Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application" [PC 35]

Further specification: Sub products covered in the contributing scenario:

- floor cleaning product
- sanitary product
- all purpose cleaning product

Floor cleaning product has been used as sentinel product for exposure assessment purposes.

Product dilution in water before application has been assumed

Tasks covered:

- mixing & loading of the product with water into the bucket, where evaporation from the bottle and spills of product can occur
- manual application

General remark:

For Mixing & Loading before application: calculations made upon list of assumptions reported in RIVM report 320104003/2006 - Cleaning products fact sheet: paragraph 8.1.1 (Floor cleaning product) (except for "Concentration of substance in product" and "frequency", see Exposure scenario)

	Inhal*)		Derm*)		Oral*)	
	Loc	Sys	Loc	Sys	Loc	Sys
Product characteristic						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration of the substance in the product: < 50% Substance not classified for eye irritancy below above mentioned concentration 	A	L		L		L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration of the substance in the product: < 15 % Source: Market data 			A			
Amounts used						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product amount per task: = 250 grams Undiluted product poured into the bucket (default ConsExpo 4.1) 	A	L				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dilution of the product before application: = 20 times Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 Equivalent of 5% of product concentration in water 	A	L		L		L
Frequency and duration of use/exposure						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency: = 104 times/year Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L		L		L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of application: = 30 minutes Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of exposure: = 240 minutes Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L				
Human factors not influenced by risk management						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposed body parts: hands and forearms (Skin surface: 1900 cm²) Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 				L		
Other given operational conditions affecting consumers exposure						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room where tasks take place: Living room (Volume: 58 m³; ventilation rate: 0,5 1/h) 	A	L				

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release area: = 22 m² living room floor surface area (Default ConsExpo 4.1) 	A	L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product cleaning solution for application: = 880 grams Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L
Conditions and measures related to information and behavioural advice to consumers		
Conditions and measures related to personal protection and hygiene		
Additional good practice advice beyond the REACH CSA		

*) The route of exposure (**Inhalation**, **Dermal**, **Oral**) and type of effect (**Local**, **Systemic** and **Acute** or **Long term**) for which the determinant has been used for exposure estimation are reported.

9.1.1.5. Control of consumers exposure for "Use of abrasive product for manual surface application" [PC 35]

Further specification: Use of undiluted product has been assumed.

Activities covered:

- toilet cleaning (lavatory pan, washbasin, floor)

	Inhal*)		Derm*)		Oral*)	
	Loc	Sys	Loc	Sys	Loc	Sys
Product characteristic						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration of the substance in the product: < 50% Substance not classified for eye irritancy below above mentioned concentration 	A	L		L		L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration of the substance in the product: < 5 % Source: Market data 				A		
Amounts used						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product amount per task: = 37 grams Undiluted product to be used Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dilution of the product before application: = 1 times Use of undiluted product assumed: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L		L		L
Frequency and duration of use/exposure						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency: = 156 times/year Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L		L		L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of application: = 7.6 minutes Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of exposure: = 10 minutes Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L				

Human factors not influenced by risk management		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposed body parts: one palm (Skin surface: 215 cm²) Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 		L
Other given operational conditions affecting consumers exposure		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room where tasks take place: Toilet (Volume: 2,5 m³; ventilation rate: 2 l/h) Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Release area: = 4 m² toilet floor, washbasin, lavatory pan (Default ConsExpo 4.1) 	A	L
Conditions and measures related to information and behavioural advice to consumers		
Conditions and measures related to personal protection and hygiene		
Additional good practice advice beyond the REACH CSA		

*) The route of exposure (**Inhalation, Dermal, Oral**) and type of effect (**Local, Systemic** and **Acute** or **Long term**) for which the determinant has been used for exposure estimation are reported.

9.1.1.6. Control of consumers exposure for "Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet" [PC 35]

Further specification: Dilution to water before application has been assumed

Activities covered:

- mixing & loading of the product with water into the bucket, where evaporation from the bottle and spills of product can occur
- carpet cleaning (brushing)

General remark:

For Mixing & Loading before application: calculations made upon list of assumptions reported in RIVM report 320104003/2006 - Cleaning product fact sheet: paragraph 8.2.1 (Carpet cleaning liquid) (except for "Concentration of substance in product" and "frequency", see Exposure scenario)

	Inhal*)		Derm*)		Oral*)	
	Loc	Sys	Loc	Sys	Loc	Sys
Product characteristic						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concentration of the substance in the product: < 50% Substance not classified for eye irritancy below above mentioned concentration 	A	L		L		L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concentration of the substance in the product: < 30 % Source: Market data 			A			
Amounts used						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product amount per task: = 500 grams Undiluted product for carpet cleaning (default ConsExpo 4.1) 	A	L				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dilution of the product before application: = 200 times Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1 	A	L		L		L

Frequency and duration of use/exposure				
• Frequency: = 0.5 times/year Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1	A	L	L	L
• Duration of application: = 110 minutes Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1	A	L		
• Duration of exposure: = 110 minutes Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1	A	L		
Human factors not influenced by risk management				
• Exposed body parts: two hands (Skin surface: 860 cm ²) Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1				L
Other given operational conditions affecting consumers exposure				
• Room where tasks take place: Living room (Volume: 58 m ³ ; ventilation rate: 0,5 1/h) Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1	A	L		
• Release area: = 22 m ² carpet covering all living room surface (Default ConsExpo 4.1)	A	L		
• Product cleaning solution for application: = 1E4 grams Source: Default ConsExpo 4.1	A	L		
Conditions and measures related to information and behavioural advice to consumers				
Conditions and measures related to personal protection and hygiene				
Additional good practice advice beyond the REACH CSA				

*) The route of exposure (**Inhalation**, **Dermal**, **Oral**) and type of effect (**Local**, **Systemic** and **Acute** or **Long term**) for which the determinant has been used for exposure estimation are reported.

9.1.2. Exposure estimation for Consumer use of alcohol in washing and cleaning product

9.1.2.1. Exposure estimation for the environment (Use in cleaning product as processing aids)

9.1.2.1.1. Environmental releases

Table 8. Summary of the local releases to the environment

Compartment	Release factor estimation method	Explanation / Justification
Water	ERC (ERC 8a)	Release factor after on site risk management (%): 100 Local release rate (kg/day): 22
Air	ERC (ERC 8a)	Release factor after on site risk management (%): 100 Explanation/Justification: Local release rate from wide dispersive use are taken into account at the regional scale only
Soil	ERC (ERC 8a)	Release factor after on site risk management (%): 0 Explanation/Justification: Indoor use has been assumed

Summed releases from all life cycle stages: see section 9.0.3.

9.1.2.1.2. Environmental exposure

>>>**Caution:** The exposure estimates have been obtained with EUSES although some parameters are outside EUSES model (see section 9.0.3.2); <<<

Table 9. Summary of exposure concentrations

Protection target	Exposure concentration	Explanation / Justification
Water: Fresh Water (Pelagic)	Local PEC: 0.151 mg/L Local concentration: 0.139 mg/L	
Water: Fresh Water (Sediment)	Local PEC: 0.646 mg/kg dw	
Water: Marine Water (Pelagic)	Local PEC: 0.015 mg/L Local concentration: 0.014 mg/L	
Water: Marine Water (Sediment)	Local PEC: 0.064 mg/kg dw	
Water: Sewage Treatment Plant (Effluent)	Local PEC: 1.39 mg/L	
Air	Local PEC: 2.39E-4 mg/m ³ Local concentration: 5.52E-6 mg/m ³	
Soil: Agricultural Soil	Local PEC: 0.019 mg/kg dw Local concentration: 0.018 mg/kg dw	

For regional PECs see section 9.0.3.2.

9.1.2.1.3. Indirect exposure of humans via the environment

Exposure via inhalation

The exposure concentrations in air are reported in the Table "Summary of exposure concentrations" of the preceding section 9. x.2.1.2 "Environmental exposure".

Exposure via food consumption: Total daily intake for humans

Table 10. Summary of estimated daily human doses and concentrations in food

Type of food	Daily human dose through intake		Explanation / Justification
	Total estimated daily intake for humans: 0.005 mg/kg bw/day		
	Estimated daily dose through intake from local exposure	Concentration in food from local exposure	
Drinking water	0.004 mg/kg bw/day	0.151 mg/L	
Fish	3.49E-4 mg/kg bw/day	0.213 mg/kg	
Leaf crops	4.44E-5 mg/kg bw/day	0.003 mg/kg	
Root crops	1.01E-4 mg/kg bw/day	0.018 mg/kg	
Meat	2.9E-8 mg/kg bw/day	6.74E-6 mg/kg	
Milk	5.4E-7 mg/kg bw/day	6.74E-5 mg/kg	
	Dose from regional exposure: see section 9.0.3.3		

9.1.2.2. Exposure estimation for Consumer for Use of laundry and dishwashing product

Table 11. Summary of exposure concentrations for contributing scenario: Use of laundry and dishwashing product

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Method / name of exposure assessment	Explanation / Justification
Inhalation: Acute, Local	375 mg/m ³	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ECETOC TRA	Representativity and reliability: ECETOC TRA: Inhalation exposure model Remark on exposure value: Event concentration
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	15.6 mg/m ³	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ECETOC TRA	Representativity and reliability: ECETOC TRA: Inhalation exposure model Remark on exposure value: Event concentration averaged over the day
Dermal: Acute, Local	Not available	Method: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)	

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Method / name of exposure assessment	Explanation / Justification
		Name: Eye irritation	
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	21.4 mg/kg bw/day	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ECETOC TRA	Representativity and reliability: ECETOC TRA: dermal exposure model Remark on exposure value: Dose over the day
Oral: Long term, Systemic	0 mg/kg bw/day	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ECETOC TRA	Representativity and reliability: ECETOC TRA: oral exposure model Remark on exposure value: According to ECETOC TRA, oral exposure not relevant for this sub category

9.1.2.3. Exposure estimation for Consumer for Use of trigger spray cleaner products

Table 12. Summary of exposure concentrations for contributing scenario: Use of trigger spray cleaner products

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Method / name of exposure assessment	Explanation / Justification
Inhalation: Acute, Local	263 mg/m ³	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ECETOC TRA	Representativity and reliability: ECETOC TRA: inhalation exposure route Remark on exposure value: Event concentration
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	43.8 mg/m ³	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ECETOC TRA	Representativity and reliability: ECETOC TRA: inhalation exposure model Remark on exposure value: Event concentration averaged over the day
Dermal: Acute, Local	Not available	Method: Conditions of use (OC/RMM) Name: Eye irritation	
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	21.4 mg/kg bw/day	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ECETOC TRA	Representativity and reliability: ECETOC TRA: dermal exposure model Remark on exposure value: Dose over the day
Oral: Long	0 mg/kg	Method: External exposure	Representativity and reliability:

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Method / name of exposure assessment	Explanation / Justification
term, Systemic	bw/day	estimation tool Name: ECETOC TRA	ECETOC TRA: oral exposure model Remark on exposure value: According to ECETOC TRA, oral exposure not relevant for this sub category

9.1.2.4. Exposure estimation for Consumer for Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application

Table 13. Summary of exposure concentrations for contributing scenario: Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Method / name of exposure assessment	Explanation / Justification
Inhalation: Acute, Local	42.4 mg/m ³	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	Representativity and reliability: ConsExpo 4.1: evaporation model Remark on exposure value: Exposure value from “manual application” (mixing & loading not relevant) Event concentration The most suitable Thibaudaux equation has been used for the calculation of the mass transfer rate Assumptions (Default ConsExpo 4.1): - 24,1 m ³ /day of inhalation rate – light exercise - Molecular weight matrix equal 18 g/mol, assuming that the matrix is water
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	7.07 mg/m ³	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	Representativity and reliability: ConsExpo 4.1: evaporation model Remark on exposure value: Exposure value from “manual application” (mixing & loading not relevant) Concentration averaged over a day The most suitable Thibaudaux equation has been used for the calculation of the mass transfer rate Assumptions (Default ConsExpo 4.1): - 24,1 m ³ /day of inhalation rate – light exercise - Molecular weight matrix equal 18 g/mol, assuming that the matrix is water
Dermal: Acute, Local		Method: External exposure estimation tool	

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Method / name of exposure assessment	Explanation / Justification
		Name: Eye irritation	
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	2.19 mg/kg bw/day	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	Representativity and reliability: ConsExpo 4.1: Instantaneous application model Remark on exposure value: Exposure value from “manual application” (mixing & loading not relevant) Dose over the day
Oral: Long term, Systemic	0 mg/kg bw/day	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	Remark on exposure value: Oral exposure not relevant for this task

9.1.2.5. Exposure estimation for Consumer for Use of abrasive product for manual surface application

Table 14. Summary of exposure concentrations for contributing scenario: Use of abrasive product for manual surface application

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Method / name of exposure assessment	Explanation / Justification
Inhalation: Acute, Local	362 mg/m ³	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	Representativity and reliability: ConsExpo 4.1: Evaporation model Remark on exposure value: Event concentration The most suitable Thibaudaux equation has been used for the calculation of the mass transfer rate Assumptions (Default ConsExpo 4.1): - 24,1 m ³ /day of inhalation rate – light exercise - Molecular weight matrix equal 45 g/mol, assuming water in product is 40%
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	2.51 mg/m ³	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	Representativity and reliability: ConsExpo 4.1: Evaporation model Remark on exposure value: Concentration averaged over a day The most suitable Thibaudaux equation has been used for the calculation of the mass transfer rate Assumptions (Default ConsExpo 4.1): - 24,1 m ³ /day of inhalation rate – light exercise - Molecular weight matrix equal 45 g/mol, assuming water in product is 40%

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Method / name of exposure assessment	Explanation / Justification
Dermal: Acute, Local	Not available	Method: Conditions of use (OC/RMM) Name: Eye irritation	
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	0.29 mg/kg bw/day	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	Representativity and reliability: ConsExpo 4.1: Instantaneous application model Remark on exposure value: 1% of the product amount is assumed to give dermal exposure Dose over the day
Oral: Long term, Systemic	0 mg/kg bw/day	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	Remark on exposure value: Oral exposure not relevant for this task

9.1.2.6. Exposure estimation for Consumer for Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet

Table 15. Summary of exposure concentrations for contributing scenario: Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Method / name of exposure assessment	Explanation / Justification
Inhalation: Acute, Local	284 mg/m ³	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	Representativity and reliability: ConsExpo 4.1: Evaporation model Remark on exposure value: Exposure value from “manual application” (mixing & loading not relevant) Event concentration The most suitable Thibaudaux equation has been used for the calculation of the mass transfer rate Assumptions (Default ConsExpo 4.1): - 24,1 m ³ /day of inhalation rate – light exercise - Molecular weight matrix equal 18 g/mol, assuming that the matrix is water
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	21.7 mg/m ³	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	Representativity and reliability: ConsExpo 4.1: Evaporation model Remark on exposure value: Exposure value from “manual application” (mixing & loading not relevant) Concentration averaged over a day

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Method / name of exposure assessment	Explanation / Justification
			<p>The most suitable Thibaudaux equation has been used for the calculation of the mass transfer rate</p> <p>Assumptions (Default ConsExpo 4.1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24,1 m³/day of inhalation rate – light exercise - Molecular weight matrix equal 18 g/mol, assuming that the matrix is water
Dermal: Acute, Local	Not available	Method: Conditions of use (OC/RMM) Name: Eye irritation	
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	6.23 mg/kg bw/day	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	<p>Representativity and reliability:</p> <p>ConsExpo 4.1: Instantaneous application model</p> <p>Remark on exposure value:</p> <p>Exposure value from “manual application” (mixing & loading not relevant) 0.27% of the diluted product assumed to end up on the skin (default ConsExpo 4.1) Dose over the day</p>
Oral: Long term, Systemic	0 mg/kg bw/day	Method: External exposure estimation tool Name: ConsExpo 4.1	<p>Remark on exposure value:</p> <p>Oral exposure not relevant for this task</p>

10. RISK CHARACTERISATION

See section 9.0.2 "Scope and type of exposure assessment" as to whether a risk characterisation is required for the different target groups and exposure pathways.

10.1. Consumer use of alcohol in washing and cleaning product

10.1.1. Human health

10.1.1.1. Workers

This exposure scenario does not address workers.

10.1.1.2. Consumers

Table 16. Risk characterisation: Consumer use of laundry and dishwashing product

Route of exposure and type of effects	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
Inhalation: Acute, Local	RCR = 0.395	
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.137 Summed RCR including contribution of exposure via the environment (see section 9.x.2.1.3): 0.137	
Dermal: Acute, Local	Qualitative risk characterisation	Prevention of release/exposure: Eye irritancy controlled by substance concentration in product Expected residual exposure: Not relevant Conclusion on risk characterisation: Risk controlled
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.104	
Oral: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0	
Combined routes: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.241 Summed RCR including contribution of exposure via the environment (see section 9.x.2.1.3): 0.241	

Table 17. Risk characterisation: Consumer use of trigger spray cleaner product

Route of exposure and type of effects	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
Inhalation: Acute, Local	RCR = 0.277	
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.384 Summed RCR including contribution of exposure via the environment (see section 9.x.2.1.3): 0.384	
Dermal: Acute, Local	Qualitative risk characterisation	Prevention of release/exposure: Eye irritancy controlled by substance concentration in product Expected residual exposure: Not relevant Conclusion on risk characterisation: Risk controlled
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.104	
Oral: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0	
Combined routes: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.488 Summed RCR including contribution of exposure via the environment (see section 9.x.2.1.3): 0.488	

Table 18. Risk characterisation: Consumer use of surface cleaning product diluted before use

Route of exposure and type of effects	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
Inhalation: Acute, Local	RCR = 0.045	
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.062 Summed RCR including contribution of exposure via the environment (see section 9.x.2.1.3): 0.062	
Dermal: Acute, Local	Qualitative risk characterisation	Prevention of release/exposure: Eye irritancy controlled by substance concentration in product

Route of exposure and type of effects	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
		<p>Expected residual exposure: Not relevant</p> <p>Conclusion on risk characterisation: Risk controlled</p>
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.011	
Oral: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0	
Combined routes: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.073 Summed RCR including contribution of exposure via the environment (see section 9.x.2.1.3): 0.073	

Table 19. Risk characterisation: Consumer use of liquid abrasive product for manual surface application

Route of exposure and type of effects	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
Inhalation: Acute, Local	RCR = 0.381	
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.022 Summed RCR including contribution of exposure via the environment (see section 9.x.2.1.3): 0.022	
Dermal: Acute, Local	Qualitative risk characterisation	<p>Prevention of release/exposure: Eye irritancy controlled by substance concentration in product</p> <p>Expected residual exposure: Not relevant</p> <p>Conclusion on risk characterisation: Risk controlled</p>
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.001	
Oral: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0	
Combined routes:	RCR = 0.023	

Route of exposure and type of effects	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
Long term, Systemic	Summed RCR including contribution of exposure via the environment (see section 9.x.2.1.3): 0.023	

Table 20. Risk characterisation: Consumer use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet

Route of exposure and type of effects	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
Inhalation: Acute, Local	RCR = 0.299	
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.19 Summed RCR including contribution of exposure via the environment (see section 9.x.2.1.3): 0.19	
Dermal: Acute, Local	Qualitative risk characterisation	Prevention of release/exposure: Eye irritancy controlled by substance concentration in product Expected residual exposure: Not relevant Conclusion on risk characterisation: Risk controlled
Dermal: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.03	
Oral: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0	
Combined routes: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 0.221 Summed RCR including contribution of exposure via the environment (see section 9.x.2.1.3): 0.221	

10.1.1.3. Indirect exposure of humans via the environment

Table 21. Risk characterisation for humans exposed via the environment

Route of exposure and type of effects	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
Inhalation: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 2.096E-6	
Oral: Long term, Systemic	RCR = 5.511E-5	

10.1.2. Environment

10.1.2.1. Aquatic compartment (incl. sediment)

Table 22. Risk characterisation for the aquatic compartment (incl. sediment and secondary poisoning)

Protection target	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
Fresh Water (Pelagic)	RCR = 0.157	
Fresh Water (Sediment)	RCR = 0.179	
Marine Water (Pelagic)	RCR = 0.019	
Marine Water (Sediment)	RCR = 0.022	

10.1.2.2. Terrestrial compartment

Table 23. Risk characterisation for the terrestrial compartment (incl. secondary poisoning)

Protection target	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
Agricultural Soil	RCR = 0.03	

10.1.2.3. Atmospheric compartment

10.1.2.4. Microbiological activity in sewage treatment systems

Table 24. Risk characterisation for the microbiological activity in sewage treatment systems

Protection target	Risk characterisation ratio	Risk characterisation
Sewage Treatment Plant (Effluent)	RCR = 0.002	

10.2. Overall exposure (combined for all relevant emission/release sources)

10.2.1. Human health (combined for all exposure routes)

>>>NOTE: When relevant select the combinations of exposure scenarios which could result in simultaneous exposure of humans and report the outcome of the assessment here. <<<

10.2.2. Environment (combined for all emission sources)

10.2.2.1. Exposure and risks due to all wide dispersive uses

Table 25. Risk characterisation for the exposure due to all wide dispersive uses

Protection target	PEC local due to all wide dispersive uses	Risk characterisation
Water:		
Fresh Water (Pelagic)	0.151 mg/L	RCR = 0.157
Fresh Water (Sediment)	0.646 mg/kg dw	RCR = 0.179
Marine Water (Pelagic)	0.015 mg/L	RCR = 0.019
Marine Water (Sediment)	0.064 mg/kg dw	RCR = 0.022
Sewage Treatment Plant (Effluent)	1.39 mg/L	RCR = 0.002
Soil:		
Agricultural Soil	0.019 mg/kg dw	RCR = 0.03

Appendix 2 – ES for Communication

The example of the exposure scenario for communication has been produced in two versions:

1. Long (full) version: More detailed information on assumptions about generic conditions of use as described in the CSR
2. Short (reduced) version: Content in section 2 limited to those conditions of use which are directly related to the product design and basic use characteristic determined by the individual manufacturer of the consumer product and the references to the full set of conditions given in section 3

The exposure scenario for communication has been generated using the Chesar version 1.2.

This exposure scenario is generated from the information in the CSR and contains:

- Section 1: The Title section. Describes the scope of the exposure scenario in a standardised way.
- Section 2: Operational Conditions and Risk Management Measures. The conditions and measures relevant for the five contributing scenarios in the ES format published by ECHA²⁷.
- Section 3: Exposure estimation and risk characterisation. The key information concerning the exposure estimation and/or risk characterisation.
- Section 4: a section in which key parameters from the assessment and advice on scaling could be included (section 4). This section has not been developed as explained in paragraph 2.3.

²⁷Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment. Exposure Scenario Format in, Part D: Exposure scenario building (version: 2, May 2010)

ES FOR COMMUNICATION

(Full information)

Substance Name: Alcohol

EC Number: xxx-xxx-x

CAS Number: xx-xx-x

Registration Number: xxxxxxxxxxxx²⁸

Date of Generation/Revision: 2011-07-20

Author:

1. ES 1: Consumer end-use (SU 21); washing and cleaning product

1. Title of Exposure scenario	
PC 35: Washing and cleaning product	
Environment: Component released during end-use	ERC 8a
Consumer	
Use of laundry and dishwashing product	PC 35
Use of trigger spray cleaner products	PC 35
Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application	PC 35
Use of abrasive product for manual surface application	PC 35
Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet	PC 35

2. Conditions of use affecting exposure	
2.1 Control of environmental exposure: Component released during end use (ERC 8a)	
Conditions and measures related to municipal sewage treatment plant	
Waste water is to be treated by municipal STP	
2.2 Control of consumers exposure for Use of laundry and dishwashing product (PC 35)	
Product characteristics	
Covers concentration of substance in product up to < 15 %	
Amount used, frequency and duration of use/exposure	
For each use event, covers use amount up to 50 grams	
Covers daily use	
Covers duration of exposure up to 60 minutes	

²⁸ The EC, CAS and registration numbers are artificial and are given solely for the purpose of illustration in the example

Other operational conditions affecting consumers exposure
Covers two hands exposed
2.3 Control of consumers exposure for Use of trigger spray cleaner products (PC 35)
Product characteristics
Covers concentration of substance in product up to < 15 %
Amount used, frequency and duration of use/exposure
For each use event, covers use amount up to 35 grams
Covers daily use
Covers duration of exposure up to 240 minutes
Other operational conditions affecting consumers exposure
Covers two hands exposed
2.4 Control of consumers exposure for Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application (PC 35)
Product characteristics
Covers concentration of substance in product up to < 15 %
Amount used, frequency and duration of use/exposure
For each use event, covers use amount up to 250 grams
Covers dilution in water greater then 20 times
Covers daily use
Covers duration of application up to 30 minutes
Other operational conditions affecting consumers exposure
Covers hands and forearms exposed
Covers use in Living room under typical ventilation and residence time
Covers an application area up to 22 m ²
Covers cleaning solution amount per event up to 880 grams
2.5 Control of consumers exposure for Use of abrasive product for manual surface application (PC 35)
Product characteristics
Covers concentration of substance in product up to < 5 %
Amount used, frequency and duration of use/exposure
For each use event, covers use amount up to 37 grams
Covers use of undiluted product
Covers daily use
Covers duration of application up to 7.6 minutes
Other operational conditions affecting consumers exposure
Covers one palm exposed

Covers use in Toilet under typical ventilation and residence time
Covers an application area up to 4 m ²
2.6 Control of consumers exposure for Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet (PC 35)
Product characteristics
Covers concentration of substance in product up to < 30 %
Amount used, frequency and duration of use/exposure
For each use event, covers use amount up to 500 grams
Covers dilution in water greater then 200 times
Covers daily use
Covers duration of application up to 110 minutes
Covers duration of exposure up to 110 minutes
Other operational conditions affecting consumers exposure
Covers two hands exposed
Covers use in Living room under typical household ventilation
Covers an application area up to 22 m ²
Covers cleaning solution amount per event up to 1E4 grams

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source		
Environment		
Release route	Release rate (kg/day)	Release estimation method
Water	22	ERC - ERC 8a
Air	0	ERC - ERC 8a
Soil	0	ERC - ERC 8a

Protection target	Exposure estimate (based on: EUSES 2.0)	RCR
Freshwater (pelagic)	0.151 mg/L	0.157
Freshwater (sediment)	0.646 mg/kg dw	0.179
Freshwater (sediment)	0.646 mg/kg dw	0.179
Marine water (pelagic)	0.015 mg/L	0.019
Marine water (sediment)	0.064 mg/kg dw	0.022
Freshwater food chain (predators)		
Marine water food chain (predators)		
Marine water food chain (top predators)		
Effluent	1.39 mg/L	0.002
Agricultural soil	0.019 mg/kg dw	0.03
Terrestrial food chain (predator)		

Risk characterisation for man via the environment ²⁹					
Inhalation: 0					
Oral: 0					
Consumer exposure					
Long-term, systemic					
Contributing scenario	Inhalation	Dermal	Oral	Combined routes	Exposure estimation Method
Use of laundry and dishwashing product (PC 35)	Exposure: 15.6 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.137	Exposure: 21.4 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0.104	Exposure: 0 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0	RCR: 0.241	Inhal: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Derm: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Oral: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA
Use of trigger spray cleaner products (PC 35)	Exposure: 43.8 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.384	Exposure: 21.4 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0.104	Exposure: 0 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0	RCR: 0.488	Inhal: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Derm: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Oral: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA
Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: 7.07 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.062	Exposure: 2.19 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0.011	Exposure: 0 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0	RCR: 0.073	Inhal.: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 Derm.: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 Oral.: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1
Use of abrasive product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: 2.51 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.022	Exposure: 0.29 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0.001	Exposure: 0 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0	RCR: 0.023	Inhal.: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 Derm.: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 Oral.: External

²⁹ The estimated dose/exposure for man via the environment was very low and it has been rounded down in Chesar 1.2 to “0”. The rounding rule will be changed in Chesar 2.0

					exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1
Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet (PC 35)	Exposure: 21.7 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.19	Exposure: 6.23 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0.03	Exposure: 0 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0	RCR: 0.221	Inhal.: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 Derm.: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 Oral.: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1

Risk characterisation for acute systemic

Not required as no hazard identified

Local effects via inhalation route

Contributing scenario	Acute	Long term	Exposure estimation Method
Use of laundry and dishwashing product (PC 35)	Exposure: 375 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.395	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA
Use of trigger spray cleaner products (PC 35)	Exposure: 263 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.277	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA
Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: 42.4 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.045	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1
Use of abrasive product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: 362 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.381	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1
Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet (PC 35)	Exposure: 284 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.299	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1

Local effects via dermal route			
Contributing scenario	Acute	Long term	Exposure estimation Method
Use of laundry and dishwashing product (PC 35)	Exposure: RCR: Not available	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)
Use of trigger spray cleaner products (PC 35)	Exposure: RCR: Not available	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)
Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: RCR: Not available	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)
Use of abrasive product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: RCR: Not available	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)
Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet (PC 35)	Exposure: RCR: Not available	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES³⁰

³⁰ Section 4 of the current example has been left empty since “scaling advice” for consumers is still work in progress

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1. ES 0: Consumer end-use (SU 21); washing and cleaning products

1. Title of Exposure scenario	
PC 35: Washing and cleaning products	
Environment: Component released during use	ERC 8a
Consumer	
Use of laundry and dishwashing product	PC 35
Use of trigger spray cleaner products	PC 35
Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application	PC 35
Use of abrasive product for manual surface application	PC 35
Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet	PC 35

2. Conditions of use affecting exposure	
2.1 Control of environmental exposure: Component released during use (ERC 8a)	
Conditions and measures related to municipal sewage treatment plant	
Wastewater is to be treated by a municipal STP	
2.2 Control of consumers exposure for Use of laundry and dishwashing product (PC 35)	
Product characteristics	
Covers concentration of substance in product up to < 15 %	
Amount used, frequency and duration of use/exposure	
For each use event, covers use amount up to 50 grams	
Covers daily use	

³¹ The EC, CAS and registration numbers are artificial and are given solely for the purpose of illustration in the example

2.3 Control of consumers exposure for Use of trigger spray cleaner products (PC 35)
Product characteristics
Covers concentration of substance in product up to < 15 %
Amount used, frequency and duration of use/exposure
For each use event, covers use amount up to 35 grams Covers daily use
2.4 Control of consumers exposure for Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application (PC 35)
Product characteristics
Covers concentration of substance in product up to < 15 %
Amount used, frequency and duration of use/exposure
For each use event, covers use amount up to 250 grams Covers dilution in water greater then 20 times Covers daily use
2.5 Control of consumers exposure for Use of abrasive product for manual surface application (PC 35)
Product characteristics
Covers concentration of substance in product up to < 5 %
Amount used, frequency and duration of use/exposure
For each use event, covers use amount up to 37 grams Covers use of undiluted product Covers daily use
2.6 Control of consumers exposure for Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet (PC 35)
Product characteristics
Covers concentration of substance in product up to < 30 %
Amount used, frequency and duration of use/exposure
For each use event, covers use amount up to 500 grams Covers dilution in water greater then 200 times Covers daily use

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source		
Environment		
Release route	Release rate (kg/day)	Release estimation method
Water	22	ERC - ERC 8a
Air	0	ERC - ERC 8a
Soil	0	ERC - ERC 8a

Protection target	Exposure estimate (based on: EUSES 2.0)	RCR
Freshwater (pelagic)	0.151 mg/L	0.157
Freshwater (sediment)	0.646 mg/kg dw	0.179
Freshwater (sediment)	0.646 mg/kg dw	0.179
Marine water (pelagic)	0.015 mg/L	0.019
Marine water (sediment)	0.064 mg/kg dw	0.022
Freshwater food chain (predators)		
Marine water food chain (predators)		
Marine water food chain (top predators)		
Effluent	1.39 mg/L	0.002
Agricultural soil	0.019 mg/kg dw	0.03
Terrestrial food chain (predator)		

Risk characterisation for man via the environment ³²
Inhalation: 0
Oral: 0

Consumer exposure					
Long-term, systemic					
Contributing scenario	Inhalation	Dermal	Oral	Combined routes	Exposure estimation Method
Use of laundry and dishwashing product (PC 35)	Exposure: 15.6 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.137	Exposure: 21.4 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0.104	Exposure: 0 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0	RCR: 0.241	Inhal: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Reference to Subcategory 1 PC35 ³³ Derm: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Reference to Subcategory 1 PC35 Oral: External

³² The estimated dose/exposure for man via the environment was very low and it has been rounded down in Chesar 1.2 to "0". The rounding rule will be changed in Chesar 2.0

³³References to external literature has been manually added in order to allow DU to retrieve the full set of operational conditions (OC) underlining the assessment

					exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Reference to Subcategory 1 PC35
Use of trigger spray cleaner products (PC 35)	Exposure: 43.8 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.384	Exposure: 21.4 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0.104	Exposure: 0 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0	RCR: 0.488	Inhal: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Reference to Subcategory 3 PC35 Derm: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Reference to Subcategory 3 PC35 Oral: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Reference to Subcategory 3 PC35
Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: 7.07 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.062	Exposure: 2.19 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0.011	Exposure: 0 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0	RCR: 0.073	Inhal: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 8.1.1 Derm: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 8.1.1 Oral: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 8.1.1
Use of abrasive product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: 2.51 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.022	Exposure: 0.29 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0.001	Exposure: 0 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0	RCR: 0.023	Inhal: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 6.1 Derm: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 6.1 Oral: External exposure estimation

					tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 6.1
Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet (PC 35)	Exposure: 21.7 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.19	Exposure: 6.23 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0.03	Exposure: 0 mg/kg bw/day RCR: 0	RCR: 0.221	Inhal: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 8.2.1 Derm: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 8.2.1 Oral: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 8.2.1

Risk characterisation for acute systemic

Not required as no hazard identified

Local effects via inhalation route

Contributing scenario	Acute	Long term	Exposure estimation Method
Use of laundry and dishwashing product (PC 35)	Exposure: 375 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.395	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Reference to Subcategory 1 PC35
Use of trigger spray cleaner products (PC 35)	Exposure: 263 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.277	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: External exposure estimation tool - ECETOC TRA Reference to Subcategory 3 PC35
Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: 42.4 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.045	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 8.1.1
Use of abrasive product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: 362 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.381	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 6.1
Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet (PC 35)	Exposure: 284 mg/m ³ RCR: 0.299	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: External exposure estimation tool - ConsExpo 4.1 RIVM report 320104003/2006, paragraph 8.2.1

Local effects via dermal route			
Contributing scenario	Acute	Long term	Exposure estimation Method
Use of laundry and dishwashing product (PC 35)	Exposure: RCR: Not available	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)
Use of trigger spray cleaner products (PC 35)	Exposure: RCR: Not available	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)
Use of liquid cleaning product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: RCR: Not available	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)
Use of abrasive product for manual surface application (PC 35)	Exposure: RCR: Not available	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)
Use of liquid cleaner for cleaning carpet (PC 35)	Exposure: RCR: Not available	Not required as no hazard identified	Acute: Conditions of use (OC/RMM)

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES³⁴

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³⁴ Section 4 of the current example has been left empty since “scaling advice” for consumers is still work in progress

Appendix 3: Acronyms and definitions³⁵

AC – Article category

CHESAR - Chemical Assessment and Reporting Tool

CSR - Chemical Safety Report

DNEL - Derived No Effect Level

DU – Downstream User

ERC - Environmental Release Category

ECHA - European Chemicals Agency

ES - Exposure Scenario

EUSES – European Union System for Evaluation of Substances

OC – Operational Conditions

PC – Chemical Product Category

PNEC - Predicted No Effect Concentration

PEC - Predicted Environmental Concentration

REACH - Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

RCR - Risk Characterisation Ratio

RMM - Risk Management Measure

SDS – Safety Data Sheet

STP - Sewage Treatment Plant

SU - Sector of Use

Derived No-Effect Level (DNEL) - the level of exposure to a substance above which humans should not be exposed, as derived from a human health hazard assessment³⁶.

Downstream user - User of a substance, either on its own or in a mixture, in the course of his industrial or professional activities. A distributor or a consumer is not a downstream user.

Environmental release category - A pre-set combination of life cycle stage, distribution of emission sources, fate of substance in the technical process, level of containment, default emission factors (uncontrolled) and presence of waste water treatment , typical for an identified use.

Exposure assessment - The quantitative or qualitative estimate of the dose/concentration of the substance to which humans and/or the environment are or may be exposed. Exposure assessment under REACH consists of two steps: 1) Development of Exposure Scenarios and 2) Exposure Estimation, which have to be iterated until it can be concluded that the resulting exposure scenarios would ensure adequate control of risks upon implementation.

³⁵Source, unless otherwise stated: Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment Chapter R.20: Table of terms and abbreviation (2008)

³⁶REACH Regulation, Annex I, 1.0.1

Exposure estimation - Quantification of exposure, related to the operational conditions and risk management measures as described in an exposure scenario. Exposure scenario building and the related exposure estimate together build the exposure assessment.

Operational conditions - Operational conditions include e.g. physical appearance of preparation, duration and frequency of use/exposure, amount of substance, room size and ventilation rate.

Predicted No-Effect Concentration (PNEC) - the concentration of a substance below which adverse effects in the environmental sphere of concern (e.g. water, soil) are not expected to occur³⁷.

Product category - Element of the use descriptor system characterising the type of chemical product in which the substance is (finally) used (PC).

Risk characterisation ratio (RCR): a comparison of the exposure (or concentration in the case on environmental hazards) with the appropriate DNEL (or PNEC) and taking into account the risk management measures and operational conditions described in the exposure scenario. The risk characterisation determines whether the risks to humans and the environment are adequately controlled.

Risk management measures - Measures that control the emission of a substance and/or exposure to it, thereby controlling the risks to human health or the environment. They include, for example the concentration of the substance in a product.

Sector of use - Element of the use descriptor system describing the sector of economy (industry, professional service, private) that a substance is used in, as such or in a preparation (mixture).

³⁷REACH Regulation, Annex I, 3.0.1