**SPERC fact sheet – *Water Treatment Chemicals – Industrial (Solvent-borne)***

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| **General Information** |
| **Title of Specific ERC** | Water treatment chemicals (industrial): solvent-borne  |
| **Applicable ERC** | 4 – Industrial use of processing aids |
| **Responsible** | ESIG/ESVOC |
| **Version** | V1 |
| **Code** | ESVOC 3.22a.v1 |
| **Scope** | Covers the use of the substance for the treatment of water at industrial facilities in open and closed systems.*Substance Domain*: Applicable to petroleum substances (e.g., aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons) and petrochemicals (e.g., ketones, alcohols, acetates, glycols, glycol ethers, and glycol ether acetates).*Size of installation:* Substance use rate assumed to be 100 kg/d*Processing conditions:* Assumesrelease to water |
| **Coverage** | Process Categories: 1 (use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure), 2 (use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure), 3 (use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)), 4 (use in batch and other process (synthesis) where opportunity for exposure arises), 8a (transfer of substance or preparation (charging/discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at non-dedicated facilities), 8b (transfer of substance or preparation (charging/discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at dedicated facilities), 13 (treatment of articles by dipping and pouring)  |

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|  | **Characteristics of specific ERC** | **Type of Input Information** | **Processing of Input Information** |
| **Operational Conditions** | Indoor/Outdoor use. Water-based process. Process with efficient use of raw materials (little environmental release). Volatile compounds subject to air emission controls. Spent process fluid discharged to wastewater. Product applied in aqueous process solution with negligible volatilization. |  |  |
| **Substance Use Rate** | The substance maximum use rate in a typical operation (MSPERC) is 100 kg/d | 10 mg/L is a typical water treatment chemical (e.g., polyacrylamide) usage concentration (OECD, 2004)1 | At an assumed flow rate of 10000 m3/d, and usage concentration of10 mg/L, the substance use rate is 100 kg/d |
| **Days Emitting** | 300 days/year | Industry knowledge\* | None |
| **Environmental Parameters for Fate Calculation** | Assumed dilution factor in freshwater is 10. For marine assessments an additional tenfold dilution is assumed, i.e., dilution factor in marine water = 100. | ERC default settings2 | None |

\*Assumed that water treatment chemicals are typically used consistently throughout the year.

1OECD Series on Emission Scenario Documents, Number 4. June 2004. Emission Scenario Document on Water Treatment Chemicals. [http://www.oecd.org/document/55/0,3746,en\_2649\_34379\_47582135\_1\_1\_1\_1,00.html](http://www.oecd.org/document/55/0%2C3746%2Cen_2649_34379_47582135_1_1_1_1%2C00.html)

2<http://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/17224/information_requirements_r16_en.pdf>

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|  | **Characteristics of Specific ERC** | **Justification** |
| **Emission Fractions****(from the process)** | ***To Air*** | 0.05 | Substances purposely released to water. Likely some loss to air for volatiles, thus, an assumed loss of 5%. Value confirmed via an air flotation unit simulated using the ToxChem+ model |
| ***To Wastewater/Sewer/ Water courses*** | 0.95 | Substance purposely released to water, thus, emission factor will be near 100%.1 Value derived on basis of mass conservation, assuming 5% loss to air. |
| ***To Soil*** | 0 | Not applicable as substance is purposely released to water |

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|  | **Type of RMM** | **Typical Efficiency** |
| **Appropriate Risk Management Measures (RMM) that may be used to achieve required emission reduction** | ***Air*** |
| *On-site Technology*Wet scrubber – gas removalThermal oxidation*Other* | 70%98%Default efficiencies of the RMMs according to CEFIC Risk Management Library and 3*IPPC 2009 draft BREF on Common Waste Water & Waste Gas Treatment/Management Systems in the Chemical Sector*.\*A default value of 0% was selected on the basis that air RMMs would not be typically applied at sites for this use. |
| ***Water*** |
| *Offsite Technology*Municipal wastewater treatment plant | The removal efficiency of a sewage treatment plant can be estimated. The standard estimation is via the SimpleTreat module of EUSES or ECETOC TRA.\*Specific substance efficiency calculated via SimpleTreat and is assumed to represent default removal efficiency. |
| *Onsite Technology*Distillation (*of used process solvent; prior to any water contact*)Acclimated biological treatment*Other* | The efficiency of the RMMs varies dependent on the treatment technology and the properties of the substance. According to CEFIC Risk Management Library onsite RMMs typically provide removal efficiencies in excess of 80%. For readily and inherently biodegradable substances, the removal efficiency for acclimated biological treatment may be significantly higher than SimpleTreat default estimates; thus, SimpleTreat estimates can serve as a conservative lower bound.4Substance-specific efficiencies can be considered. |

3*IPPC 2009 draft BREF on Common Waste Water & Waste Gas Treatment/Management Systems in the Chemical Sector*.

http://eippcb.jrc.es/reference/

4http://www.aromaticsonline.net/Downloads/WWTP.doc

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| **Narrative Description of Specific ERC** |
| Industrial use of solvent-borne water treatment chemicals encompasses a wide range of purposes such as anti-scaling, coagulation, defoaming, etc. Substance is deliberately released to the water and site-specific risk management measures are used to maintain workplace concentrations of airborne VOCs and particulates below respective OELs. Substance properties and uses result in limited to no discharge to soil from the industrial site.  |

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| **Safe Use** |
| **Communication in SDS**The REACH registrant establishes a set of standard conditions of safe use for a substance (for industrial use of a solvent-borne processing aid) by adopting the conditions specified in this SPERC and recommending a Required Removal Efficiency (RRE) for adequate risk reduction. If RRE = 0, wastewater emission controls (beyond those specified by the operational conditions) are not required to ensure safe use of the substance. If > 0, the RRE may be achieved via offsite municipal sewage treatment (providing substance removal efficiency, REOffsite) and/or onsite emission controls (providing substance removal efficiency, REOnsite). Multiple onsite emission reduction technologies can also be considered, if necessary and applicable (e.g., REOnsite = 1 – [(1 – REOnsite, 1) x (1 – REOnsite, 2) x etc.], where REOnsite, *n* represents the substance removal efficiency for each onsite emission reduction technology). For direct comparison to the RRE, a total substance emission reduction efficiency (RETotal) is calculated (RETotal = 1 – [(1 – REOnsite) x (1 – REOffsite)]. An RETotal < RRE is indicative of the safe use of a substance. Removal efficiency requirements, as dictated by the assumed operating conditions, are documented in the Chemical Safety Report and communicated in the Safety Data Sheet. All other parameters underlying a substance exposure scenario based on the SPERC ‘Water treatment chemicals – industrial (solvent-borne)’ are implicitly referred to via the reference to this SPERC.**Scaling***Wastewater*The users of solvent-borne processing aids are responsible for evaluating the compliance of their specific situations with the registrant’s information. To that end, the users need to know their site-specific substance use rate (MSite) and days emitting (TEmission, Site), onsite and offsite emission controls and subsequent total substance emission reduction efficiency (RETotal, Site = 1 – [(1 – REOnsite, Site) x (1 – REOffsite, Site)]), sewage treatment plant effluent flow rate (GEffluent, Site) and receiving water dilution factor (qSite). Adequate control of risk exists if the following relevant expression holds true:*for risk driven by wastewater treatment plant microbes*[MSPERC x (1 – RETotal, SPERC)] / GEffluent, SPERC ≥ [MSite x (1 – RETotal, Site)] / GEffluent, Site *for risk driven by freshwater/freshwater sediments, marine water/marine water sediments*[MSPERC x (1 – RETotal, SPERC)] / (GEffluent, SPERC x qSPERC) ≥ [MSite x (1 – RETotal, Site)] / (GEffluent, Site x qSite)*for risk driven by secondary poisoning (freshwater fish/marine top predator) or indirect exposure to humans (oral)* [MSPERC x TEmission, SPERC x (1 – RETotal, SPERC)] / (GEffluent, SPERC x qSPERC) ≥ [MSite x TEmission, Site x (1 – RETotal, Site)] / (GEffluent, SpERC x qSite)It is simpler and thus may be preferable to some users to compare MSite with MSafe (*the maximum tonnage that can be safely used, within the prescribed operating conditions, OCSpERC and RMM, RETotal, SpERC*). Adequate control of risk exists if the following conditions are met [RETotal, Site ≥ RETotal, SPERC, GEffluent, Site ≥ GEffluent, SPERC, and qSite ≥ qSPERC] and MSafe ≥ MSite. Local amount used, emission days per year, receiving water flow rate (or dilution factor), sewage treatment plant effluent flow rate, and risk management measure removal efficiency are the adjustable parameters for emission assessment. These parameters can be refined using site-specific information, which often is obtainable with limited effort and expertise. Adjusting the assessment by refining these parameters is referred to as scaling. Scaling is applied to evaluate compliance of a specific use with a generic Exposure Scenario. For that reason, site parameter values which deviate from the default values need to reflect the actual situation. The release factors are an additional set of adjustable parameters; however, refining the default values requires significant justification and, thus, is beyond the boundary conditions defined in the SPERC Factsheet. For that reason, release factor refinements do not constitute a SPERC-based assessment and must be considered an element of downstream user chemical safety assessment. |

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| **Determinant Label** | **Quali-/ Quanti-tative** | **Value** | **Description of Value** | **Effectiveness in % (default, min-max) for water and/or air** | **Exposure route** | **Use conditions worker** | **Use condition consumer** | **Standard Phrase** |
| Indoor/Outdoor use | Qual | Covers Indoor and Outdoor use |   |  | Air/ water/ soil | e-w-3 | e-c-4 | Same as “value” |
| Process efficiency | Qual | Process optimized for efficient use of raw materials. | - |  | Water | e-w-3 | e-c-4 | Same as “value” |
| On-site treatment of off-air | Qual | Typical measures to maintain workplace concentrations of airborne VOCs and particulates below respective OELs: e.g. Thermal wet scrubber – gas removal and/or air filtration – particle removal and/or thermal oxidation and/or vapour recovery – adsorption | - |  | Air | e-w-3 |  | Same as “value” |
| Chemical waste – continuous generation | Qual | Spent fluid discharged to wastewater |  |  | Waste | e-w-5 | e-c-3 | Same as “ value “ |
| On site treatment of wastewater | RMM | Acclimated biological treatment | For readily and inherently biodegradable substances, the removal efficiency for acclimated biological treatment may be significantly higher than SimpleTreat estimates; thus, SimpleTreat estimates can serve as a conservative lower bound.Substance-specific efficiencies can be considered and can be used to overwrite the arbitrary default of this determinant value, which is set to 70% | Water 70% | Water | e-w-3 |  | Same as “ value “ |
| Further onsite technology | RMM | Distillation of used process solvent | The efficiency of the RMMs varies dependent on the treatment technology and the properties of the substance. The standard RMMs encountered in the processes considered here typically provide removal efficiencies in excess of 80% (according to CEFIC Risk Management Library) | Waste 80 % | Waste | e-w-3 |  | Same as “value” |
| On-site treatment of off-air | RMM | Upgrade of the system in place or additional air treatment measures, such as wet scrubber and/or air filtration and/or thermal oxidation and/or vapor recovery systems, in order to achieve a reduction of the air emissions | Arbitrary default of this determinant value, which is set to 50%, to be overwritten by the assessor according to the required removal efficiency (assessment outcome) | Air 50% | Air | e-w-3 |  | Same as “value” |
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