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Ecotoxicological bioassays

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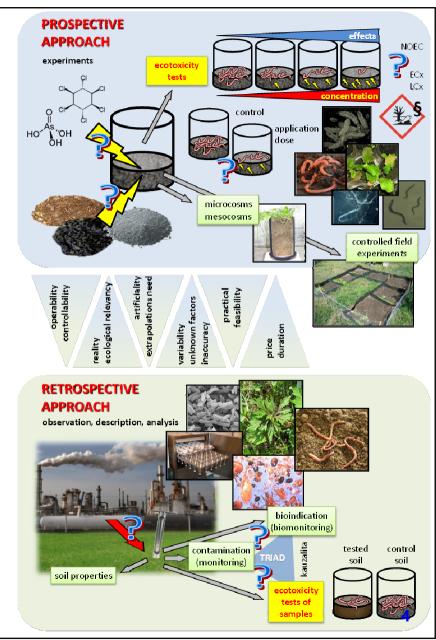
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Use in praxis

Use of bioassays in praxis

- "praxis" = environmental protection, regulation, legislation ...
- use of bioassays depends on: are they officially required by legislation/regulation??
- this is changing in time! legislation development
- bioassays are used in both prospective (MORE) and retrospective (LESS) approaches
- in prospective approach, very often in concept of RISK ASSESSMENT



Use of bioassays in praxis

- mainly for hazard identification / characterization of chemical substances including important specific groups of pesticides, biocides, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics ... properties of same chemical (unique CAS No.), including ecotox, are constant including the setting of limits for pollution use of bioassays in legislation
- less (but increasing) for complex samples (materials) in prospective approach (e.g. before their use) – wastes, sewage sludge, fertilizers etc. each sample is different (e.g. sewage sludge sampled different days) – new testing needed legislative use is rare (only national)

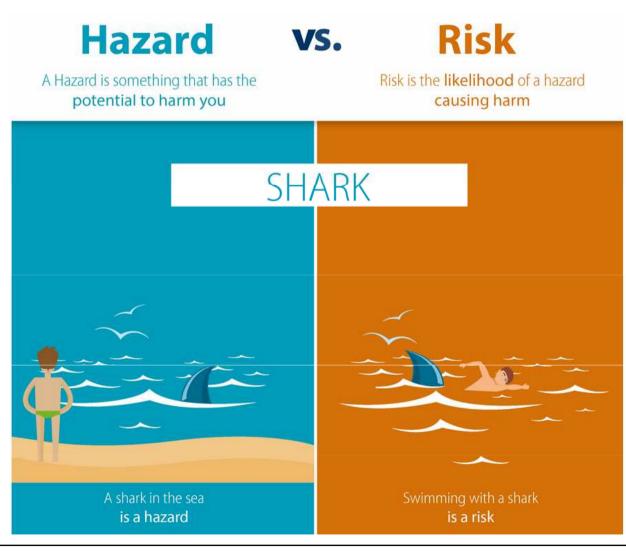


less (but increasing) for complex environmental samples (water, soil, sediment ...) in retrospective approach (diagnostics)
 legislative use is rare (only national)





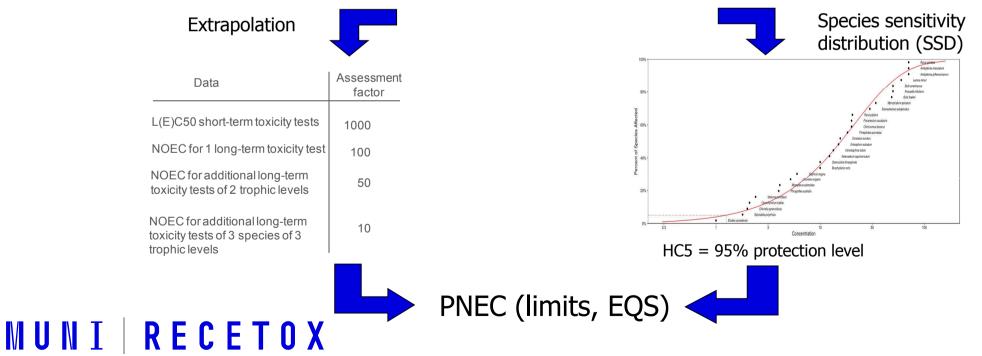
- ecotoxicological bioassays are used to quantify
 HAZARD (i.e. kind of property of chemicals / materials ...)
- RISK is then result of combination of hazard and exposure – probability that hazard will occur



HAZARDS

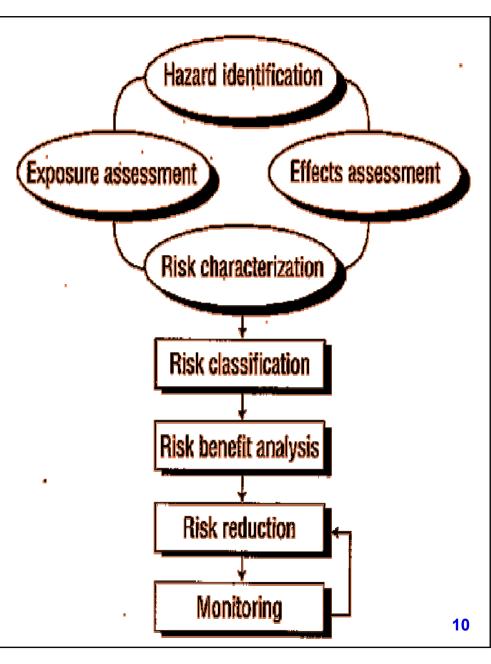
- are also physico-chemical and toxicological and other harmful properties
- ecotoxicological hazards are derived from the results of bioassays:
- 1. direct use of LCx/ECx, NOEC, LOEC ...
- tuning these values towards PNEC (Predicted No Effect Concentration), often by the most sensitive result + using so called uncertainty factors

- PNEC derivation from ecotoxicity data
- objective is to protect real ecosystems, safe concentration
- → need to extrapolate bioassay results to be valid for ecosystems
- how much information we have? \rightarrow uncertainty factors, 1, 10, 100, 1000



RISK

- combines by some way EFFECT data (LCx/ECx, NOEC, NOAEL, PNEC etc.) with EXPOSURE (Predicted Environmental Concentration – PEC, Measured Environmental Concentration – MEC, etc.)
- depends on situation (factors)
- can be mitigated and managed



- human health risk assessment (HHRA) human health as endpoint
- ecological risk assessment (EcoRA, ERA) ecosystems, non-human organisms and populations as endpoints
- environmental risk assessment (ERA) unclear term, involves both

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Battery of bioassays

 different organisms give different response to toxicants (sensitivity, bioavailability, exposure, metabolization ...) and also different conditions and factors in different bioassays

none single bioassay can give complete response !!

- usually it is very good to combine more bioassays together = battery
- more and "better" (e.g. chronic preferably to acute) bioassays used →
 lower uncertainty of the finally derived hazard and risk of the tested chemical substance (lower "uncertainty factors" in risk assessment used)
- selection should follow defined final goal of the ecotoxicity testing

- different approaches (different purposes/legislation needs) how to do it:
- combine bioassays based on some principle

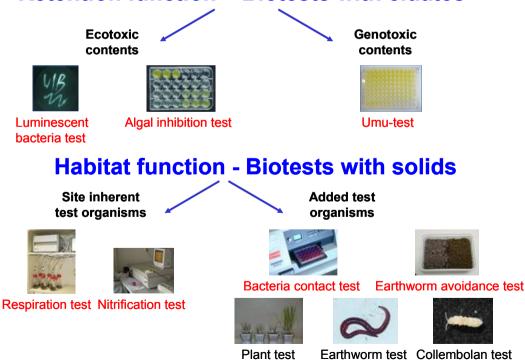
 e.g. golden rule = combine trophic levels: a) producer (plants), b) consumer (invertebrates, vertebrates), c) destruent (microbes)
 + also combine different routes of exposure, test duration etc.
- 2. mix scientific principle (1) with **practical demands** (low number of tests, quick, cheap, standardized tests ... etc.) most common batteries in praxis:
 - o algae / D. magna / fish for aquatic environment
 - earthworm (enchytraeid/springtail) / plant for soil environment
- 3. tiered approach = based on the results of previous tier its decided if next (and what next) testing will be done: fast screening bioassays → standardized acute bioassays → chronic/prolonged studies → field tests (so called higher tiers)

Example: ISO guidelines showing how to combine bioassays for testing soils and soil-like materials

ISO 15799: Guidance on the ecotoxicological characterization of soils and soil materials

ISO 17616: Guidance on the choice and evaluation of bioassays for ecotoxicological characterization of soils and soil materials

Retention function – Biotests with eluates



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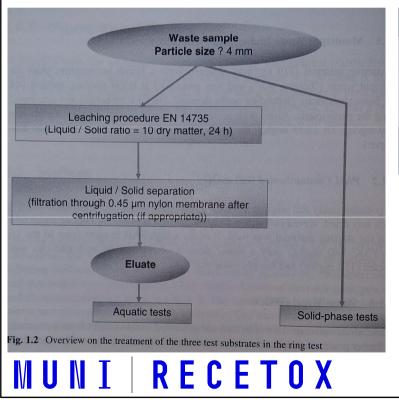
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Example: Battery prepared for testing ecotoxicity of wastes

- current situation:
 - o <u>https://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/index.htm</u>
 - Directive 2008/98/EC on waste (Waste Framework Directive) <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02008L0098-20180705</u>
 - H14 Ecotoxicity is one of the hazardous properties of wastes
 - it is assessed based on the analysis of wastes and database data
 - no real testing with bioassays

Example: Battery prepared for testing ecotoxicity of wastes

 there was huge ringtest focused on selection of appropriate bioassays for testing wastes (13 countries, 59 labs, 500 kg of waste tested ...)



| Table 1.1 Brief overview on the five tests belong Name Guideline | | Species | | |
|--|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Eluate (aquatic) waste | tests | | | |
| Algae | ISO 8692 (2004) | Desmodesmus subspicatus or Pseudo- | | |
| Daphnia | ISO 6341 (1996) | kirchneriella subcapitata | | |
| Luminescent bacteria | ISO 11348-1/2 (2005) | Daphnia magna Vibrio fischeri (three sources, alternatively | | |
| Solid (terrestrial) waste | | tion of fischer (unce sources, alternatively | | |
| Earthworms (acute) | ISO 11268-1 (1997) | Eisenia fetida or Eisenia andrei | | |
| Plants | ISO 11269-2 (2004) | Avena sativa and Brassica rapa | | |

| Table 1.3 Brief overview on the ten tests belonging to the additional test battery | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Name | Guideline | Species | | | | |
| <i>Eluate (aquatic) waste tests</i> Aquatic macrophyte Rotifer Sludge bacteria Water flea Umu Genotoxicity | ISO 20079 (2004c) ISO/CD 20666 (2007b) ISO 10712 (1995) AFNOR 90-376 (2000) ISO 13829 (2000) | Lemna minor Brachionus calyciflorus Pseudomonas putida Ceriodaphnia dubia Salmonella choleraesius | | | | |
| Solid (terrestrial) waste tests Earthworm reproduction Enchytraeidae Collembola Earthworm avoidance Arthrobacter contact | ISO 11268-2 (1998) ISO 16387 (2004d) ISO 11267 (1999) ISO 17512-1 (2007) DIN 38412-48 (2002) | Eisenia fetida or Eisenia andrei Enchytraeus albidus or E. crypticus Folsomia candida Eisenia fetida or Eisenia andrei Arthrobacter globiformis | | | | |



Example: Czech legislation for waste

- H14 Ecotoxicity hazardous property determination (decree 376/2001):
 - waste eluate 10 L/kg (EN 12457-4)
 - if any of these tests has $LC(EC,IC)_{50} \leq 10 \text{ ml/L}$, the waste sample is H14
 - ISO 6341 Daphnia magna acute
 - ISO 8692 Algae growth
 - ISO 7346-2 Fish acute test
 - mustard Sinapsis alba germination and root growth

Example: Czech legislation for waste

- ecotoxicity testing for waste use on land surface or landfilling (decree 294/2005):
 - waste eluate 10 L/kg (EN 12457-4)
 - use of waste for for closing landfills, forming protective layer, sealing layer or reclamation layer of landfill is allowed if:
 - Fish acute test: no mortality or behavior change
 - Daphnia magna acute test: < 30% imobilization compatred to control
 - Algae growth test: < 30% inhibition compared to control
 - Sinapis alba germination and root elongation: < 30% inhibition compared to control

Example: Czech legislation for dredged sediments

- before application on agricultural land
- limits are given for concentration of pollutants
- ecotoxicity bioassays and criteria are given



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ISO 16387



ISO 11267



| Metoda | Kritérium toxicity |
|---|---|
| Test toxicity půd a půdních materiálů na roupici <i>Enchytraeus crypticus</i> | Sediment je ekotoxický pokud počet juvenilů ve směsném vzorku je významně nižší minimálně o 50% v porovnání s kontrolou. |
| Test toxicity půd a půdních materiálů na chvostoskoka <i>Folsomia candida</i> | Sediment je ekotoxický pokud počet juvenilů ve směsném vzorku je významně nižší minimálně o 50% v porovnání s kontrolou. |
| Stanovení inhibice nitrifikace v půdách a půdních materiálech | Sediment je ekotoxický pokud nitrifikační aktivita směsi je významně nižší minimálně o 25% než vypočítaná aditivní aktivita sedimentu a referenční půdy: $A_m + SD_m < 0.75 \cdot A_{calc}$, kde $A_m - průměrná hodnota nitrifikační aktivityve směsném vzorkuSD_m - směrodatná odchylka nitrifikačníaktivity směsného vzorkuA_{calc} - vypočítaná aditivní nitrifikační aktivitasměsi 1:3 sedimentu a referenční půdydle vztahu:0.25 \cdot A_s + 0.75 \cdot A_r, kdeA_s - průměrná hodnota nitrifikačníaktivity sedimentuA_r - průměrná hodnota nitrifikačníaktivity referenční půdy$ |
| Test inhibice růstu vyšších rostlin | Sediment je ekotoxický pokud je průměrná délka kořene rostlin ve směsném vzorku významně nižší minimálně o 30% v porovnání s kontrolou. |

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Examples of ecotoxicity bioassays use in legislation

Testing of chemical substances

- mainly "chemicals" they have CAS No.
- > 100 millions of chemicals known
- > 100 000 we produce and use
- HPVC = high production volume chemicals > 1000 t/y production
- "priority pollutants" e.g. Water Framework Directive, Stockholm Convention …



Testing of chemical substances

- developed legislation (EU, US ...) requires determination of ecotoxicity (+ lot of other properties – phys-chem, toxicity ...) before marketing and use of chemicals
- what does it mean:
 - precise testing using standardized (OECD ...) bioassays in accredited labs with all validity requirements and quality assurance / quality control (QA/QC) measures
 - results of ecotoxicity clearly expressed avoiding any confusion or missinterpretation:
 - what parameter ECx/LCx, NOEC ...
 - which units mg/L, mol/L, mg/kg, % ...
 - specify clearly possible variants in procedure: i.e. D. magna, 24h, LC50 = XY mg/L

- ...

 results used for risk assessment of chemicals, labelling, decision making, authorizations, restrictions, management etc.

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Example 1 Labelling chemicals - GHS



Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (<u>https://unece.org/about-ghs</u>)

"hazardous to aquatic environment"



SHORT-TERM (ACUTE) AQUATIC HAZARD

| | Category 1 | Category 2 | Category 3 | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Symbol Environment Signal word Warning | | No symbol | No symbol | |
| | | No signal word | No signal word | |
| Hazard statement | Very toxic to aquatic life | Toxic to aquatic life | Harmful to aquatic life | |

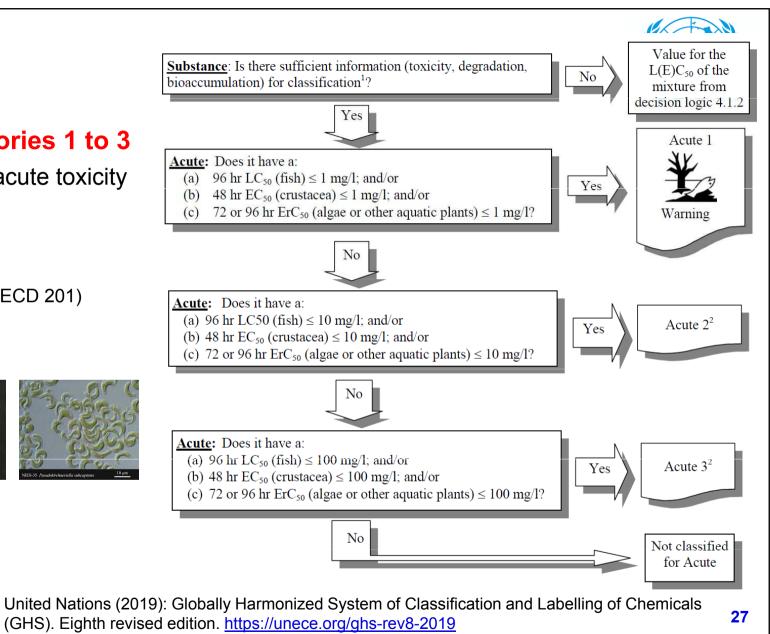
LONG-TERM (CHRONIC) AQUATIC HAZARD

| | Category 1 | Category 2 | Category 3 | Category 4 |
|------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Symbol | Environment | Environment | No symbol | No symbol |
| Signal word | Warning | No signal word | No signal word | No signal word |
| Hazard statement | Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects | Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects | Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects | May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life |

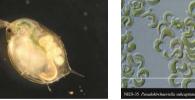
- OECD tests preferred and GLP (good laboratory praxis) should be followed
 - acute aquatic toxicity
 - chronic aquatic toxicity
 - o potential for or actual bioaccumulation
 - o degradation (biotic or abiotic) for organic chemicals

Acute classification categories 1 to 3

- defined on the basis of the acute toxicity data only (EC50 or LC50)
 - fish 96h (OECD 203)
 - Daphnia 48h (OECD 202)
 - algae growth inhibition test (OECD 201)





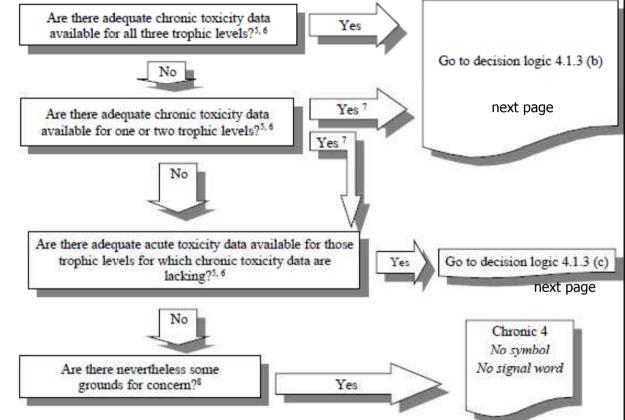


Chronic classification categories 1 to 3

- based on tiered approach →
 - 1. available information on chronic toxicity
 - fish early life stage (OECD 210)
 - daphnia reproduction (OECD 211)
 - algae growth inhibition test (OECD 201)
 - NOEC or ECx (e.g. EC₁₀)

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2. or acute toxicity data combined with environmental fate data

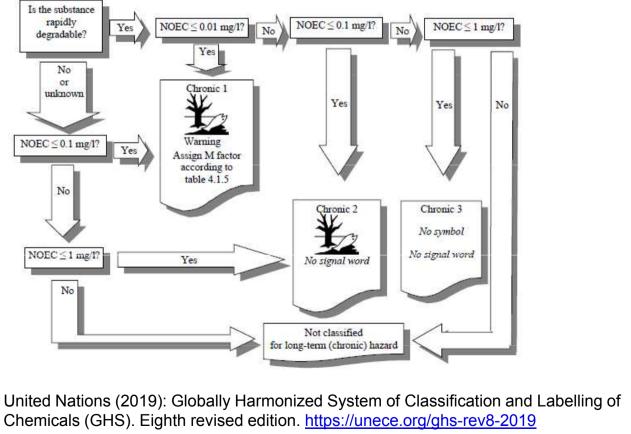


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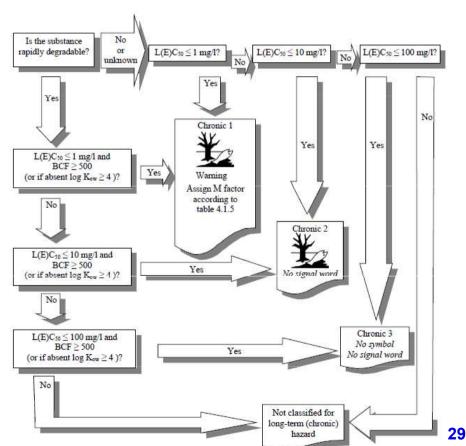
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chronic classification

data available







data unavailable

aquatic hazards summary

| | Cla | ssification categories | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Short-term (acute) hazard | Long-term (chronic) hazard (Note 2) | | | | | |
| (Note 1) | Adequate chronic toxicity data available | | Adequate chronic toxicity data not available | | | |
| | Non-rapidly degradable substances (Note 3) | Rapidly degradable substances (Note 3) | (Note 1) | | | |
| Category: Acute 1 | Category: Chronic 1 | Category: Chronic 1 | Category: Chronic 1 | | | |
| $L(E)C_{50} \le 1.00$ | NOEC or $EC_x \le 0.1$ | NOEC or $EC_x \le 0.01$ | $\begin{array}{l} L(E)C_{50} \leq 1.00 \mbox{ and lack of rapid} \\ \mbox{degradability and/or BCF} \geq 500 \mbox{ or,} \\ \mbox{if absent log } K_{\rm ow} \geq 4 \end{array}$ | | | |
| Category: Acute 2 | Category: Chronic 2 | Category: Chronic 2 | Category: Chronic 2 | | | |
| $1.00 < L(E)C_{50} \le 10.0$ | $0.1 < \text{NOEC} \text{ or } \text{EC}_x \le 1$ | $0.01 < \text{NOEC} \text{ or } \text{EC}_x \leq 0.1$ | $\begin{array}{l} 1.00 < L(E)C_{50} \leq 10.0 \mbox{ and lack of} \\ rapid \mbox{ degradability and/or} \\ BCF \geq 500 \mbox{ or, if absent log } K_{ow} \geq 4 \end{array}$ | | | |
| Category: Acute 3 | | Category: Chronic 3 | Category: Chronic 3 | | | |
| $10.0 \le L(E)C_{50} \le 100$ | | $0.1 \le \text{NOEC}$ or $\text{EC}_x \le 1$ | $\begin{array}{l} 10.0 < L(E)C_{50} \leq 100 \mbox{ and lack of} \\ rapid \mbox{ degradability and/or} \\ BCF \geq 500 \mbox{ or, if absent log } K_{ow} \geq 4 \end{array}$ | | | |
| | Category: Chronic 4 (Note 4) | | | | | |
| | $\label{eq:Example: (Note 5)} \label{eq:Kow} Example: (Note 5) \end{tabular} No acute toxicity and lack of rapid degradability and BCF \ge 500 or, if absent log Kow \ge 4, unless NOECs > 1 mg/l \end{tabular}$ | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |



NOTE 1: Acute toxicity band based on $L(E)C_{50}$ values in mg/l for fish, crustacea and/or algae or other aquatic plants (or QSAR estimation if no experimental data).

NOTE 2: Substances are classified in the various chronic categories unless there are adequate chronic toxicity data available for all three trophic levels above the water solubility or above 1 mg/l. ("Adequate" means that the data sufficiently cover the endpoint of concern. Generally this would mean measured test data, but in order to avoid unnecessary testing it can, on a case-by-case basis, also be estimated data, e.g. (Q)SAR, or for obvious cases expert judgment).

NOTE 3: Chronic toxicity band based on NOEC or equivalent EC_x values in mg/l for fish or crustacea or other recognized measures for chronic toxicity.

NOTE 4: The system also introduces a "safety net" classification (referred to as category Chronic 4) for use when the data available do not allow classification under the formal criteria but there are nevertheless some grounds for concern.

NOTE 5: For poorly soluble substances for which no acute toxicity has been demonstrated at the solubility limit, and are both not rapidly degraded and have a potential to bioaccumulate, this category should apply unless it can be demonstrated that the substance does not require classification for aquatic long-term (chronic) hazards.

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Example 2 Chemicals – in EU

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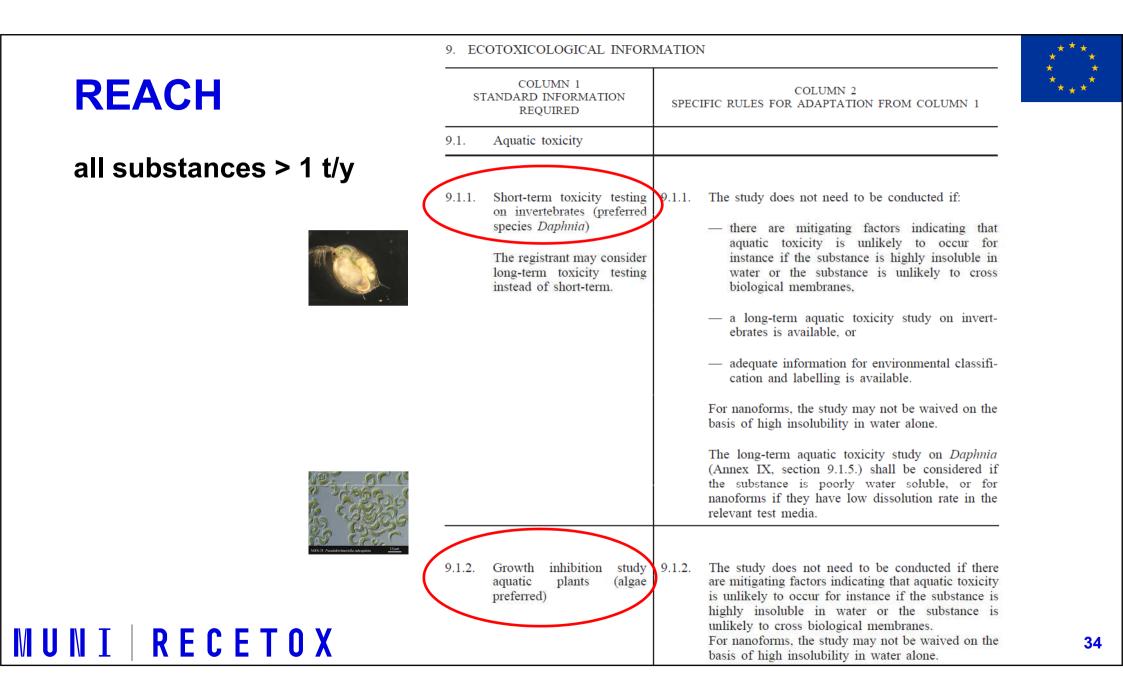
- <u>https://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/index_en.htm</u>
- Regulation 1907/2006, concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02006R1907-20200824
- responsible is European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) <u>https://echa.europa.eu/home</u>

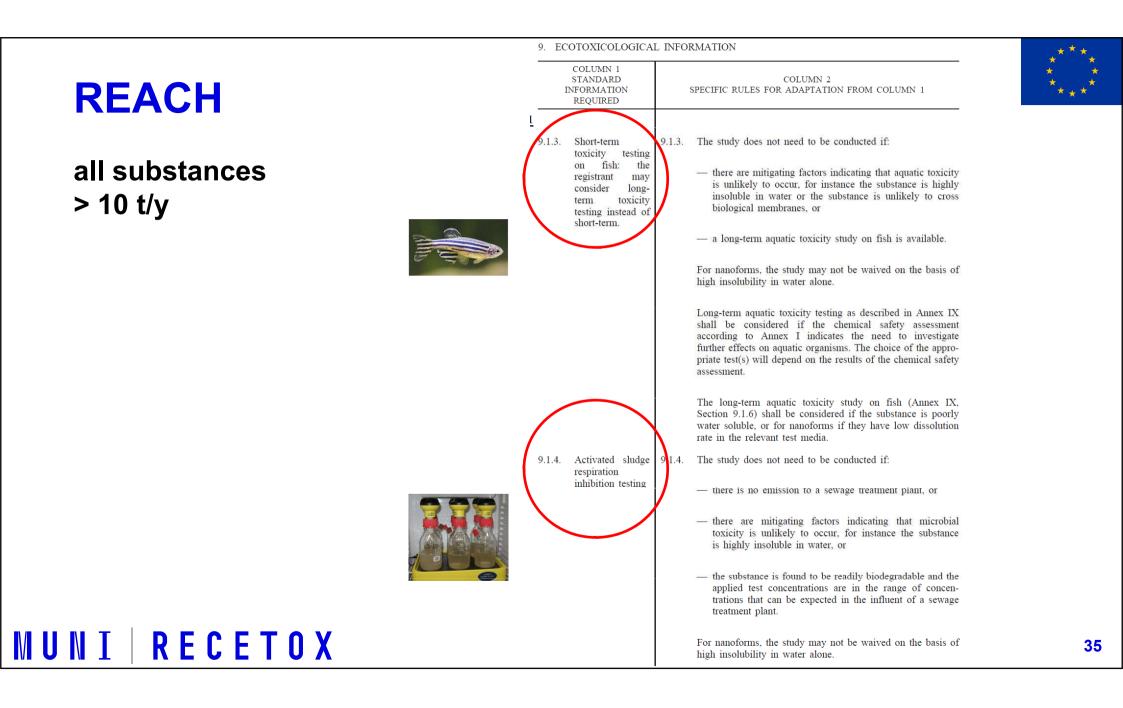


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REACH

- REACH allows to produce and use in EU only such chemical substances that are registered, evaluated and authorized in EU (does not apply to substances with production or import below 1 t/y)
- the risk they may pose to human health and the environment must be characterized and they must be classified accordingly
- registration is based on technical dossier, which includes data on the properties of the registered substance determined by defined testing procedures Regulation No 440/2008, laying down test methods pursuant to Regulation No 1907/2006 (REACH) <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02008R0440-20191016</u>
- for substances with production or import > 10 t/y also Chemical Safety Report (CSR) must be prepared involving evaluation of hazards and risks related to production and use
- concept: with increasing volume of production (1, 10, 100 and 1000 t/y) number of needed data (methods, tests, including ecotoxicity bioassays) is increasing





| | 9. ECOTOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION | | | | . * . |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|-------------------|
| REACH | | COLUMN 1 ANDARD INFORMATION REQUIRED | | COLUMN 2 PECIFIC RULES FOR ADAPTATION FROM COLUMN 1 | * * * * * * |
| all substances | 9.1. | Aquatic toxicity | 9. <mark>1</mark> . | Long-term toxicity testing shall be proposed by the registrant if the chemical safety assessment according to Annex I indicates the need to investigate further the | |
| > 100 t/y | | | | effects on aquatic organisms. The choice of the appro- priate test(s) depends on the results of the chemical safety assessment. | |
| | 9.1.5. | Long-term toxicity testing on invertebrates (preferred species <i>Daphnia</i>), (unless already provided as part of Annex VII requirements) | | | |
| | 9.1.6. | Long-term toxicity testing on fish, (unless already provided as part of Annex VIII requirements) The information shall be provided for one of the Sections 9.1.6.1, 9.1.6.2 or 9.1.6.3. | | | |
| | | Fish early-life stage (FELS) toxicity test Fish short-term toxicity test on embryo and sac- fry stages | | | |
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| REACH | STA | COLUMN 1 NDARD INFORMATION REQUIRED | COLUMN 2 SPECIFIC RULES FOR ADAPTATION FROM COLUMN 1 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---|--|
| all substances > 100 t/y | 9.4. | Effects on terrestrial organisms | 9.4. These studies do not need to be conducted if direct and indirect exposure of the soil compartment is unlikely. In the absence of toxicity data for soil organisms, the equilibrium partitioning method may be applied to assess the hazard to soil organisms. Where the equilibrium partitioning method is applied to nanoforms, this shall be scientifically justified. The choice of the appropriate tests depends on the outcome of the chemical safety assessment. In particular for substances that have a high potential to adsorb to soil or that are very persistent, the registrant shall consider long-term toxicity testing instead of short-term. |
| E.S.S. | 9.4.1. 9.4.2. | Short-term toxicity to invertebrates Effects on soil micro- | |
| | 9.4.3. | organisms Short-term toxicity to plants | |

| REACH | | STAND | COLUMN 1 ARD INFORM REQUIRED | MATION | S | COLUMN 2 SPECIFIC RULES FOR ADAPTATION FROM COLUMN 1 |
|------------------------------|----|---|--|---|--------------|--|
| all substances > 1000 t/y | 9. | | ffects on te rganisms | errestrial | 9.4. | Long-term toxicity testing shall be proposed by the registrant if the results of the chemical safety assessment according to Annex I indicates the need to investigate further the effects of the substance and/or degradation products on terrestrial organisms. The choice of the appro- priate test(s) depends on the outcome of the chemical safety assessment. These studies do not need to be conducted if direct and indirect exposure of the soil compartment is unlikely. |
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| | | | ong-term toz ediment orga | | 5 .1. | Long-term toxicity testing shall be proposed by the registrant if the results of the chemical safety assessment indicates the need to investigate further the effects of the substance and/or relevant degradation products on sediment organisms. The choice of the appropriate test(s) depends on the results of the chemical safety assessment. |
| MUNI RECETOX | 9. | dı | ong-term or uctive toxic irds | | 9.6.1. 9 | Any need for testing should be carefully considered taking into account the large mammalian dataset that is usually available at this tonnage level. |

Regulation No 440/2008, laying down test methods pursuant to Regulation No 1907/2006 (REACH)

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A0200 8R0440-20191016

lists the methods including procedures

often follows OECD guidelines

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| | C.1. | ACUTE TOXICITY FOR FISH | C.19. | ESTIMATION OF THE ADSORPTION COEFFICIENT (K _{OC}) ON SOL AND ON SEWAGE SLUDGE USING HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUED CHROMATOGRAPHY (HPLC) | | **** |
|---------|-----------|--|-------|---|-------|--|
| | C.2. | DAPHNIA SP. ACUTE IMMOBILISATION TEST | | PERFORMANCE EIQUE CHROMATOGRAPHT (APEC) | | * * |
| | C.3. | FRESHWATER ALGA AND CYANOBACTERIA, GROWTH INHIBITION TEST | C.20. | DAPHNIA MAGNA REPRODUCTION TEST | | **** |
| | C.4. | DETERMINATION OF 'READY' BIODEGRADABILITY | C.21. | SOIL MICROORGANISMS: NITROGEN TRANSFORMATION TEST | | |
| | PART I. | GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS | C.22. | SOIL MICROORGANISMS: CARBON TRANSFORMATION TEST | | |
| | PART II. | DOC DIE-AWAY TEST (Method C.4-A) | C.23. | AEROBIC AND ANAEROBIC TRANSFORMATION IN SOIL | | |
| | PART III. | MODIFIED OECD SCREENING TEST (Method C.4-B) | C.24. | AEROBIC AND ANAEROBIC TRANSFORMATION IN AQUATIC SEDIMENT SYSTEMS | | |
| | PART IV. | CO2 EVOLUTION TEST (Method C.4-C) | | | | |
| | PART V. | MANOMETRIC RESPIROMETRY TEST (Method C.4-D) | C.25. | AEROBIC MINERALISATION IN SURFACE WATER | C.40. | SEDIMENT-WATER CHIRONOMID LIFE-CYCLE TOXICITY TEST USING SPIKED WATER OR SPIKED SEDIMENT |
| | PART VI. | CLOSED BOTTLE TEST (Method C.4-E) | C.26. | LEMNA SPECIES GROWTH INHIBITION TEST | C.41. | FISH SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT TEST |
| 00 | PART VIL | M.I.T.I. TEST (Method C.4-F) | C.27. | SEDIMENT-WATER CHIRONOMID TOXICITY TEST USING | C.42. | BIODEGRADABILITY IN SEAWATER |
| <u></u> | PARI VII. | MILTI. IBSI (Mellou C.+-r) | | SPIKED SEDIMENT | C.43. | ANAEROBIC BIODEGRADABILITY OF ORGANIC |
| | C.5. | DEGRADATION — BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND | C.28. | SEDIMENT-WATER CHIRONOMID TOXICITY TEST USING | | SUBSTANCES IN DIGESTED SLUDGE: BY MEASUREMENT OF GAS PRODUCTION |
| | C.6. | DEGRADATION — CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND | | SPIKED WATER | C.44. | LEACHING IN SOIL COLUMNS |
| S | C.7. | DEGRADATION — ABIOTIC DEGRADATION: HYDROLYSIS AS A FUNCTION OF PH | C.29. | READY BIODEGRADABILITY — CO_2 IN SEALED VESSELS (HEADSPACE TEST) | C.45. | ESTIMATION OF EMISSIONS FROM PRESERVATIVE — TREATED WOOD TO THE ENVIRONMENT: LABORATORY METHOD FOR WOODEN COMMODITIES THAT ARE NOT |
| | C.8. | TOXICITY FOR EARTHWORMS | C.30. | BIOACCUMULATION IN TERRESTRIAL OLIGOCHAETES | | COVERED AND ARE IN CONTACT WITH FRESH WATER OR SEAWATER |
| | C.9. | BIODEGRADATION — ZAHN-WELLENS TEST | C.31. | TERRESTRIAL PLANT TEST: SEEDLING EMERGENCE AND SEEDLING GROWTH TEST | C.46. | BIOACCUMULATION IN SEDIMENT-DWELLING BENTHIC OLIGOCHAETES |
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| | C.11. | ACTIVATED SLUDGE, RESPIRATION INHIBITION TEST (CARBON AND AMMONIUM OXIDATION) | | EISENLA ANDREI) | C.49. | FISH EMBRYO ACUTE TOXICITY (FET) TEST |
| | C.12. | BIODEGRADATION - MODIFIED SCAS TEST | C.34 | DETERMINATION OF THE INHIBITION OF THE ACTIVITY OF ANAEROBIC BACTERIA — REDUCTION OF GAS | C.50. | SEDIMENT-FREE MYRIOPHYLLUM SPICATUM TOXICITY TEST |
| | C.13. | BIOACCUMULATION IN FISH: AQUEOUS AND DIETARY EXPOSURE | | PRODUCTION FROM ANAEROBICALLY DIGESTING (SEWAGE) SLUDGE | C.51. | WATER-SEDIMENT MTRIOPHYLLUM SPICATUM TOXICITY TEST |
| | C.14. | FISH JUVENILE GROWTH TEST | C.35. | SEDIMENT-WATER LUMBRICULUS TOXICITY TEST USING SPIKED SEDIMENT | C.52. | MEDAKA EXTENDED ONE GENERATION REPRO- DUCTION TEST (MEOGRT) |
| | C.15. | FISH, SHORT-TERM TOXICITY TEST ON <i>EMBRYO</i> AND SAC-FRY STAGES | C.36. | PREDATORY MITE (HYPOASPIS (GEOLAELAPS) ACULEIFER) REPRODUCTION TEST IN SOIL | C.53. | THE LARVAL AMPHIBIAN GROWTH AND DEVELOP- MENT ASSAY (LAGDA) |
| | C.16. | HONEYBEES — ACUTE ORAL TOXICITY TEST | C.37. | 21-DAY FISH ASSAY: A SHORT-TERM SCREENING FOR OESTROGENIC AND ANDROGENIC ACTIVITY, AND | | |
| | C.17. | HONEYBEES — ACUTE CONTACT TOXICITY TEST | | AROMATASE INHIBITION | | |
| Т | C.18. | ADSORPTION/DESORPTION USING A BATCH EQUI- LIBRIUM METHOD | C.38. | THE AMPHIBIAN METAMORPHOSIS ASSAY | | 39 |
| | | LIDKION METROD | C.39. | COLLEMBOLAN REPRODUCTION TEST IN SOIL | | |

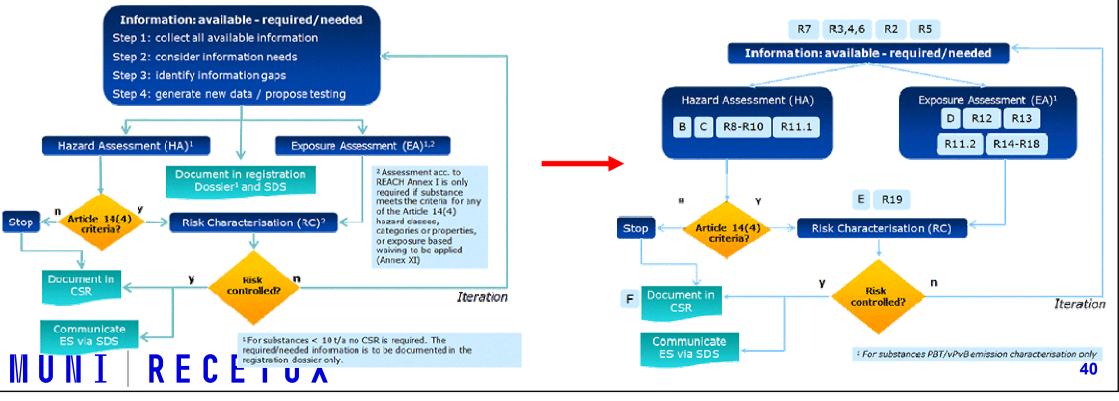




chemical safety assessment ~ risk assessment principle = combination of HAZARD and EXPOSURE

detailed guidelines for each phase

https://echa.europa.eu/guidance-documents/guidance-on-information-requirements-and-chemical-safety-assessment





Environmental hazard assessment

- PNEC (predicted no effect concentration) for each environmental compartment
- concentration below which adverse effects on ecosystems will not occur
- derived on basis of available information on toxicity to species from relevant environments, i.e. toxicity test endpoints (LC50s or NOECs/EC10s), using appropriate assessment factors (AF) to extrapolate from single-species laboratory data to a multi-species ecosystem, to address:
 - o intra- and inter-laboratory variation of toxicity data
 - intra- and inter-species variations (biological variance)
 - o short-term to long-term toxicity extrapolation
 - o laboratory data to field impact extrapolation
 - o ...



Environmental hazard assessment

PNEC determination

$$PNEC_{comp} = \frac{Min\{EC_{comp}\}}{AF}$$

Input

| Demonstern | Describution | 0 | Table K.10-4 Assessment factors to derive a TNEC aquatic | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| Parameter | Description | Source | Available data | Assessment factor | | | |
| Min{EC _{comp} } | The lowest valid effect concentration for organisms from the compartment, i.e. EC50 or LC50 for short-term toxicity or EC10/NOEC for long-term toxicity, | Technical Dossier [cf. Art. 10 (a) (vi) and (vii)] | At least one short-term L(E)C50 from each of three trophic levels (fish, invertebrates (preferred Daphnia) and algae) | 1000 ^{a)} | | | |
| | typically given in [mg/L] or [mg/kg] | | One long-term EC10 or NOEC (either fish or Daphnia) | 100 ^{b)} | | | |
| AF | Assessment factor, the size of which depends on the type and amount of toxicity information available | Chapter R.10.3.1 | Two long-term results (e.g. EC10 or NOECs) from species representing two trophic levels (fish and/or Daphnia and/or algae) | 50 °) | | | |
| <u>Output</u> | | | Long-term results (e.g. EC10 or NOECs) from at least three species (normally fish, Daphnia and algae) representing three trophic levels | 10 ^d | | | |
| Parameter | Description | Use | Species sensitivity distribution (SSD) method | 5-1 (to be fully justified case by case) ^{e)} | | | |
| PNEC _{comp} | Predicted No-Effect-Concentration for the compartment in question, typically given in [mg/L] or | Risk assessment | Field data or model ecosystems | Reviewed on a case by case basis ^{f)} | | | |
| [mg/kg] | | | ECHA (2008): Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety | | | | |

ECHA (2011): Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment Part B: Hazard assessment. https://echa.europa.eu/guidance-documents/guidance-oninformation-requirements-and-chemical-safety-assessment

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ECHA (2008): Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment. Chapter R.10: Characterisation of dose [concentration]-response for environment. https://echa.europa.eu/guidance-documents/guidance-oninformation-requirements-and-chemical-safety-assessment

Table R 10-4 Assessment factors to derive a PNEC

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Environmental hazard assessment

PNEC determination

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Example:

A dossier for a substance manufactured in quantities between 10 and 100 tonnes (Annex VIII requirements) has the following ecotoxicity data

| Algae: | Scenedesmus subspicatus | EC50 (72 hours) = 10 mg/L |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Invertebrate | es: Daphnia magna | EC50 (48 hours) = 1 mg/L |

Fish: Pimephales promelas EC50 (96 hours) = 0.8 mg/L

In this situation only short-term ecotoxicity data are available. The most sensitive trophic level is the fish with an EC50(96 hours) = 0.8 mg/L (=min{EC_{hwater}}).

According to Section R.10.3.1.2 the assessment factor (AF) to use when only short term toxicity data are available on the three trophic levels is 1000.

The PNEC*water* = 0.8 / 1000 = 0.0008 mg/L = 0.8µg/L

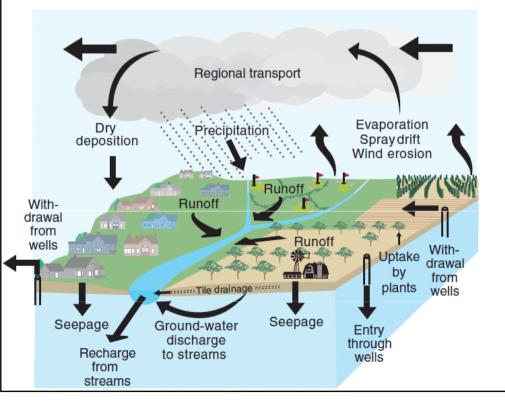
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Exposure assessment

- **PEC (predicted environmental concentration)** for each environmental compartment
- models based on production of chemicals,



Environmental risk characterization

| Local | Regional |
|---|---|
| Water: PEClocal _{water} /PNEC _{water} | Water: PECregional _{water} /PNEC _{wate} r |
| Sediment: PEClocal _{sediment} /PNEC _{sediment} | Sediment: PECregional _{sediment} /PNECs _{ediment} |
| Soil: PEClocal _{soil} /PNEC _{soil} | Soil: PECregional _{agr.soil} /PNEC _{soil} |
| RMicroorganisms: PEC _{stp} /PNEC _{microorganisms} | |
| Predators, fish eating (0.5 \cdot PEClocal,oral _{fish} + 0.5 \cdot P | ECregional,oral _{fish})/PNECoral |
| Predators, worm-eating (0.5 ·PEClocal,oral _{worm} + 0.5 | · PECregional,oral _{worm})/PNECoral |

 $HQ = \frac{PEC}{PNEC}$



 PEC > PNEC
 PEC < PNEC</th>

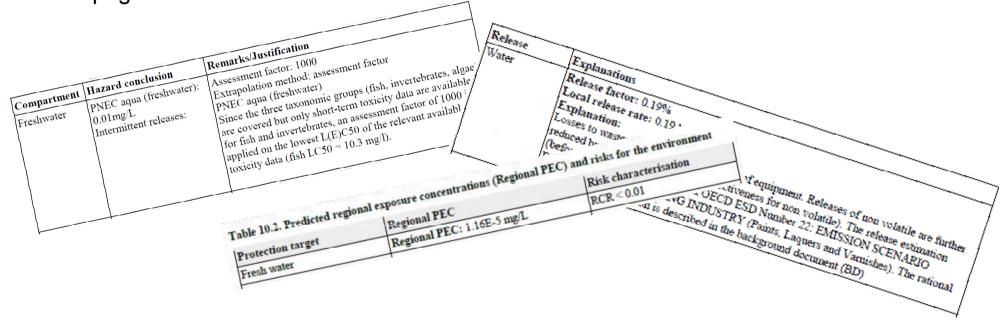
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Example CSR report

https://echa.europa.eu/support/practical-examples-of-chemical-safety-reports

from page 53



- some data available in EC inventory and IUCLID 6
- but not full Chemical Safety Reports
- example: <u>https://echa.europa.eu/substance-information/-/substanceinfo/100.100.840</u>

ECHA > Information on Chemicals > EC Inventory

EC Inventory <u>https://echa.europa.eu/cs/information-on-chemicals/ec-inventory</u>

The EC inventory published below is a copy as received from the JRC in 2008 on the founding of ECHA. It is comprised of the following lists:

- EINECS (European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances) as published in 0.J. C 146A, 15.6.1990. EINECS is an inventory of substances that were
 deemed to be on the European Community market between 1 January 1971 and 18 September 1981. EINECS was drawn up by the European Commission in the application
 of Article 13 of Directive 67/548/EEC, as amended by Directive 79/831/EEC, and in accordance with the detailed provisions of Commission Decision 81/437/EEC.
 Substances listed in EINECS are considered phase-in substances under the REACH Regulation.
- ELINCS (European List of Notified Chemical Substances) in support of Directive 92/32/EEC, the 7th amendment to Directive 67/548/EEC. ELINCS lists those substances which were notified under Directive 67/548/EEC, the Dangerous Substances Directive Notification of New Substances (NONS) that became commercially available after 18 September 1981.
- NLP (No-Longer Polymers). The definition of polymers was changed in April 1992 by Council Directive 92/32/EEC amending Directive 67/548/EEC, with the result that
 substances previously considered to be polymers were no longer excluded from regulation. Thus the No-longer Polymers (NLP) list was drawn up, consisting of such
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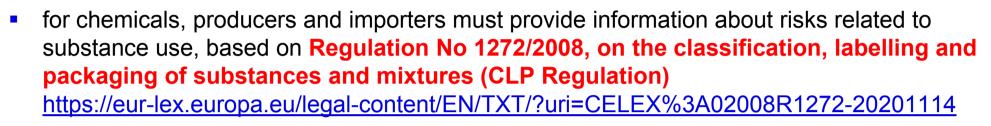
Last updated 11 August 2017. Database contains 106211 unique substances/entries.

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|--|--|------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Name 🗘 | EC no. 🗘 | CAS no. 🗘 | Molecular Formula 🗘 | Description 🗘 |
| "mercurous oxide" | 239-934-0 | 15829-53-5 | Hg2O | |
| ((2-ethyl-1-oxohexyl)oxy)-(1-phenyl-1,3- decanedionyl)dioctyl stannane RHODORSIL ACCELERATEUR 2025 | 422-920-5 | - | | RHODORSIL ACCELERATEUR 2025 |
| ((4-phenylbutyl)hydroxyphosphoryl)acetic acid | 412-170-7 | - | | SQ 26999 |







- information on risks is provided in agreement with Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (<u>https://unece.org/about-ghs</u>)
- among plenty of other data and properties, ecotoxicity is evaluated



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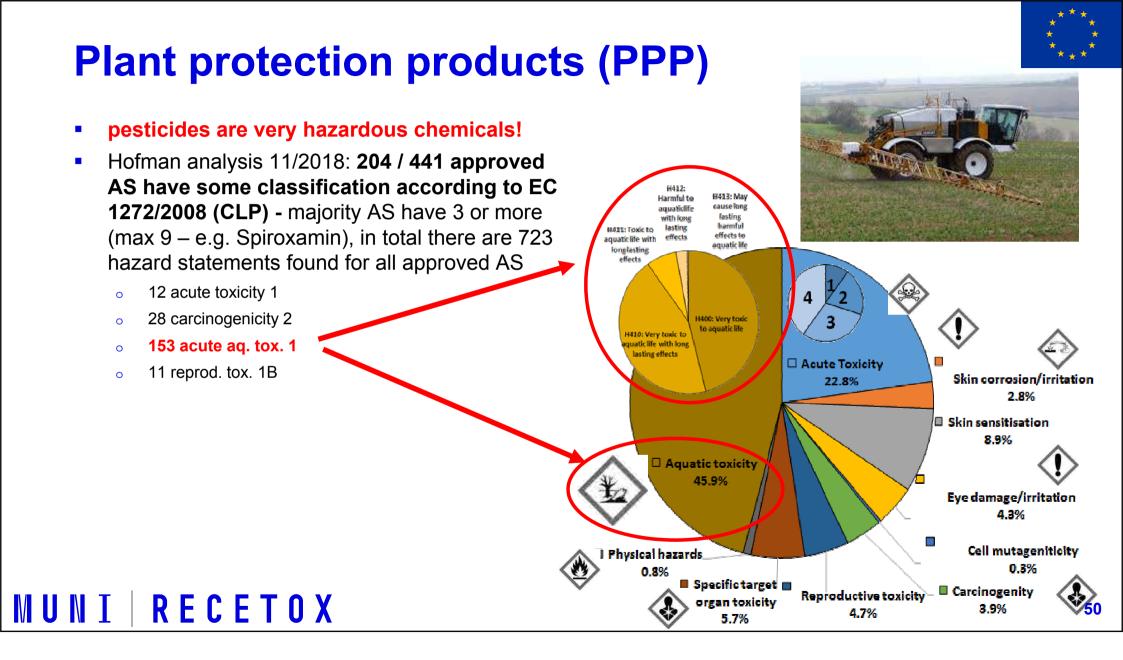


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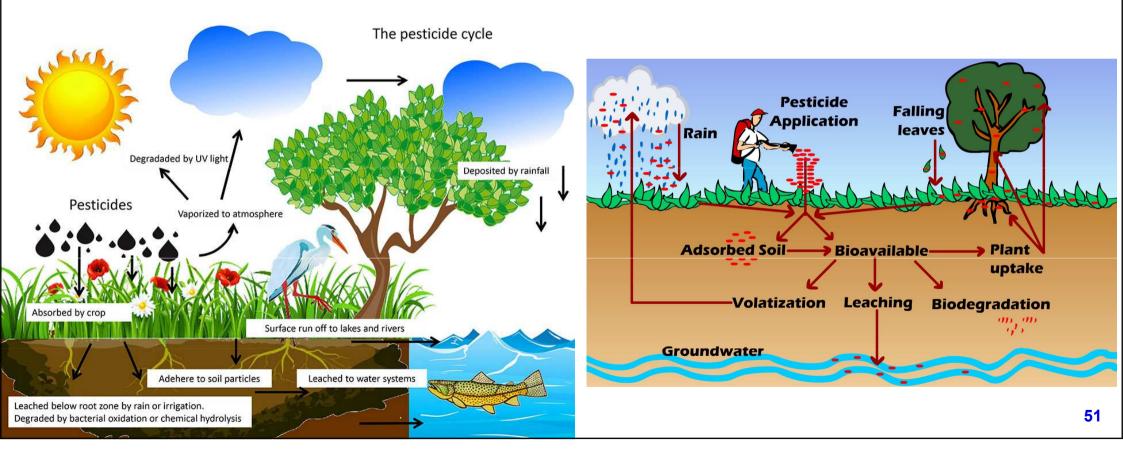
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Example 3 Pesticides - Plant protection products (PPP) – in EU



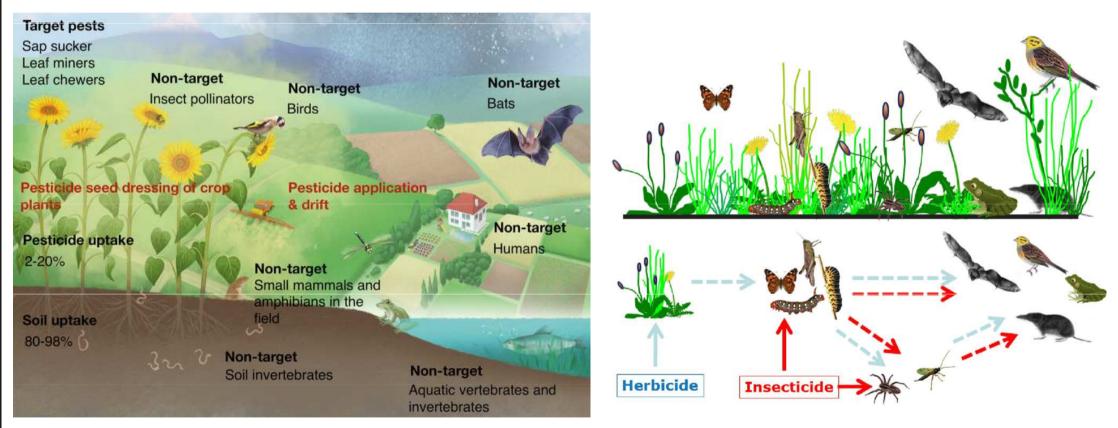


- ecotoxicity assessment is related to the expected behavior and impacts after PPP application
- lot of non-target biota under risk of undesired negative impact





lot of non-target biota under risk of undesired negative impact, including indirect effects



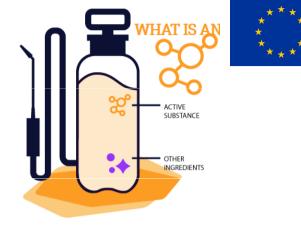
- https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides_en
- www.efsa.europa.eu/en/topics/topic/pesticides

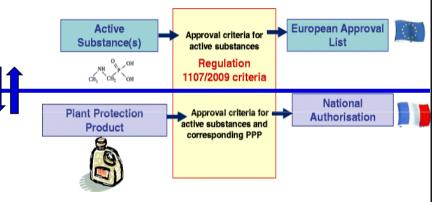


- in EU, EFSA is responsible for the authorization of PPP
- Regulation 1107/2009, concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02009R1107-20191214</u>
- Regulation 546/2011, uniform principles for evaluation and authorisation of PPP https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02011R0546-20180524
- overview of whole process:

https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/interactive-pages/pesticides-authorisation/PesticidesAuthorisation/https://ec.europa.eu/assets/sante/food/plants/pesticides/lop/index.html

- the whole system is divided to:
- active substances approval done for whole EU
 a.s. substance having action against harmful organisms
- authorization of PPP done in member states (zones) mix of a.s. and other components: safeners (eliminate or reduce phytotoxic effects of PPP), synergists (enhance a.s. effect), coformulants (other components), adjuvants (added to PPP by enduser)



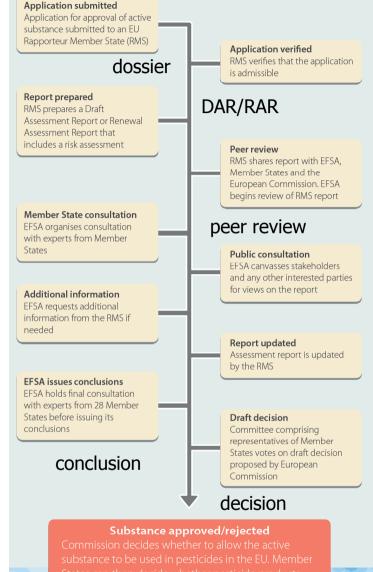


Approval of a.s.

- Regulation 283/2013, setting out the data requirements for active substances <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02013R0283-20141117</u>
- Regulation 540/2011, list of approved active substances <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02011R0540-20201126</u>
- EU pesticide database <u>https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/eu-pesticides-db_en</u>

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| Authorised in Nothing selected | CURRENT APPROVAL PERIOD 01/09/2009 - 31/08/2021 (APPROVED) (E)-5-Decen-1-yl acetate |
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| Additional filters | (E,E)-7,9-Dodecadien-1-yl acetate CURRENT APPROVAL PERIOD 01/09/2009 - 31/08/2021 |

- its decided if a.s. is approved or not, what conditions and labelling (CLP) and also limits for residues are set (MRL)
- its valid for 10 year and then reassessment





Approval of a.s.

- Regulation 283/2013 defines what data, including ecotoxicological, are required for approval of active substance
- ANNEX section 8
- some details provided on the bioassays performance, but more in specific guideline documents



| 8.1. | Effects on birds and other terrestrial vertebrates | 8.3. | Effect on arthropods |
|----------|---|------------|--|
| 8.1.1. | Effects on birds | 8.3.1. | Effects on bees |
| 8.1.1.1. | Acute oral toxicity to birds | 8.3.1.1. | Acute toxicity to bees |
| 8.1.1.2. | Short-term dietary toxicity to birds | 8.3.1.1.1. | Acute oral toxicity |
| 8.1.1.3. | Sub-chronic and reproductive toxicity to birds | 8.3.1.1.2. | Acute contact toxicity |
| 8.1.2. | Effects on terrestrial vertebrates other than birds | 8.3.1.2. | Chronic toxicity to bees |
| 8.1.2.1. | Acute oral toxicity to mammals | 8.3.1.3. | Effects on honeybee development and other honeybee life stages |
| 8.1.2.2. | Long-term and reproductive toxicity to mammals | 8.3.1.4. | Sub-lethal effects |
| 8.1.3. | Active substance bioconcentration in prey of birds and mammals | 8.3.2. | Effects on non-target arthropods other than bees |
| 8.1.4. | Effects on terrestrial vertebrate wildlife (birds, | 8.3.2.1. | Effects on Aphidius rhopalosiphi |
| | mammals, reptiles and amphibians) | | |
| 8.1.5. | Endocrine disrupting properties | 8.3.2.2. | Effects on Typhlodromus pyri |
| 8.2. | Effects on aquatic organisms | 8.4. | Effects on non-target soil meso- and macrofauna |
| 8.2.1. | Acute toxicity to fish | 8.4.1. | Earthworm — sub-lethal effects |
| 8.2.2. | Long-term and chronic toxicity to fish | 8.4.2. | Effects on non-target soil meso- and macrofauna |
| | | | (other than earthworms) |
| 8.2.2.1. | Fish early life stage toxicity test | 8.4.2.1. | Species level testing |
| 8.2.2.2. | Fish full life cycle test | 8.5. | Effects on soil nitrogen transformation |
| 8.2.2.3. | Bioconcentration in fish | 8.6. | Effects on terrestrial non-target higher plants |
| 8.2.3. | Endocrine disrupting properties | 8.6.1. | Summary of screening data |
| 8.2.4. | Acute toxicity to aquatic invertebrates | 8.6.2. | Testing on non-target plants |
| 8.2.4.1. | Acute toxicity to Daphnia magna | 8.7. | Effects on other terrestrial organisms (flora and fauna) |
| 8.2.4.2. | Acute toxicity to an additional aquatic invertebrate | 8.8. | Effects on biological methods for sewage |
| | species | | treatment |
| 8.2.5. | Long-term and chronic toxicity to aquatic invertebrates | 8.9. | Monitoring data |
| 8.2.5.1. | Reproductive and development toxicity to Daphnia magna | | |
| 8.2.5.2. | Reproductive and development toxicity to an additional aquatic invertebrate species | | |
| 8.2.5.3. | Development and emergence in Chironomus riparius | | |
| 8.2.5.4. | Sediment dwelling organisms | | |
| 8.2.6. | Effects on algal growth | | |
| 8.2.6.1. | Effects on growth of green algae | | |
| 8.2.6.2. | Effects on growth of an additional algal species | | 56 |
| 827 | Effects on aquatic macronhytes | | |

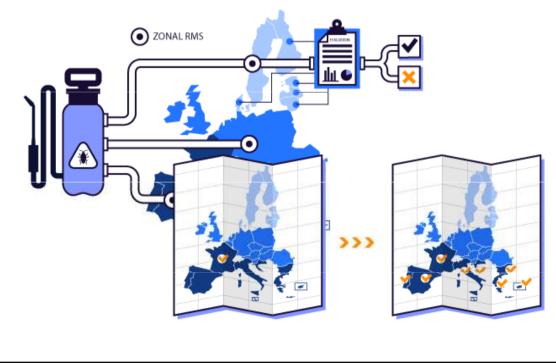
Authorization of PPP

- Regulation 284/2013, setting out the data requirements for PPP <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02013R0284-20150917</u>
- example of PPP database from CR

http://eagri.cz/public/app/eagriapp/POR/Vyhledavani.aspx?type=0&vyhledat=A&stamp=1609840149173



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| A-SULPHUR 30 WG | 4985-1 | CIECH Sarzyna Spółka Akcyjna | F | Síra (<i>Sulphur</i>) | 31.12.2021 | 31.12.2021 | 31.12.2021 | Platné rozhodnutí | 7 | |
| ABAM | 3978-6D/8 | CMI Limited | I | Abamektin (Abamectin) | 30.4.2022 | 30.4.2022 | 30.4.2022 | Platné rozhodnutí | 2 | l |
| Abamectin-Q 18 EC | 3978-6D/9 | Q-CHEM NV | I | Abamektin (Abamectin) | 30.4.2022 | 30.4.2022 | 30.4.2022 | Platné rozhodnutí | 2 | |
| Abilis Ultra | 3975-12 | Bayer AG | F | Tebukonazol (Tebuconazole) | 31.8.2022 | 31.8.2022 | 31.8.2022 | Platné rozhodnutí | 2 | |
| Accent 75 WG | 4596-0 | DuPont CZ s.r.o. | н | Nikosulfuron (Nicosulfuron) | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2022 | Platné rozhodnutí | 2 | |
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Authorization of PPP

- Regulation 284/2013 defines what data, including ecotoxicological, are required for PPP authorization
- ANNEX section 10
- some details provided on the bioassays performance, but more in specific guideline documents
- testing necessary where PPP toxicity cannot be predicted on the basis of data on AS
- aim = to demonstrate PPP is more toxic than AS (bridging studies or limit test may be sufficient); if yes, definitive testing is required

| 10.1. | Effects on birds and other terrestrial vertebrates | 10.4. | Effects on non-target soil meso- and macrofauna |
|-------------|--|-----------|--|
| 10.1.1 | Effects on birds | 10.4.1. | Earthworms |
| 10.1.1.1. | Acute oral toxicity to birds | 10.4.1.1. | Earthworms — sub-lethal effects |
| 10.1.1.2. | Higher tier data on birds | 10.4.1.2. | Earthworms — field studies |
| 10.1.2. | Effects on terrestrial vertebrates other than birds | 10.4.2. | Effects on non-target soil meso- and macrofauna (other |
| 10.1.2. | | 10.1.2. | than earthworms) |
| 10.1.2.1. | Acute oral toxicity to mammals | 10.4.2.1. | Species level testing |
| 10.1.2.2. | Higher tier data on mammals | | Higher tier testing |
| 10.1.3. | Effects on other terrestrial vertebrate wildlife (reptiles and amphibians) | 10.5. | Effects on soil nitrogen transformation |
| 10.2. | Effects on aquatic organisms | 10.6. | Effects on terrestrial non-target higher plants |
| 10.2.1. | Acute toxicity to fish, aquatic invertebrates, or effects on aquatic algae and macrophytes | 10.6.1. | Summary of screening data |
| 10.2.2. | Additional long-term and chronic toxicity studies on fish, aquatic invertebrates and sediment dwelling organisms | 10.6.2. | Testing on non-target plants |
| 10.2.3. | Further testing on aquatic organisms | 10.6.3. | Extended laboratory studies on non-target plants |
| 10.3. | Effects on arthropods | 10.6.4. | Semi-field and field tests on non-target plants |
| 10.3.1. | Effects on bees | 10.7. | Effects on other terrestrial organisms (flora and fauna) |
| 10.3.1.1. | Acute toxicity to bees | 10.8. | Monitoring data |
| 10.3.1.1.1. | Acute oral toxicity | | |
| 10.3.1.1.2. | Acute contact toxicity | | |
| 10.3.1.2. | Chronic toxicity to bees | | |
| 10.3.1.3. | Effects on honey bee development and other honey | | |
| | bee life stages | | |
| 10.3.1.4. | Sub-lethal effects | | |
| 10.3.1.5. | Cage and tunnel tests | | |
| 10.3.1.6. | Field tests with honeybees | | |
| 10.3.2. | Effects on non-target arthropods other than bees | | |
| 10.3.2.1. | Standard laboratory testing for non-target arthropods | | |
| 10.3.2.2. | Extended laboratory testing, aged residue studies with non-target arthropods | | |
| 10.3.2.3. | Semi-field studies with non-target arthropods | | |
| 10.3.2.4. | Field studies with non-target arthropods | | 58 |
| 10.3.2.5. | Other routes of exposure for non-target arthropods | | |

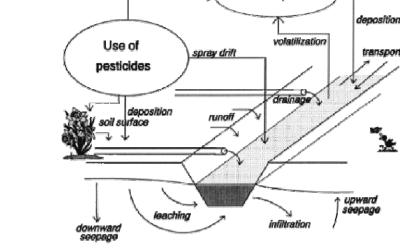
PPP exposure assessment

exposure is expressed by different ways:

- directly as application rate (e.g. g a.s. / ha)
 initial, maximum or modifications
- as concentrations in various compartments
 - Predicted Exposure Concentration PEC (PECs, PECsw ...)
 - predicted by different environmental fate models
 e.g. <u>https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/focus-dg-sante</u>
 e.g. <u>https://www.pesticidemodels.eu/swash/home</u>

= models of **transport and behavior** of PPP in the environment (drift, sorption, degradation, mobility, accumulation ...) in **time**

dietary daily intake (DDD) – for birds and mammals



atmosphere

Simplified exposure:



where

SV = Shortcut Value (→ see Appendix A of EFSA GD 2009)

FIR/bw = Food intake rate / body weight (\rightarrow see Appendix G/L of EFSA GD 2009)

RUD = Residue Unit Dose

MAF = Multiple Application Factor (\rightarrow see also Appendix H of EFSA GD 2009)

DF = Deposition Factor (\rightarrow see Appendix E of EFSA GD 2009)

PD = Portion of Diet (\rightarrow see Appendix Q of EFSA GD 2009)

PT = Portion of Time (\rightarrow see Appendix P of EFSA GD 2009)



- assessment of (eco)toxicity and acute / short-term / long-term risks for:
 - birds and other terrestrial vertebrates
 - aquatic organisms (fish, inventebrates, algae, plants, sediment organisms)
 - bees
 - non-target arthropods
 - earthworms
 - o soil macro- and mesofauna (other than earthworms)
 - o soil microorganisms (C mineralization, N mineralization)
 - non target plants
 - biological methods of sewage treatment

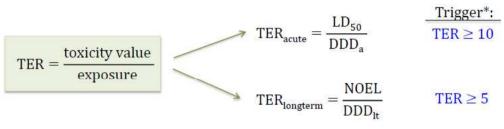


- fundamental principle: risk assessment = combining effects and exposures
 - most often as TER = toxicity/exposure ratio = ratio of effect endpoint and estimated exposure
 - but for bees or non-target arthtropods, hazard quotient (HQ) ratio between exposure and toxicity (usually in units of g a.s. / ha)
- used endpoints (LD50, NOEL, LC50, EC50, NOEC ... acute, short-, or longterm) and units (e.g. in body or in environment, initial, long- or short-term ...) depend on the specific bioassay and results
- the most sensitive organism used in the tests has key influence on the final decisions



- TER is compared to trigger (= Assessment Factor = Safety Factor)
- these are laid down in Regulation 546/2011 and Guidance Documents
- example for birds and mammals (tier 1):

example for aquatic organisms (tier 1):



| Group and timescale | Trigger |
|---|---------|
| Acute risk to fish | 100 |
| Chronic risk to fish | 10 |
| Acute risk to aquatic invertebrates | 100 |
| Chronic risk to aquatic invertebrates | 10 |
| Risk to sediment dwelling invertebrates | 10 |
| Risk to algae | 10 |
| Risk to aquatic plants | 10 |



Regulation 546/2011: no authorisation shall be granted if:

- birds and other non-target terrestrial vertebrates
 - acute and short-term TER < 10 (using LD50) or long-term TER < 5
 - secondary poisoning from food (fish, earthworms)
- aquatic organisms
 - fish and Daphnia TER < 100 for acute exposure and < 10 for long-term exposure
 - algal growth inhibition TER < 10
 - BCF > 1000 for readily biodegradable or > 100 for not readily biodegradable AS
- bees
 - hazard quotient for oral or contact exposure > 50
- beneficial arthropods other than honeybees
 - > 30 % of test organisms affected in lethal or sublethal laboratory tests of max application rate
- earthworms
 - long-term TER < 5
- soil microorganisms
 - nitrogen or carbon mineralisation affected > 25 % after 100 days

Regulation 546/2011, uniform principles for evaluation and authorisation of PPP <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-</u> <u>content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02011R0546-20180524</u>

> higher tier "unless": "unless clearly established through an appropriate risk assessment that under field conditions no unacceptable impact occurs after PPP use in accordance with the proposed conditions of use"

However, in general more detailed decision is performed based on specific guidelines! MUNI RECETOX



- details for the testing and evaluation (risk assessment) in guideline documents
- for ecotox mainly these 4 are of key importance:

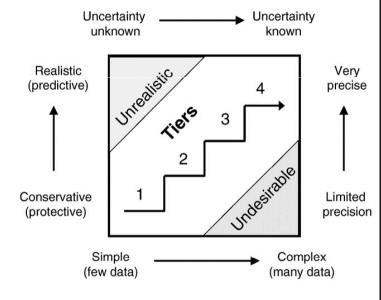
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Tiered approach - general

- this approach saves time, money, laboratory organisms etc.
- it tries to go narrow pathway "linking questions about risks asked by stakeholder to answers that can be provided by researchers"
- its always trade-off between price and accuracy of assessment and these are different for each tier



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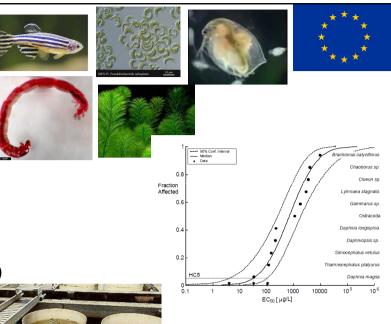
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Tiered approach - general

- this approach saves time, money, laboratory organisms etc.
- Tier 1 = starts with default (worst-case) parameters for exposure
 - = standard ecotox bioassays as we know them
 - rough assessment, conservative
 - if risk is not acceptable then \rightarrow
- Tier 2 = refinement, assessment closer to reality (e.g. representative organisms, real conditions, considering protective distances ...), if risks not acceptable then →
- Tier 3, Tier 4 ... e.g. mesocosm or field studies
- based on the results of previous tier, its decided what to do next

Aquatic organisms

- Tier 1 based on standard laboratory studies
- Tier 2 based on additional laboratory studies:
 - Tier 2A based on geomean/AF approach
 - Tier 2B based on SSD approach (Species Sensitivity Distribution)
 - Tier 2C based on refined exposure laboratory tests/AF approach
- Tier 3 based on mesocosm/microcosm studies

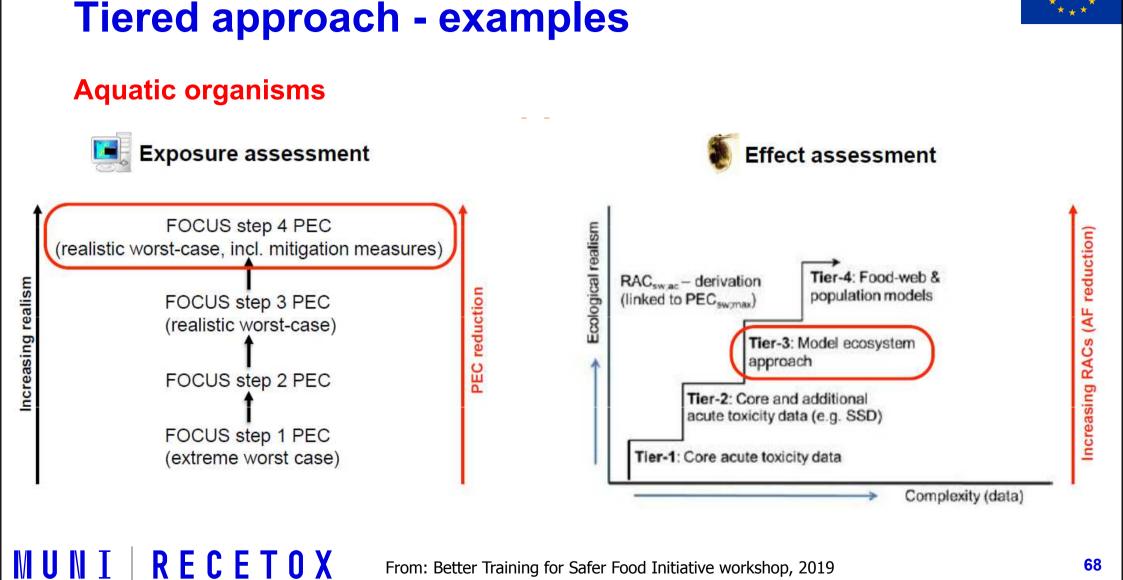




 at each tier, regulatory acceptable concentrations (RACs) derived and compared to PEC

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Aquatic organisms

Tier I risk assessment

LC₅₀ fish: 0.1 µg/l, AF: 100; **tier I RAC (0.001 µg/L)** << step 1 PEC (0.2 µg/L) -> **risk!** EC₅₀ daphnia: 0.11 µg/l, AF: 100; **tier I RAC (0.0011 µg/L)** << step 1 PEC (0.2 µg/L) -> **risk!** EC₅₀ algae: >> 1 mg/L -> **no risk!**

Higher tier risk assessment

Tier 2 (SSD) Median HC₅ for fish (SSD): 0.072 μ g/L, AF: 10; higher tier RAC (0.0072 μ g/L) > step 4 PEC (0.0049 μ g/L) -> no risk for fish, but still for invertebrates (tier I RAC: 0.001 μ g/L)!

Tier 3 (Mesocosms)

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NOEAEC (mesocosm; invertebrates): 0.015 µg/L (clear effects, but recovery within 8 weeks), AF: 3, higher tier RAC (0.005 µg/L) > step 4 PEC (0.0049 µg/L) -> no risk!

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Birds and mammals

- screening general model, indicator species
- tier 1 specific model, generic focal species with different feeding preferences and growth stages
- higher tier focal species, corrections using measured data (monitoring studies)

Indicator species – used in the screening step, it is **not a real species** but, by virtue of its size and feeding habits is considered to have higher exposure than (i.e. to be protective of) other species that occur in a particular crop at a particular time. **Generic focal species** – used in Tier 1assessment, it is **not a real species**, however it is considered to be representative of all those species potentially at risk. Instead of the one single food item approach of the screening step in this assessment a mixed diet is applied when appropriate for the generic focal species. In addition, interception of the spray by the crop is taken into account by calculating the residue level on the several food types for the birds and the mammals. **Focal species** – used in higher tier assessment, it is a **real species** that actually occurs in the crop when the pesticide is being used (see section 6.1.3 for identification of focal species.).

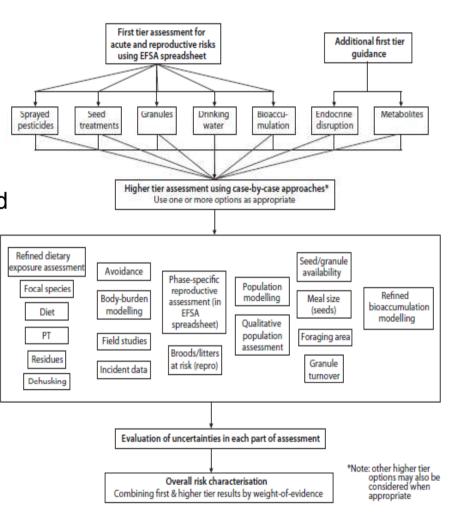
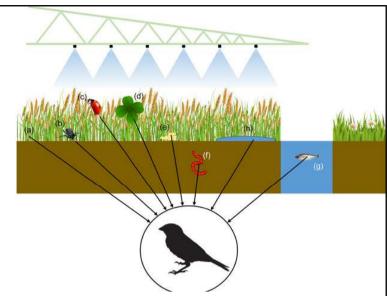


Figure 1. Flowchart for the risk assessment. Please note that for some types of asses from there is an optional screening step.

Birds and mammals

shortcut values for screening and Tier 1 calculations

 describe feeding habits and other ecological needs
 for indicator and generic focal species



Theoretical dietary exposure routes for birds feeding in crop (e.g., cereals) sprayed with a plant protection product. Most of the plant protection product will be deposited in the treated crop area, but some may enter neighboring water bodies. Exposure to birds in the treated area can therefore occur by feeding on the crop itself (**a**), ground-dwelling (**b**) or foliar-dwelling (**c**) invertebrates, weeds (**d**), or weed seeds (**e**). Birds may also feed on earthworms living in the treated soil (**f**) or fish living in neighboring contaminated surface waters (**g**). Exposure may also occur by drinking from contaminated puddles within the treated crop area (**h**)

 Table 8.
 Acute shortcut values (based on 90th percentile residues) for mammalian indicator.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| species. | | |
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| Сгор | Indicator species | Shortcut value for acute assessment |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| Bare soil | Small granivorous mammal | 14.4 |
| Bush and cane fruit | Small herbivorous mammal | 81.9 |
| Bulbs and onion like crops, cereals, oilseed rape, potatoes, root and stem vegetables, strawberries, sugar beet, and sunflower | Small herbivorous mammal | 118.4 |
| Cotton, fruiting vegetables, grassland, leafy vegetables, legume forage, maize, orchards, ornamentals/nursery, pulses, and vineyard | Small herbivorous mammal | 136.4 |

Table 6. Acute shortcut values (based on 90th percentile residues) for avian indicator species.

| Сгор | Indicator species | Shortcut value for acute assessment | |
|--|--------------------------|--|--|
| Bare soils and hop | Small granivorous bird | 24.7 | |
| Grassland | Large herbivorous bird | 30.5 | |
| Bush and cane fruit | Small frugivorous bird | 46.3 | |
| Orchards and ornamentals/nursery | Small insectivorous bird | 46.8 | |
| Vineyard | Small omnivorous bird | 95.3 | |
| Bulbs and onion like crops, cereals, fruiting vegetables, leafy vegetables, legume forage, maize, oilseed rape, potatoes, pulses, root and stem vegetables, strawberries, sugar beet, and sunflower | Small omnivorous bird | 158,8 | |
| Cotton | Small omnivorous bird | 160.3 | |

Birds and mammals

higher tiers, e.g. field studies





Purpose:

- Determine PT or PD values for use in refinements
- Determine home ranges and further parameters
- Monitoring of population development
- Evaluate potential adverse effects of PPP on birds





- Transect counts
- Scan sampling
- Bird catch and ringing
- Telemetry (radio-tracking)
- Monitoring of reproduction success
- Carcass search
- Residue analysis in dead animals























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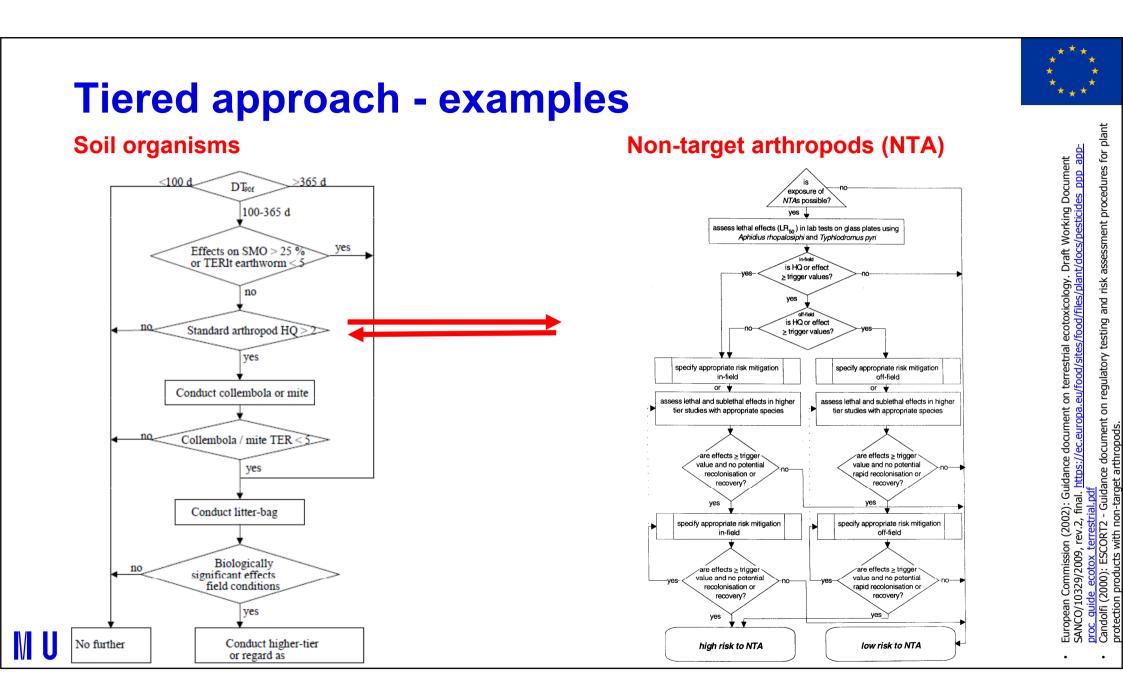
- Capture-mark-recapture (CMR), individual markage
- Infrared cameras
- Telemetry (radio-tracking)
- Collection of faeces + analysis of food composition
- Population monitoring
- Carcass search
- Residue analysis in dead animals











Non-target arthropods (NTA)

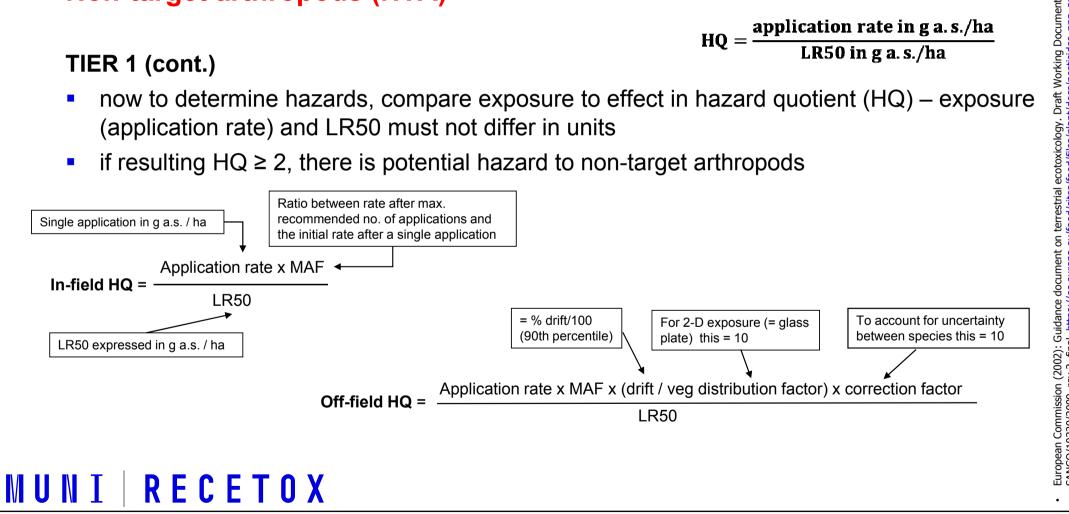
in-field and off-field assessment

TIER 1

- risk assessment based on two indicator species:
 - Typhlodromus pyri
 - Aphidius rhopalosiphi
- standard toxicity tests to determine LR50 in g a.s. / ha based on mortality
- example results for PPP "Pest-Killer"
 - tested at 1.25, 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 40, 80 g a.s./ha
 - LR50 for both species = 2.5 g a.s./ha
 - o all in acreditted labs with GLP







Non-target arthropods (NTA)

TIER 1 (cont.)

application rate in g a. s./ha HO =LR50 in g a. s./ha



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Non-target arthropods (NTA)

TIER 1 (cont.)

application details:

- application rate = 56 g a.s./ha0
- No. of treatments = 3 per crop0
- LR50 = 2.5 g a.s. / ha 0
- assumptions:
 - Drift value 2.01 0
 - MAF 2.3 0

| Basic drift | values f | or 3 applicati | ons |
|-------------|----------|----------------|-----|
| | | Endit man | |

| Distance | Field crops | Fruit cr | ops | Grapev | ine | Hops | Vegetables, Ornamentals, Small frui | |
|----------|-------------|----------|-------|--------|-------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| [m] | early | late | early | late | • | Height < 50 cm | Height > 50 cm | |
| 1 | 2.01 | | | | | | 2.01 | |
| 3 | | 23.96 | 11.01 | 2.49 | 6.90 | 15.93 | | 6.90 |
| 5 | 0.41 | 15.79 | 6.04 | 1.04 | 3.07 | 8.57 | 0.41 | 3.07 |
| 10 | 0.20 | 8.96 | 2.67 | 0.32 | 1.02 | 3.70 | 0.20 | 1.03 |
| 15 | 0.14 | 5.23 | 1.39 | 0.16 | 0.54 | 2.26 | 0.14 | 0.5 |
| 20 | 0.10 | 2.36 | 0.80 | 0.10 | 0.34 | 1.05 | 0.10 | 0.3 |
| 30 | 0.07 | 0.77 | 0.36 | 0.05 | 0.18 | 0.34 | 0.07 | 0.1 |
| 40 | 0.05 | 0.35 | 0.21 | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.05 | 0.1 |
| 50 | 0.04 | 0.19 | 0.13 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.04 | 0.0 |
| 75 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.0 |
| 100 | 0.021 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.006 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.021 | 0.0 |
| 125 | 0.017 | 0.015 | 0.022 | 0.004 | 0.02 | 0.007 | 0.017 | 0.0 |
| 150 | 0.014 | 0.009 | 0.016 | 0.003 | 0.014 | 0.004 | 0.014 | 0.01 |
| 175 | 0.012 | 0.006 | 0.012 | 0.002 | 0.011 | 0.003 | 0.012 | 0.01 |
| 200 | 0.010 | 0.004 | 0.009 | 0.002 | 0.009 | 0.002 | 0.010 | 0.00 |
| 225 | 0.009 | 0.003 | 0.007 | 0.002 | 0.007 | 0.001 | 0.009 | 0.00 |
| 250 | 0.008 | 0.002 | 0.006 | 0.001 | 0.006 | 0.001 | 0.008 | 0.00 |

Application to field crops at tier 1 use the shortest distance – 1 m (3m for orchards, vines etc) 0

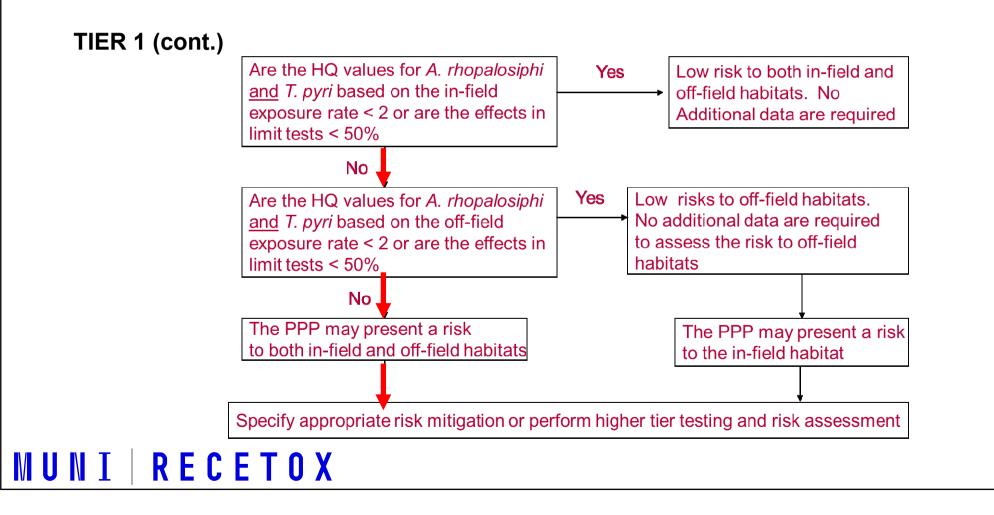
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in-field risk is not acceptable (HQ \geq 2), off-field is also not acceptable (HQ \geq 2) RECETOX

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Non-target arthropods (NTA)





Simplified example of evaluation: non-target arthropods (NTA)

TIER 2

- if HQ ≥ 2 for in-field risk assessment, test affected indicator species + 1 additional species
- if HQ ≥ 2 for off-field risk assessment, test affected species + 2 additional species
- preferred species: Orius laevigatus, Chrysoperla carnea, Coccinella septempunctata, Aleochara bilineata, Poecilus cupreus









extended laboratory studies; aged residue studies; semi-field studies; field studies

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Non-target arthropods (NTA)

TIER 2

- HQ approach with criteria of ≥ 2 is not applied !
- predicted exposure rates are calculated based on similar equations as in Tier 1
- compared directly to toxicity endpoints LR50 or ER50 (the lower one should be used)
- i.e. trigger is less than 50% negative effects



Simplified example of evaluation Soil organisms

Exposure estimation - PEC_{soil}

- percentage of applied spray volume reaching soil depending on interception (e.g. 50%)
- even distribution in the top 5 cm of soil
- soil density of 1.5 g/cm³
- calculate PEC_{soil} in mg a.s. / kg soil
- example results for PPP "Pest-Killer"
- application dose is 150 g a.s. / ha
- 1 ha of 5 cm soil corresponds to 500,000,000 cm³ which is 750,000 kg soil
- PEC_{soil} is 0.2 mg a.s. / ha

Soil organisms

TIER 1

- reproduction effects on earthworms NOEC are derived
- TER > 5 OK, TER < 5 further studies needed
- example results for PPP "Pest-Killer"
 - tested at 0.02, 0.04, 0.08, 0.16, 0.32, 0.64 mg a.s. / kg
 - NOEC was 0.32 mg a.s. / kg



TER = NOEC/PEC_{soil} = 0.32 / 0.2 = 1.6 (< 5, not OK and further studies are needed)</p>

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PPP assessment – results available

ecotoxicological data and risk assessment (i.e. data on tox/ecotox are combined with data on exposure and env. fate) are available:

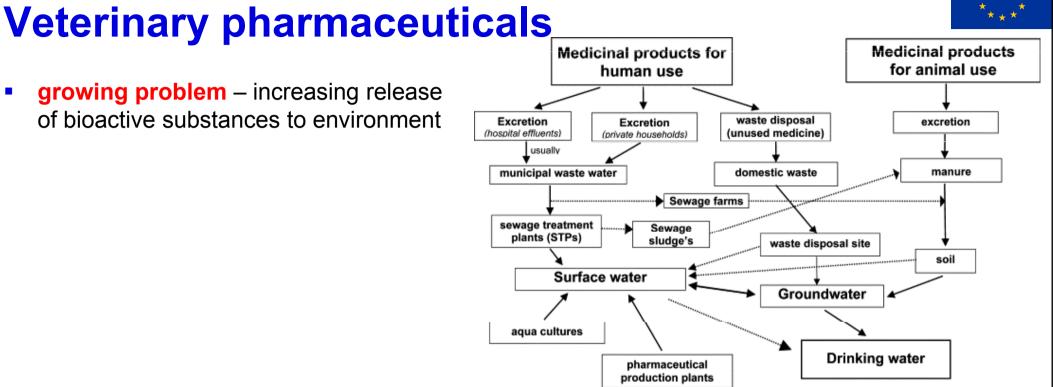
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Example 4 Veterinary pharmaceuticals – in EU



- veterinary medicines more attention is logical
 - huge consumption
 - their entry into the environment (water and soil) is more possible (use of agricultural waste on soil)
 - killing beneficial soil organisms or development of antibiotic resitance

| Antibiotic consumption in major countries/regions | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Country/region | Year | Total(tons) | Human(%) | Animal(%) | | | |
| China | 2013 | 162,000 | 48 | 52 | | | |
| USA | 2011/2012 | 1,7900 | 18 | 82 | | | |
| EU | 2012 | 11,382 | 30 | 70 | | | |



Veterinary pharmaceuticals

- Regulation 726/2004, authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02004R0726-20190330</u>
- Directive 2001/83/EC, medicinal products for human use <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02001L0083-20190726</u>
- Directive 2001/82/EC, veterinary medicinal products <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02001L0082-20090807</u>
- pharmacovigilance careful assessment of all undesired impacts
- European Medicines Agency (EMA) <u>https://www.ema.europa.eu/en</u>
- part of the registration proces is also Environmental Risk Assessment
- for veterinary detailed evaluation procedure in EMA CVMP (Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use)
 <u>https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/committees/committee-medicinal-products-veterinary-use-cvmp</u>
- guidelines including assessment of environmental fate, ecotoxicity and risks <u>https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/veterinary-regulatory/marketing-authorisation/environmental-risk-assessment-veterinary-medicines</u>



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- VICH GL6 Environmental impact assessment (EIAS) for veterinary medicinal products Phase I
- VICH GL38 Environmental impact assessments for veterinary medicinal products Phase II

