

# HAZBREF



## HAZBREF WP2:

### Selection of relevant target substances in BREF industrial sectors

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# Objective: Better use of available data to prevent and reduce releases

To achieve a reduction of releases of hazardous substances

- Relevant target substances
- Information on hazard properties
- Data on fate and behaviour
  
- Information needs to be included in BREFs
- Needs to be available for operators of installations.
  
- Focus on waste water treatment.

# Approaches

Strategy B + D

Strategy A

## Substance-based approach:

ECHA database from REACH registrations to identify substances used in specific sector

**Use-based approach**  
Information available at specific industrial sector

## and case study / installation-based approach

Information from experts

Strategy C

## Hazard-based approach

Substance lists from different regulations (REACH, WFD, ...)

What data is needed for BAT Candidates?  
(chemical groups & substances)

Fate & behaviour  
+  
Hazard alert  
+  
decision tree

Recommendations for risk management in WWT  
("Standard phrases")



## **Strategy A: substance-based approach**

Survey in ECHA database on registered chemicals, alignment between modelling exercise (WP 2.2) and case-study substances lists (WP 4)

- Procedure: Select chemicals possibly used in the respective industrial sector by **use categories** or **other descriptors** from the REACH-Registrations (e.g. descriptions containing the string 'textil\*').
- As a result for textile sector ~ 940 substances were identified.
- Reality check: The chemical lists from 3 case studies was cross-checked by CAS-number with the 940-list. The overlap was less than one third.
- Conclusion: The registered use categories are too general to match the practice; the use of many substances is too wide-spread to limit it to one sector; communication on real uses in the supply chain is insufficient.
- Benefit: ECHA CHEM database provides access to data on substance properties, data may feed into the characterisation of chemical classes and groups.

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## **Strategy B: used-based approach**

## **Strategy D: installation-based approach**

Characterise chemical classes and chemical groups by fate and behaviour in the industrial waste-water treatment

- TXT BREF Questionnaire: around 40 technical functions and 200 chemical groups were identified, but hardly any individual target substances.

## Strategy B: use-based approach

### Extract from the TXT-BREF Questionnaire (DRAFT June 2018)

Detergents/ wetting agents (surfactants)	Technical function	Fabric softeners	Wetti
<u>Non-ionic</u>	Alcohol and fatty alcohols ethoxylat	(Ethoxylated) fatty alcohols	
	Fatty acids ethoxylates	(Ethoxylated) fatty acids	
	Alkylphenol ethoxylates (APEOs)	(Ethoxylated) sorbitan esters	
<b>Chemical class</b>	Fatty amines ethoxylates	Alkyl phenol ethoxylates (APEO)	
	Triglyceride ethoxylates	Partial glycerides and ethoxylated f	
	Ethylene oxide/propylene oxide add	Fatty amides	<b>Comp</b>
<u>Anionic</u>	Alkyl sulphonates	Sulphonated and sulphated vegeta	
	Alkyl aryl sulphonates		
	Alkyl sulphates <b>Chemical group</b>	Short-chain alkyl phosphates	
	Dialkylsulphosuccinates	Other	
	Alkyl carboxylates (e.g. sodium palm	Polyamide amines	
	Sulphated alkanolamides	Polyvinylpyrrolidone	
	Alkyl ether phosphates	Bisulphate anion (HSO4)-	
<u>Cationic</u>	Quaternary ammonium compounds	Quaternary ammonium salts with 0	
		Quaternary ammonium salts with a	
<u>Amphoteric</u>	Betaine derivatives	Amido amines (e.g diethylene trian	
	Imidazolines		

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## **Strategy D: installation-based approach**

Characterise chemical classes and chemical groups by fate and behaviour in the industrial waste-water treatment

- TXT BREF Questionnaire: around 40 technical functions and 200 chemical groups were identified, but hardly any individual target substances.
- Next step: assign representative chemicals to these 200 groups; it is assumed that these chemicals are 'similar' (behaviour, properties,..)
- Identification of substances supported by lists from case-studies (WP 4 – **Strategy D**).
- The ECHA CHEM database can provide data to characterise fate and behaviour (WP 2.2 “reality check” by modelling) of these substances
- Benefit: Overview of chemical groups and individual substances per group. This is starting point to derive generalized descriptions of risk management measures for STP (“standard phrases”)

## **Strategy C: hazard-based approach**

Survey in lists of different regulations to identify target substances: REACH Annex XIV: SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern), Substances on the REACH Candidate List, Water Framework Directive Priority Substances, ...

- Aim: are known hazardous substances relevant for industrial sectors under consideration in the project and to what extent is the handling already regulated
- Compilation of substances from this list, extraction of use information for these substances from ECHA database (similar as in Strategy A)
- Additionally, the SPIN register was utilized (Substances in Products in the Nordic Countries – only 2016)
- Substances were grouped to the 3 industrial sectors of the project (NACE categories)
- Modelling of fate and behaviour for 20 high volume substances (SVHC and priority substances WFD)



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## Strategy C: hazard-based approach: examples of the tables

1	Candidate List							NACE description				
2	Note: Group entries are split in different rows.							Zero Discharge Hazardous Chemicals	ST of plastics and metals	Data from SPIN register	Blue columns: From the ECHA website	From ECHA website
3	Name	CAS no.	ZDHC	TEXT	CHEM	STM	polymers	Uses from SPIN	Industrial product	registered uses	Import/manufacture	Final use
4	4-aminoazobenzene	60-09-3	X	X	X			not found		intermediate, dye, pigment	intermediate	
5	4,4'-bis(dimethylamino)-4''-(methylamino)azobenzene	561-41-1		?	X			not found	inks and toners	inks, toners	10-100t.	Final use
6	[4-[4,4'-bis(dimethylamino) benzhydrylidene]phenyl]dimethylamine	548-62-9		?	X			manufacture of chemicals	inks and toners	inks, toners	0-10t.	Final use
8	Cobalt dichloride	7646-79-9		X	X	X	X	manufacture of chemicals	metal surface treatment products	metal surface treatment products, laboratory chemicals	1000-10 000t.	Final use
9	Potassium dichromate	7778-50-9		X	X	X	X	scientific research and analytical chemistry	metal surface treatment products	metal surface treatment products, pharmaceuticals	100-1000t.	Final use
10	Diboron trioxide	1303-86-2		X	X	X	X	manufacture of basic chemicals	laboratory chemicals, water treatment products	laboratory chemicals, water treatment products	1000-10 000t.	Final use
11	Boric acid	10043-35-3		X	X	X	X	manufacture of chemicals	pH regulators and water treatment products	laboratory chemicals, washing & cleaning products	100 000-1000 000t.	Final use
12	Disodium tetraborate, anhydrous	12179-04-3, 1303-96-4		X	X	X	X	Manufacture of fabric	pH regulators and water treatment products	pH regulators and water treatment products	100 000-1000 000t.	Final use
14	N,N-dimethylformamide	68-12-2		X	X		X	Manufacture of chemicals	laboratory chemicals, adhesives	manufacture of: chemicals and machinery	10 000-100 000t.	Final use
15	N,N-dimethylacetamide	127-19-5		X	X			manufacture of chemicals	laboratory chemicals and pharmaceuticals	laboratory chemical, manufacture of: chemicals	10 000-100 000t.	Final use
16	Octamethylcyclsiloxane (D4)	556-67-2		X	X	X	X	manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	laboratory chemicals, non-metal-surface treatment products	laboratory chemicals, non-metal-surface treatment products	100 000 - 1 000 000t.	Final use
17	Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane (D5)	541-02-6		X	X	X	X	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	washing & cleaning products, laboratory chemicals	washing & cleaning products, laboratory chemicals	10 000 - 100 000t.	Final use
18	Cobalt(II) sulphate	10124-43-3		X	X	X	X	Manufacture of fabric	metal surface treatment products	metal surface treatment products, laboratory chemicals	10 000-100 000t.	Final use
19	Sodium dichromate	10588-01-9, 7789-12-0		X	X	X	X	Manufacture of fabric	metal surface treatment products	manufacture of: chemicals, fabricated metal	100-1000t.	Final use
20	Cobalt(II) diacetate	71-48-7		X	X	X		manufacture of fabric	metal surface treatment products	polymers, metal surface treatment products	1000-10 000t.	Final use
23	Phenolphthalein	77-09-8		X	X		X	manufacture of rubber	laboratory chemicals, pH regulators	laboratory chemicals, pH regulators and water treatment products	10-100t.	Final use
24	Imidazolidine-2-thione (2-imidazolidinone)	96-45-7			X	X		Manufacture of fabricated metal products, excipients	manufacture of: rubber products and metal products	manufacture of: rubber products and metal products	100-1000 t.	Final use

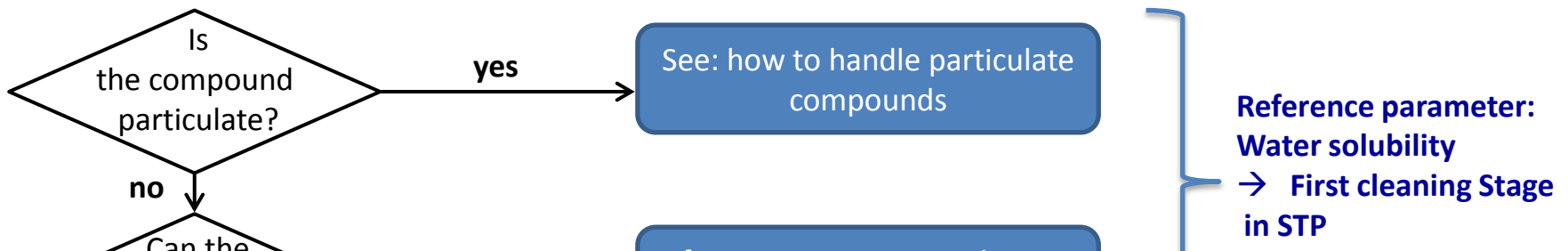
2	Name of priority substance <sup>(3)</sup>	CAS number <sup>(1)</sup>	ZDHC list	Identified as priority hazardous substance	Included in current BREFs	Plant protection product	Use categories	Imported/manufactured in EU (tons)	Uses in Finland based on national chemical register (data from years 2001-2014)
12	1,2-dichloroethane	107-06-2	X				polymers, pharmaceuticals	1 000 000 - 10 000 000	solvent in chemical industry
13	Dichloromethane	75-09-2					washing & cleaning	100 000 - 1 000 000	solvent, in textile glues, pharmaceutical industry
14	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP)	117-81-7	X	X			polymers, intermediates	10 000 - 100 000	softener in rubber and plastics, textile industry, inks
15	Diuron	330-54-1				X	polymers, manufacture of: chemicals	100 - 1 000	biocide
16	Endosulfan	115-29-7		X		X			
17	Fluoranthene	206-44-0					no data found	no data found	

## **WP 2.2: Modelling of the fate and behaviour of industrial target substances in typical waste water treatment plants**

- The fate of substances in WWTP/STP can be assessed in the SimpleTreat 4.0 model.
- The modelling gives an indication when substance categories/groups or individual substances may be problematic or not problematic in waste-water treatment.
- The modelled substances have been selected based on their use volume (mostly >10 000 tons annually), the uses in sectors (chemical, textile or STM) and with respect to intrinsic properties.
- When is a substance "relevant" in the context of HAZBREF? A trigger value of > 10 % release in the effluent may be used.
- However, it may be recommended that, ideally, any industrial sector may run (model) in SimpleTreat all their substances that they use.
- Examples and results of the modelling are presented in a report (Hazbref WP 2.2 Report May 17, 2019, Swedish EPA).

# Decision tree to improve „standard phrases“

- However, the simple treat model provides no answers for:
  - substances that could not be modelled with simple treat (microplastic, substances with very high Kow)
  - whether a specific STP has the technical devices to avoid environmental releases
- Besides that: often mixtures are used, single substances are unknown for industrial operators >> parameters for modelling are missing
- Therefore, a decision tree currently is being developed: relevant parameters of a substance are connected with the single cleaning steps in a STP
- Benefit: improvement of generalized descriptions of risk management measures for STP (“standard phrases”)



# Overview of WP 2

