
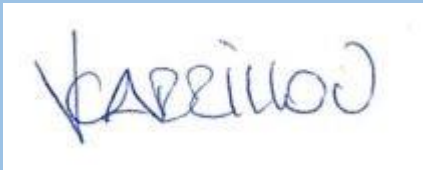


# LCI Review report (reviewed against "ILCD Data Network - entry-level requirements")

## Ethylene Oxide (No. 8 - Matrix)

Table 1: General review reporting items

REVIEW REPORTING	
General information	
Data set name	Ethylene Oxide (No. 8 - Matrix, ELCD)
Data set UUID and version number	{4700E5B5-3A1F-4835-B7FB-372B3F958578} V1.0
Data set locator (e.g. Permanent URI, URL, contact point, or database name and version, etc.)	ERASM ( <a href="http://www.erasm.org">www.erasm.org</a> ) Data sets will be made available via <a href="http://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ELCD3">http://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ELCD3</a> Based on GaBi 7, DB version 6.115, SP 29
Data set owner	ERASM: Environmental & Health Risk Assessment and Management of Surfactants, a research partnership of the European Detergents and Surfactants Industries: A.I.S.E., the International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products, and CESIO, the European Committee of Organic Surfactants and their Intermediates ( <a href="http://www.erasm.org">www.erasm.org</a> )
Review commissioner(s)	ERASM
Reviewer name(s) and affiliation(s), contact	Dr. Thilo Kupfer and Viviana Carillo, thinkstep AG, Hauptstr. 111-113, 70771 Leinfelden-Echterdingen
Review type applied	Data set review against ILCD Data Network - Entry-level requirements
Date of review completion (DD/MM/YYYY)	21/04/2016
Reviewed against / Compliance system name	ILCD Data Network - Entry-level requirements

Reviewer assessment:			
Aspect	Yes	No	Comments
Quality compliance (aspects of ISO 14040 & 14044) fulfilled (see table 2)	x		See table 2
Method compliance (as in ISO 14040 & 14044) fulfilled and documented in data set	x		See table 2
Nomenclature compliance (see table 3) fulfilled	x		See table 3
Documentation compliance (see table 3) fulfilled	x		See table 3
Review compliance (Independent external review OR independent internal review + review report) fulfilled	x		Independent internal review + review report
Overall compliance with ISO 14040 & 14044	x		Data set reviewed by two independent experts against ISO 14040 & ISO 14044
Overall compliance with "Compliance system"	x		Relates to ILCD Data Network - Entry-level requirements
Date, location, reviewer signature	21/04/2016, Leinfelden-Echterdingen  Dr. Thilo Kupfer  Viviana Carrillo		

**Table 2: Specific/detailed review reporting items for LCI data set: Quality compliance (ISO 14040 & 14044). Please note that for aggregated LCI result data sets, this includes key processes in the background system.**

ITEMs	Comments
<p>Time-related coverage/representativeness:</p> <p>“age of data and the minimum length of time over which data should be collected”</p> <p>“qualitative assessment of the degree to which the data set reflects the true population of interest”</p>	<p>Very Good.</p> <p>Reference year: 2011</p> <p>The data set is representative for the state of technology in 2011 and considered to be valid for ten (10) years or until substantial technological changes in the production chain occur.</p>
<p>Geographical coverage/representativeness:</p> <p>“geographical area from which data for unit processes should be collected to satisfy the goal of the study”</p> <p>“qualitative assessment of the degree to which the data set reflects the true population of interest”</p>	<p>Good.</p> <p>Includes primary production data for ethylene oxide production from three different suppliers (Germany, Netherlands and Sweden), representing the imported and produced ethylene oxide used as precursor for the surfactant production in Europe.</p>
<p>Technology coverage/representativeness:</p> <p>“specific technology or technology mix”</p> <p>“qualitative assessment of the degree to which the data set reflects the true population of interest”</p>	<p>Very good.</p> <p>Foreground system: Ethylene oxide is industrially produced by direct oxidation of ethylene in the presence of silver catalyst. The technologies are very similar, but differences exist, depending on whether air or pure oxygen is used for oxidation. All the industry data provided in this study indicated the use of oxygen for this process. The direct partial oxidation process is highly exothermic and is carefully controlled to minimize the total combustion of ethylene to carbon dioxide and water. Even so, 20-25% of the ethylene feedstock is typically lost via complete oxidation. The heat of reaction may be recovered by steam generation and used in other surrounding processes. Aldehydes and glycols are typically obtained as co-products in the reaction process.</p>
<p>Precision/ Uncertainty of the information (e.g. data, models and assumptions):</p> <p>“measure of the variability of the data values for each data expressed (e.g. variance)”</p>	<p>Good.</p> <p>Based on various precision and uncertainty checks the likelihood of systematic errors in the dataset is low.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check for plausibility of data sampling</li> <li>- Check of mass and energy balances</li> <li>- Cross-checks with other data sources and available data sets (LCIs)</li> </ul>

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<p>Completeness:</p> <p>“percentage of flow that is measured or estimated”; assessed on level of process</p>	<p>Good.</p> <p>Cut-off rules for each unit process: Coverage of at least 95% of mass and energy of the input and output flows, and 98% of their environmental relevance (according to expert judgment).</p> <p>Excluded from the analysis are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The construction of major capital equipment (infrastructure)</li> <li>- Maintenance and operation of sup-port equipment</li> <li>- Human labor and employee transport and</li> <li>- Packaging of final products</li> </ul> <p>In addition, all 15 LCIA methods recommended by the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF Guide 4.0) can be evaluated.</p>
<p>Consistency:</p> <p>“qualitative assessment of whether the study methodology is applied uniformly to the various components of the analysis”</p>	<p>Very Good</p> <p>Foreground and background model are compliant with GaBi modelling principles and ISO 14040/14044, hence a consistent modelling approach is applied.</p>
<p>Sources of the data; Appropriateness of use primary/secondary data source</p>	<p>ERASM Surfactant Life Cycle and Ecofootprinting (SLE) Project; GaBi databases</p> <p>The data set covers all relevant process steps / technologies over the supply chain of the represented cradle to gate inventory with a good overall data quality. It represents a production average based on the year 2011. The inventory is mainly based on industry data and is completed, where necessary, by secondary data. This data set is based on primary data from European adopted production processes, connected with regional precursor chains. The data set is based on primary production data for ethylene oxide production is from three different suppliers (Germany, Netherlands and Sweden) representing the imported and produced ethylene oxide used as precursor for the surfactant production in Europe. Transportation was just considered for the main materials (covers about 90% of the mass of all inputs), other transportation was not considered. The data is based on 1000 kg of product.</p>
<p>Overall data quality rating according to PEF evaluation scheme.</p>	<p>Very good.</p> <p>Overall quality according to PEF validation scheme results in 1,5 interpreted into "very good overall quality" in the PEF quality validation scheme.</p>
<p><b>Others</b></p>	<p>None.</p>

**Table 3: Specific/detailed review reporting items for LCI data set: Nomenclature and Documentation**

ITEMs	Comments
<b>Nomenclature</b>	
Correctness and consistency of applied nomenclature (Preferred use of ILCD flows etc.; Correct nomenclature of other flows; Exclusion of not permissible waste flows, sum indicator elementary flows etc.)	<p>Nomenclature of elementary flows is correct according to the flow check tool 1.2.1; no issues detected</p> <p>Elementary flows are compliant to ILCD nomenclature</p> <p>Product flows / correctness of product flows not verifiable as not standardized,</p> <p>Except of four (4) radioactive waste flows, all waste flows are modelled to the end of waste status</p> <p>Unspecific elementary flows are not used (e.g. VOC (air emission), heavy metals (unspecific emissions in water))</p>
<b>Documentation</b>	
Appropriateness of documentation (see Document "Documentation of LCA data sets")	<p>Documentation check tool applied, no issues detected.</p> <p>All mandatory and some optional documentation fields do contain supportive meta data about the setup of the LCI data set.</p>
Appropriateness / correctness of documentation form (ILCD Format)	Documentation of the dataset uses ILCD format provided by GaBi LCA software export