

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

Dimethylsulphate (DMS) Production via Ethers and SulphurTrioxide

Table 1: General review reporting items

REVIEW REPORTING	
General information	
Data set name	Dimethylsulphate (DMS) Production via Ethers and SulphurTrioxide (ELCD)
Data set UUID and version number	{219547B5-4A04-4DFF-A7D9-2F5E14320A4D} V1.0
Data set locator (e.g. Permanent URI, URL, contact point, or database name and version, etc.)	ERASM (www.erasm.org) Data sets will be made available via http://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ELCD3 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 (www.erasm.org)
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


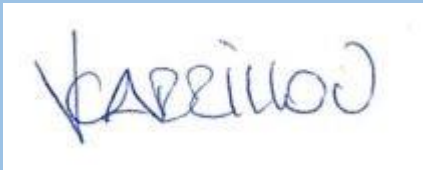
Reviewer assessment:			
Aspect	Yes	No	Comments
Quality compliance (aspects of ISO 14040 & 14044) fulfilled (see table 2)	x		See table 2
Method compliance (as in ISO 14040 & 14044) fulfilled and documented in data set	x		See table 2
Nomenclature compliance (see table 3) fulfilled	x		See table 3
Documentation 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>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>The data set represents the country / region specific situation in Europe, focusing on the main technologies, the region specific characteristics and import statistics.</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>Good.</p> <p>Dimethyl sulphate is industrially produced by the reaction of dimethyl ether and sulphur trioxide. The reaction is a continuous process and carried out in water-cooled, vertical aluminum or stainless steel tubes. The removal of dimethyl ether by vacuum distillation over anhydrous sodium sulphate in technical-grade dimethyl sulfate was considered in the model.</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"> - Check for plausibility of data sampling - Check of mass and energy balances - Cross-checks with other data sources and available data sets (LCIs)
<p>Completeness:</p> <p>“percentage of flow that is measured or estimated”;</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</p>

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assessed on level of process	<p>environmental relevance (according to expert judgment).</p> <p>Excluded from the analysis are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The construction of major capital equipment (infrastructure) - Maintenance and operation of sup-port equipment - Human labor and employee transport and - Packaging of final products <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 very good overall data quality. It represents a production average based on the year 2011. The inventory is mainly based on latest literature data and is completed, where necessary, by expert judgement.</p> <p>Industrial Inorganic Chemistry, 2000; Industrial Organic Chemistry, 2003; ULLMANN'S Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry; Selected Process from Chemical Process Economics, 1998; Reference Document on Best Available Techniques in the Large Volume Organic Chemical Industry</p>
<p>Overall data quality rating according to PEF evaluation scheme.</p>	<p>Good.</p> <p>Overall quality according to PEF validation scheme results in 2,0 interpreted into "very good overall quality" in the PEF quality validation scheme.</p>
Others	None.

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

ITEMs	Comments
Nomenclature	
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>
Documentation	
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