



# Single risk measures for mixture vapour exposure

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- Not included in:
  - “[gevaarlijkestoffen.zelfinspectie.nl](http://gevaarlijkestoffen.zelfinspectie.nl)”
  - ARBO “[kennisdossier gevaarlijke stoffen](http://kennisdossier.gevaarlijke.stoffen.nl)”.
  - Chesar, Stoffenmanager, ECETOC-TRA (first tier modelling)
- Included in (this presentation):
  1. DOHSBase Risk Assessment Score (RAS)
  2. “SER [www.veiligwerkenmetchemischestoffen.nl](http://www.veiligwerkenmetchemischestoffen.nl)”
  3. REACH: Critical component/DPD+
  4. IH sum-score: Critical impact



## Example mixture

Equimolar liquid mixture of Phenol, Butanol & Cumene

- critical impact: respiratory irritants (R37/Scoel, DOHSBase).
- Local short-term effect: compliance testing against  $OEL_{15min}$
- vapour concentrations can be combined



# 1. Risk Assessment Score

DOHSBase Compare EU-Xtend

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TOX: TRGS OEL: STEL in mg/m3

List of substances sorted on Risk Assessment Score (RAS)

| Name       | CAS-number | Physical state | R(isk)-phrases             | TOX | Cmax      | OEL     | TIX | RAS |
|------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----|-----------|---------|-----|-----|
| Butan-1-ol | 71-36-3    | vapor:Cmax>=1  | 11-22/37/38/41-67          | 2   | 2,67 E+04 | 45,000  | 1,6 | 3,2 |
| Phenol     | 108-95-2   | Solid          | 23/24/25-34-46/20/21/22-68 | 3   | 4,01 E+02 | 16,000  | 0,8 | 2,4 |
| Cumene     | 98-82-8    | Liquid         | 10-37-51/53-65             | 1   | 2,91 E+04 | 250,000 | 1,2 | 1,2 |

- TOX = R-phrases -> TRGS-classes [1,2,3 or 4].
  - nBut R22,41->TOX=2, Ph R68->Tox=3, Cumene R37,65->1
- $TIX = f(C_{max}/OEL)$  [range 0-4]
- $RAS = TIX * TOX$  [values between 0-16]



## 2. SER Guidance



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Som-score :  $\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \left( \frac{C_i}{OEL_i} \right) \leq 1$

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Inleiding

U bent bij het onderdeel werkplekfactoren aanbeland. Met dit deel van de route bepaalt u of het in uw situatie noodzakelijk is de grenswaarde te corrigeren. Deze aanpassing is noodzakelijk wanneer de manier waarop het werk wordt uitgevoerd, ervoor zorgt dat de gebruikte stoffen schadelijker of juist minder schadelijk voor de gezondheid zijn. [Klik op deze link voor meer uitleg](#)

Het invullen van de vragen die horen bij de route werkplekfactoren duurt ongeveer 10 minuten. U krijgt achtereenvolgens vragen over:

- \* Uw achtergrond
- \* De duur van de blootstelling in de situatie die u wilt onderzoeken
- \* Eigenschappen van de stof(fen) waaraan medewerkers worden blootgesteld
- \* Eventuele huidopname
- \* Eventuele gelijktijdige blootstelling aan meerdere stoffen.

Indien blootstelling aan meerdere stoffen met hetzelfde optreedt, moet de gecombineerde blootstelling worden beoordeeld aan de hand van de som-score. Hierbij wordt de bepaalde concentratie van de stof, gedeeld door de bedrijfsgrenswaarde. Het resultaat van deze berekening wordt van alle stoffen met hetzelfde effect bij elkaar opgeteld. Indien het resultaat van deze optelling kleiner is dan 1, dan is de blootstelling afdoende beheerst.

In alle andere gevallen dient in het plan van aanpak te worden beschreven hoe de blootstelling verlaagd gaat worden en hoe tot dat deze verlaging is gerealiseerd, de medewerkers zullen worden beschermd. Beoordeel aan de hand van stofinformatie in hoeverre de stoffen daadwerkelijk hetzelfde effect of hetzelfde doelorgaan hebben.



### 3. REACH: Critical component & DPD+

- Single mixture
- Per use (equal OC & RMM)
- Per exposure route
- grouped R-phrases

| Exposure route | R-phrases      | R-phrases  |
|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Inhalation     | 22, 25, 28     | 34, 35, 37 |
| Oral           | 20, 23, 26     |            |
| Dermal         | 21, 24, 27     | 34, 35, 38 |
| Eyes           | 34, 35, 36, 41 |            |



## 3.1 Steps in DPD+ method (Cefic)

1. Classify mixture  
Stop if there are no human health R phrases
2. Select lead substance per exposure route (based on LSI)
3. Select ES and contributing scenarios of relevance based on routes for the lead substances
4. Extract OC and RMM
5. Combine and remove overlap, eliminate inconsistencies



## 3.1 DPD+, no OEL needed

- CMR / PBT/vPvB substances always LSI
- $LSI_{inh} = \text{partial vapour pressure} / \text{concentration limit for classification } (C_{co})$
- $LSI_{skin \text{ or } oral} = \text{Concentration in mixture} / C_{co}$
- Critical components → substance with highest LSI (and all substances with LSI >90% of this LSI)





## 3.1 DPD+ lead substance

- Calculate  $LSI_{inh}$

| Substance | Classification             | Concentration in preparation (top of range) | Vapour pressure (Pa) | R-phrase(s) | class Conc'n limit | LSI    |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------|
| n-Butanol | 10-22, 37/38, 41, 67       | 0.33  | 890                  | R37         | 0.2                | 1483.3 |
| Phenol    | 23/24/25-34-48/20/21/22-68 | 0.33  | 10                   | R23         | 0.03               | 111.1  |
| Cumene    | 10-22, 37/38, 41, 67       | 0.33  | 600                  | R37         | 0.2                | 1000.0 |

- N-Butanol = lead substance
- Combined exposure (R22, 25) → sum concentration
- OC & RMM for 100% n-Butanol

## 3.2 Critical component (Echa)

- DNEL needed for all substances in the mixture
- 1. Critical component selected based on highest RCR  
!!! Make OC & RMM equal (Models may give different results)
- 2. Or potential for exposure → n-Butanol leading

| Substance | Classification             | Concentration<br>in preparation<br>(top of range) | Vapour<br>pressure<br>(Pa) | Mol wt | Limit<br>value<br>(mg/m3) | Maximum<br>vapour<br>concentration<br>mg/m3 | LSI  |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------|---------------------------|---|------|
| n-Butanol | 10-22, 37/38, 41, 67       | 0.33  | 890                        | 74.1   | 45                        | 10135                                       | 225  |
| Phenol    | 23/24/25-34-48/20/21/22-68 | 0.33  | 10                         | 94.1   | 16                        | 129   | 8.0  |
| Cumene    | 10, 37. 51/53, 65          | 0.33  | 600                        | 120.2  | 250                       | 9864  | 39.5 |



## 4. IH sum-score

Three IH sum-score based methods to test compliance of vapours from a single liquid mixture with equal critical impact components:

1. The ACGIH reciprocal method for hydrocarbons
2. The critical impact sum-score
3. The lead substance method (new?)



## 4.2 Critical impact sum-score

$$\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \left( \frac{C_i}{OEL_i} \right) \leq 1$$

$C_i$  the concentration in  $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$  of component  $i$   
components  $i=1 \rightarrow n$  with the same “critical impact”

## 4.2 Evaluation critical impact sum-score

Basis: Gr 1994/100SH  
Critical impact: oogirritatie

- Its independent of the emission source.
- Requires to find equal critical impact (e.g. irritation or CNS) using R/H phrases or the critical impact mentioned by e.g. Health Council/TLV Doc
- Critical impacts are included DOHSBase OEL tab
- Requires to measure all relevant  $C_i$  in the mixture to test  $\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \left( \frac{C_i}{OEL_i} \right) \leq 1$

In a **single** mixture,  $C_i$ 's are determined by their partial vapour pressures  $p_i$  **which are mutual dependent**.

So you can test one component with a  $p_i$  adjusted OEL

- 4.2a: Raoult ideal partial vapour pressures
- 4.2b: XLUnifac, correction for non ideal behaviour



## 4.3a Raoult's law

The vapour pressure of a single-phase mixture is (*in theory*) equal to the mole-fraction-weighted sum of the components' vapour pressures:

$$p_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (p_i * X_i)$$

Where  $p_i$  is the mixture's vapour pressure,  $i$  is one of the components of the mixture and  $X_i$  is the mole fraction of the component in the liquid mixture.

$p_{i,x} = p_i * X_i$  is the partial pressure of component  $i$  in the mixture



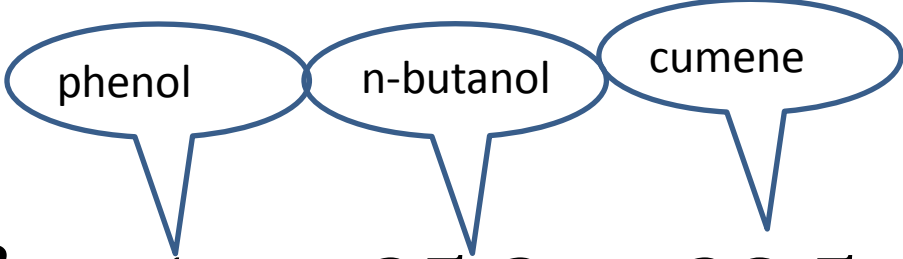
## 4.3a Raoult saturated sum-score(RIR)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{i=3} \left( \frac{c_{p,x}}{16} + \frac{c_{b,x}}{45} + \frac{c_{c,x}}{250} \right) = 26$$

| components in the 1:1:1 M mixture | DOHBase vapor pressure $p_i$ in Pa | Raoult (partial) $p_{i,x}$ in Pa | Raoult partial saturated $C_{i,x}$ in $\text{mg/m}^3$ | Individual $\text{OEL}_{i,15\text{min}}$ in $\text{mg/m}^3$ | Saturated OEL ratio (RIR-index) and sum-score | $\text{OEL}_{i,15\text{min}}$ in $\text{mg/m}^3$ in the vapor mixture |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Cumene (c)                        | 600.0                              | 200.0                            | 1001.7  | 250   | 4.0   | 38.52   |
| n-Butanol (b)                     | 890.0                              | 296.7                            | 916.2   | 45  | 20.4  | 35.24   |
| Phenol (p)                        | 20.0                               | 6.7                              | 26.1  | 16  | 1.6   | 1.01  |
| Mixture                           |                                    | 503.3                            | 1944.0  |   | 26.0  |   |



## 4.3a. Adjusted OELs in a liquid mixture to comply the sum-score


$$\sum_{i=1}^{i=3} \left( \frac{1}{16} + \frac{35.2}{45} + \frac{38.5}{250} \right) = 1$$

Component OELs to keep the Sum-score<1





## 4.3a Evaluation lead substance using Raoult

- Critical impact compliance to the vapour of a single liquid mixture can be tested with a vapour pressure adjusted OEL of one component!
- Possible lead substance (=suitable DOHSBase measurement method):
  - Phenol: **No** -> BIA 8330/NIOSH 2546. LoD>10% OEL<sub>adj</sub>=1 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. Phenol in urine BLV<sub>adj</sub> probably at or below background level
  - Cumene: **Yes**-> NVN 2949/2959, MDHS 80. **Diffusive** LoD<10% OEL<sub>adj</sub>=38
  - Butanol : **Yes** -> NVN 2948/2987 , MDHS 72. Active LoD<10% OEL<sub>adj</sub>=35
- However .... partial vapour pressures deviate from Raoult. They do not behave ideal according to  $p_{i,x} = p_i * X_i$



## 4.3b non-ideal liquid mixtures

For non-ideal cases: estimate (partial) vapour pressures using [XLUNIFAC](#) :

$$p_{a,tot} = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (a_i * p_{i,x})$$

Where  $a_i$  is the mixture's non-ideal vapour pressure activity coefficient and

$p_{a,x,i} = a_i * p_{i,x}$  is the adjusted partial vapour pressure of component  $i$  in the mixture.

## 4.3b component OELs in a non-ideal liquid mixture to comply the sum-score

phenol      n-butanol      cumene

$$\sum_{i=1}^{i=3} \left( \frac{.69}{16} + \frac{28.5}{45} + \frac{80.8}{250} \right) = 1$$

|   |   | Raoult   |   | XLUnifac non-ideal partial vapor pressure correction |  |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| Compo-<br>nents<br>in the<br>1:1:1 M<br>mixture | Individual<br>OEL <sub>i,15min</sub><br>in<br>mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Partial<br>vapor<br>pressure<br>p <sub>i,x</sub> in Pa | Adjusted<br>OEL <sub>i,15m</sub><br>(mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) of the<br>ideal vapor<br>mixture | activity<br>coefficient<br>a <sub>i</sub>            | corrected<br>vapor<br>pressure<br>p <sub>a,i,x</sub> in Pa | saturated<br>C <sub>a,i,x</sub> in<br>mg/m <sup>3</sup> | Saturted OEL<br>ratio (RIR-<br>index) and<br>sum-score | Corrected<br>OEL <sub>i,15min</sub><br>(mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) of<br>the vapor<br>mixture |
| Cumene  | 250   | 200.0  | 38.5  | 1.95   | 390.8  | 1957.3  | 7.8  | 80.8   |
| n-Butanol                                       | 45  | 296.7  | 35.2  | 0.75   | 223.9  | 691.4   | 15.4   | 28.5   |
| Phenol  | 16  | 6.7  | 1.0   | 0.64   | 4.3  | 16.7  | 1.0  | 0.7  |
| Mixture   |   |  |   |  | 618.9  | 2665.4  | 24.2   |  |



## 4.2b XLUnifac evaluation

- XLUnifac is used in process industry, but not validated in IH
- Recommended by Advanced Reach Tool
- Non-ideal behaviour of this mixture:
  - increases Cumene evaporation
  - decreases Phenol & Butanol evaporation
- Preferred lead substance (=precaution + measurement method):
  - Phenol: No ->  $\text{LoD} > 10\% \text{ OEL}_{\text{adj, xlunifac}}$
  - Cumene: Yes -> NVN 2949/2959, MDHS 80. **Diffusive**  $\text{LoD} < 10\% \text{ OEL}_{\text{adj, raoult}} = 38$
  - Butanol : active  $\text{LoD} < 10\% \text{ OEL}_{\text{adj, xlunifac}} = 28$ , evaporation from mixture ↓



# Proposed approach

1. Identify worst case with DOHSBase Compare RAS
  - Combine with use for non 1-mixture (next presentation, Rene Bekman)
2. With comparable RAS values and use, try SER sum-score
3. If SER sum-score is not feasible/realistic:
  - Single mixture, single source:
    - IH approach: Lead substance using Raoult (4.3a) or XLUnifact (4.3b -> ART, Stoffenmanager)
    - REACH : DPD+ (3.1) or critical substance (3.2)
  - Diffuse emission or several mixtures:
    - Reciprocal TLV method for hydrocarbons (4.1)
    - IH critical impact sum-score (4.2)
    - Sum-score with “effect specific limit values”
- Strategic and motivated choices
- So IH expertise stays required



# Challenges

Include single mixture, single source method in DOHSBase ?

Integrate XLUnifac IH Sum-score approach in REACH CSR?

How to handle if precise information on (molar) concentrations in mixtures is not available?

(the real practice)

How to handle in REACH, exposure to several mixtures with (partly) the same components at one time ?

(the real practice)

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