

Cefic recommendations for associations on the preparation of use mappings

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The recommendations below are intended to support Downstream user associations and other organisations who are preparing use mappings.

- **Format:** Excel is the preferred format (and not PDF). It is necessary to facilitate download and further processing of the selected content from the association's web pages.
- **Language:** English.
- **Format entry fields:** A single value per key entry field is preferred to allow better IT handling. With using multiple values per entry field, additional formatting might be needed i.e. values separated by ','.
See below following example:

ing	SU 3, SU 21, SU 22	PROC 21	n.a.	n.a.	ERC 8a, ERC 8c
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Multiple entries, e.g. for the sector of use (SU 3, SU 21, and SU 22) or for the environmental release category (ERC 8a, ERC 8c) are from the IT point of view not beneficial for the users of this information in terms of further processing in their own IT environment.

- **Information associated to the users selection:** Following the selection of key entry fields (set of descriptors) by the user of the Cefic library, all associated fields on the association's web page should be displayed / downloadable, e.g. also the relevant exposure modifier, RMMs association to the selection.
- **Reference to the Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R. 12, Use descriptor system:** It should be always clear to which version of the use descriptor guidance the current use mapping is referring to. As the final version of the use descriptor guidance is not yet published, it might not be advisable to up-date the use mapping on the sector association's web pages with every guidance update.
- **Content of entry fields:** Cefic use (descriptor) library only displays a selected content of the associations use mapping and will not change the content in any way. Cefic is not responsible for the content.

- Maintenance and update: Cefic does not maintain or update sector association libraries nor is their owner.
- Further general remarks on use mapping libraries:
 - The ECHA guidance chapter R 12 on use descriptor mapping follows a certain systematic which should be reflected in the sector association libraries.
Benefit: Higher degree of harmonization, more transparency.
 - Application may function as a headline to assign a set of use descriptors to the respective industry application.
Benefit: Supports the quick allocation of the desired industry sector.
 - Exposure scenario titles and description of process & activity should be described as defined in the according ECHA guidance.
 - Descriptor codes should be aligned with an according set of descriptors, description of process and activity and respective exposure modifiers and RMMs. See below following example:

A10602 A10608 A10614	Industrial application of coatings or inks (PC3, 18)	equipment cleaning <i>enclosed off-line - indoor</i>	SU 3	PROC 3	n
A10603 A10609 A10615	Industrial application of coatings or inks (PC3, 18)	equipment cleaning <i>open in situ - indoor</i>	SU 3	PROC 5	n
	Industrial application of coatings or inks	equipment cleaning <i>open in situ - outdoor</i>	SU 3	PROC 5	n

One code should be unique to a set of use descriptor instead of having multiple codes or code combinations. Multiple codes assigned to the same set of descriptors are not beneficial from an IT point of view, as already described above.

Benefit: Clear assignment of codes aligned to a set of use descriptors, good IT handling.

- Detailed sector codes (e.g. Nace, TARIC) or additional free text should be only uses if necessary for deeper understanding of the displayed uses.
Benefit: Higher degree of harmonization.
- The DUCC template and the SES template¹ is helpful as a general format for the exposure modifier and RMMs to allow a Tier I exposure assessment with ECETOC TRA. Nevertheless, further necessary information for an exposure assessment may be added.

Benefit: Higher degree of harmonization, assignment of exposure assessment data.

¹ DUCC and SES templates are available at: <http://cefic.be/templates/shwPublications.asp?HID=750&T=806>

