

ANNOUNCEMENT: no new release of ECom standard phrase catalogue

In December 2017 the ECom Standard project has released the ECom standard phrase catalogue, version 3.1. Originally a next release of the catalogue was planned for April 2018. It has been decided NOT to release an updated version of the catalogue for the following reasons:

- There are no changes to existing standard phrases in the catalogue.
- No new phrases have been submitted by sector organizations so far.
- All phrases submitted by companies have been rejected for inclusion.

Therefore the ECom standard phrase catalogue version 3.1 will remain the current version. The next release of the catalogue is planned for December 2018. This release is expected to contain modified and new standard phrases covering:

- Use map, SWED and SCED information, as far as relevant for the downstream user and as far as available and agreed on with ECom by sector organizations.
- Information for the downstream user if working outside the boundaries of the exposure scenario (section 4 information), provided agreement has been reached on tools, approach and scope.
- Information on conditions used in the most common exposure assessment tools that are relevant to communicate to the downstream user, again provided the consolidation of the standard phrases for use conditions has been successfully achieved.

The full ECom package (ECom XML version 2.0 and ECom standard phrase catalogue version 3.1 plus its supporting documentation and including the so-called XPATH mapping) is available for download from the [Cefic website](#). Note that the catalogue can also be downloaded as a Chesar import file, allowing the use of the ECom standard phrases in Chesar. The ECom standard phrase catalogue is also available on the [eSDScom website](#). The ECom version 3.1 is aligned with Chesar v3.3.

Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding set out between the participants in the ECom project, any user wishing to download the ECom XML standard will be asked to execute a free of charge User-License prior to getting access to the XML Format materials. (NB: The catalogue per se is free of any such license).

After a freeze period of more than 2 years for the ECom XML version 2.0, the ECom IT working group will initiate the development of an XML version 2.1. One of the main reasons for a modified version is the future need to exchange information on use maps, SWEDs and SCEDs. The development will take place under an open source license (Creative Commons). The release of the ECom XML version 2.1 is foreseen by December 2018.

SAP, one of the members in the ECom IT working group, has decided to terminate its participation in this group. This decision results from internal business reasons and internal

portfolio prioritization. SAP will continue to use the ECom XML standard and the ECom phrase catalogue. In addition, SAP will monitor the further adoption of ECom XML in the market and will decide about a re-engagement should a new development arise.

The decision by SAP will have no implications for the further development of the ECom standard phrase catalogue nor for the ECom XML.

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