

RELEASE NOTES ECom standard phrase catalogue, version 3.1

The ECom Standard project has released the ECom standard phrase catalogue, version 3.1. These notes describe the main changes that were implemented in the update from the predecessor version 3.0. The ECom XML scheme has not been modified.

The full ECom package (ECom XML version 2.0 and ECom standard phrase catalogue version 3.1 plus supporting documentation) 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](#).

Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding set forth 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-Licence prior to getting access to the XML Format materials. (NB: The catalogue per se is free of any such licence).

Notes:

- Section 1 standard phrases (Title Section): 5 new title phrases have been added to this section (1 originating from ESIG¹, 5 from ECPA²). A small part of the existing section 1 phrases (so-called “scope” phrases) is still under review, pending discussions with sector organizations. The review is expected to be fully finalized with the next release of the catalogue.
- Section 2 standard phrases (Conditions of Use): 7 new phrases have been added (2 related to AFD (Amounts, Frequency, Duration), 3 to PC (Product Characteristics), 1 to OOC (Other Operational Conditions) and 1 to PPE (Personal Protection Equipment); furthermore 2 phrases in the catalogue have been re-activated and for 6 phrases the option to contain a value and unit has been added (change of metadata).
- Section 3 standard phrases (Exposure Estimation): the catalogue has been extended with 7 new phrases: 5 new SPERC phrases and 2 new phrases on sub-models in the ConsExpo tool.
- Section 4 standard phrases (Guidance to DU): the review of these phrases has been postponed sofar due to insufficient clarity on the application of scaling for conditions in exposure scenarios. A review of these phrases has been planned for the next release.

¹ ESIG: *European Solvents Industry Group*

² ECPA: *European Crop Protection Association*

- All new phrases were submitted via the [on-line proposal tool](#). The proposals were reviewed and accepted following the procedures of the ESCom phrase working group.
- The so-called XPATH mapping for version 3.1 of the ESCom standard phrase catalogue is available for download from the [Cefic website](#). The XPATH mapping supports IT providers in the import of the ESCom standard phrases in their systems.

Overall, the changes from version 3.0 to 3.1 consist of 19 new phrases, 2 reactivated phrases and 6 phrases for which the metadata have changed. As a result, version 3.1 of the ESCom standard phrase catalogue contains 2503 phrases, 1690 of which are active phrases, and 813 are inactive.

This release is aligned with Chesar v3.2 and Chesar v3.3 (to be released in November 2017). The next release of the catalogue is planned for April 2018.

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