Appendix: Exposure scenarios

The current document includes all relevant occupational and environmental exposure scenarios (ES) for the production and use of calcium oxide as required under the REACH Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006). For the development of the ES the Regulation and the relevant REACH Guidance have been considered. For the description of the covered uses and processes, the "R.12 – Use descriptor system" guidance (Version: 2, March 2010, ECHA-2010-G-05-EN), for the description and implementation of risk management measures (RMM) the "R.13 – Risk management measures" guidance (Version: 1.1, May 2008), for the occupational exposure estimation the "R.14 – Occupational exposure estimation" guidance (Version: 2, May 2010, ECHA-2010-G-09-EN) and for the actual environmental exposure assessment the "R.16 – Environmental Exposure Assessment" (Version: 2, May 2010, ECHA-10-G-06-EN) was used.

Methodology used for environmental exposure assessment

The environmental exposure scenarios only address the assessment at the local scale, including municipal sewage treatment plants (STPs) or industrial waste water treatment plants (WWTPs) when applicable, for industrial and professional uses as any effects that might occur is expected to take place on a local scale.

1) Industrial uses (local scale)

The exposure and risk assessment is only relevant for the aquatic environment, when applicable including STPs/WWTPs, as emissions in the industrial stages mainly apply to (waste) water. The aquatic effect and risk assessment only deal with the effect on organisms/ecosystems due to possible pH changes related to OH^- discharges. The exposure assessment for the aquatic environment only deals with the possible pH changes in STP effluent and surface water related to the OH^- discharges at the local scale and is performed by assessing the resulting pH impact: the surface water pH should not increase above 9 (In general, most aquatic organisms can tolerate pH values in the range of 6-9).

Risk management measures related to the environment aim to avoid discharging calcium oxide solutions into municipal wastewater or to surface water, in case such discharges are expected to cause significant pH changes. Regular control of the pH value during introduction into open waters is required. Discharges should be carried out such that pH changes in receiving surface waters are minimised. The effluent pH is normally measured and can be neutralised easily, as often required by national laws.

2) Professional uses (local scale)

The exposure and risk assessment is only relevant for the aquatic and terrestrial environment. The aquatic effect and risk assessment is determined by the pH effect. Nevertheless, the classical risk characterisation ratio (RCR), based on PEC (predicted environmental concentration) and PNEC (predicted no effect concentration) is calculated. The professional uses on a local scale refer to applications on agricultural or urban soil. The environmental exposure is assessed based on data and a modelling tool. The modelling FOCUS/ Exposit tool is used to assess terrestrial and aquatic exposure (typically conceived for biocidal applications).

Details and scaling approach indications are reported in the specific scenarios.

Methodology used for occupational exposure assessment

By definition an exposure scenario (ES) has to describe under which operational conditions (OC) and risk management measure (RMMs) the substance can be handled safely. This is demonstrated if the estimated exposure level is below the respective derived no-effect level (DNEL), which is expressed in the risk characterisation ratio (RCR).

For workers, the repeated dose DNEL for inhalation as well as the acute DNEL for inhalation are based on the respective recommendations of the scientific committee on occupational exposure limits (SCOEL) being 1 mg/m³ and 4 mg/m³, respectively.

In cases where neither measured data nor analogous data are available, occupational exposure is assessed with the aid of a modelling tool. At the first tier screening level, the MEASE tool (http://www.ebrc.de/mease.html) is used to assess inhalation exposure according to the ECHA guidance (R.14).

Since the SCOEL recommendation refers to respirable dust while the exposure estimates in MEASE reflect the inhalable fraction, an additional safety margin is inherently included in the exposure scenarios below when MEASE has been used to derive exposure estimates.

Methodology used for consumer exposure assessment

By definition an ES has to describe under which conditions the substances, preparation or articles can be handled safely. In cases where neither measured data nor analogous data are available, exposure is assessed with the aid of a modelling tool.

For consumers, the repeated dose DNEL for inhalation as well as the acute DNEL for inhalation are based on the respective recommendations of the Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL), being 1 mg/m³ and 4 mg/m³, respectively.

For inhalation exposure to powders the data, derived from van Hemmen (van Hemmen, 1992: Agricultural pesticide exposure data bases for risk assessment. Rev Environ Contam Toxicol. 126: 1-85.), has been used to calculate the inhalation exposure. The inhalation exposure for consumers is estimated at 15 µg/hr or 0.25 µg/min. For larger tasks the inhalation exposure is expected to be higher. A factor of 10 is suggested when the product amount exceeds 2.5 kg, resulting in the inhalation exposure of 150 µg/hr. To convert these values in mg/m³ a default value of 1.25 m³/hr for the breathing volume under light working conditions will be assumed (van Hemmen, 1992) giving 12 µg/m³ for small tasks and 120 µg/m³ for larger tasks.

When the preparation or substance is applied in granular form or as tablets, reduced exposure to dust was assumed. To take this into account if data about particle size distribution and attrition of the granule are lacking, the model for powder formulations is used, assuming a reduction in dust formation by 10 % according to Becks and Falks (Manual for the authorisation of pesticides. Plant protection products. Chapter 4 Human toxicology; risk operator, worker and bystander, version 1.0., 2006).

For dermal exposure and exposure to the eye a qualitative approach has been followed, as no DNEL could be derived for this route due to the irritating properties of calcium oxide. Oral exposure was not assessed as this is not a foreseeable route of exposure regarding the uses addressed.

Since the SCOEL recommendation refers to respirable dust while the exposure estimates by the model from van Hemmen reflect the inhalable fraction, an additional safety margin is inherently included in the exposure scenarios below, i.e. the exposure estimates are very conservative.

The exposure assessment of calcium oxide professional and industrial and consumer use is performed and organized based on several scenarios. An overview of the scenarios and the coverage of substance life cycle are presented in Table 1. In the end of the document the lists of abbreviations of ECHA Use Descriptor System are presented in tables 2-6.

1. Table 1: Overview on exposure scenarios and coverage of substance life cycle

ES number	Exposure scenario title	Identified uses				Resulting life cycle stage	Linked to Identified Use	Sector of use category (SU)	Chemical Product Category (PC)	Process category (PROC)	Article category (AC)	Environmental release category (ERC)
		Manufacture	Formulation	End use	Consumer	Service life (for articles)						
9.1	Manufacture and industrial uses of aqueous solutions of lime substances	X	X	X		X	1	3; 1, 2a, 2b, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9a, 9b, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7, 12a, 12b, 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b
9.2	Manufacture and industrial uses of low dusty solids/powders of lime substances	X	X	X		X	2	3; 1, 2a, 2b, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9a, 9b, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27a, 27b	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7, 12a, 12b, 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b
9.3	Manufacture and industrial uses of medium dusty solids/powders of lime substances	X	X	X		X	3	3; 1, 2a, 2b, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9a, 9b, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27a, 27b	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7, 12a, 12b, 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b

ES number	Exposure scenario title	Manufacture	Identified uses			Resulting life cycle stage	Linked to Identified Use	Sector of use category (SU)	Chemical Product Category (PC)	Process category (PROC)	Article category (AC)	Environmental release category (ERC)
			Formulation	End use	Consumer	Service life (for articles)						
9.4	Manufacture and industrial uses of high dusty solids/powders of lime substances	X	X	X		X	4	3; 1, 2a, 2b, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9a, 9b, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27a, 27b	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7, 12a, 12b, 10a, 11a
9.5	Manufacture and industrial uses of massive objects containing lime substances	X	X	X		X	5	3; 1, 2a, 2b, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9a, 9b, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	6, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7, 12a, 12b, 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b
9.6	Professional uses of aqueous solutions of lime substances		X	X		X	6	22; 1, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9a, 9b, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	2, 3, 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	2, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f
9.7	Professional uses of low dusty solids/powders of lime substances		X	X		X	7	22; 1, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9a, 9b, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	2, 3, 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	2, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f

ES number	Exposure scenario title	Manufacture	Identified uses			Resulting life cycle stage	Linked to Identified Use	Sector of use category (SU)	Chemical Product Category (PC)	Process category (PROC)	Article category (AC)	Environmental release category (ERC)
			Formulation	End use	Consumer	Service life (for articles)						
9.8	Professional uses of medium dusty solids/powders of lime substances		X	X		X	8	22; 1, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9a, 9b, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	2, 3, 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	2, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, 9a, 9b
9.9	Professional uses of high dusty solids/powders of lime substances		X	X		X	9	22; 1, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9a, 9b, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	2, 3, 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	2, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f
9.10	Professional use of lime substances in soil treatment		X	X			10	22	9b	5, 8b, 11, 26		2, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f
9.11	Professional uses of articles/containers containing lime substances			X		X	11	22; 1, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24		0, 21, 24, 25	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	10a, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b

ES number	Exposure scenario title	Manufacture	Identified uses			Resulting life cycle stage	Linked to Identified Use	Sector of use category (SU)	Chemical Product Category (PC)	Process category (PROC)	Article category (AC)	Environmental release category (ERC)
			Formulation	End use	Consumer	Service life (for articles)						
9.12	Consumer use of building and construction material (DIY)				X		X	21	9b, 9a			8
9.13	Consumer use of CO_2 absorbent in breathing apparatuses				X		X	21	2			8
9.14	Consumer use of garden lime/fertilizer				X		X	21	20, 12			8e
9.15	Consumer use of lime substances as water treatment chemicals in aquaria				X		X	21	20, 37			8
9.16	Consumer use of cosmetics containing lime substances				X		X	21	39			8

ES number 9.1: Manufacture and industrial uses of aqueous solutions of lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers

1. Title

Free short title	Manufacture and industrial uses of aqueous solutions of lime substances
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU3, SU1, SU2a, SU2b, SU4, SU5, SU6a, SU6b, SU7, SU8, SU9, SU10, SU11, SU12, SU13, SU14, SU15, SU16, SU17, SU18, SU19, SU20, SU23, SU24 PC1, PC2, PC3, PC7, PC8, PC9a, PC9b, PC11, PC12, PC13, PC14, PC15, PC16, PC17, PC18, PC19, PC20, PC21, PC23, PC24, PC25, PC26, PC27, PC28, PC29, PC30, PC31, PC32, PC33, PC34, PC35, PC36, PC37, PC38, PC39, PC40 AC1, AC2, AC3, AC4, AC5, AC6, AC7, AC8, AC10, AC11, AC13 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on the exposure estimation tool MEASE.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

PROC/ERC	REACH definition	Involved tasks
PROC 1	Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure	Further information is provided in the ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.12: Use descriptor system (ECHA-2010-G-05-EN).
PROC 2	Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure	
PROC 3	Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)	
PROC 4	Use in batch and other process (synthesis) where opportunity for exposure arises	
PROC 5	Mixing or blending in batch processes for formulation of preparations and articles (multistage and/or significant contact)	
PROC 7	Industrial spraying	
PROC 8a	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at non-dedicated facilities	
PROC 8b	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/ discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at dedicated facilities	
PROC 9	Transfer of substance or preparation into small containers (dedicated filling line, including weighing)	
PROC 10	Roller application or brushing	
PROC 12	Use of blowing agents in manufacture of foam	
PROC 13	Treatment of articles by dipping and pouring	
PROC 14	Production of preparations or articles by tabletting, compression, extrusion, pelletisation	
PROC 15	Use as laboratory reagent	
PROC 16	Using material as fuel sources, limited exposure to unburned product to be expected	
PROC 17	Lubrication at high energy conditions and in partly open process	
PROC 18	Greasing at high energy conditions	
PROC 19	Hand-mixing with intimate contact and only PPE available	
ERC 1-7, 12	Manufacture, formulation and all types of industrial uses	
ERC 10, 11	Wide-dispersive outdoor and indoor use of long-life articles and materials	

2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential. The spraying of aqueous solutions (PROC7 and 11) is assumed to be involved with a medium emission.

PROC	Used in preparation?	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
PROC 7	not restricted		aqueous solution	medium
All other applicable PROCs	not restricted		aqueous solution	very low

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. Professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

PROC	Duration of exposure
PROC 7	≤ 240 minutes
All other applicable PROCs	480 minutes (not restricted)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure

Since aqueous solutions are not used in hot-metallurgical processes, operational conditions (e.g. process temperature and process pressure) are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker

PROC	Level of separation	Localised controls (LC)	Efficiency of LC (according to MEASE)	Further information
PROC 7	Any potentially required separation of workers from the emission source is indicated above under "Frequency and duration of exposure". A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure.	local exhaust ventilation	78 %	-
PROC 19		not applicable	na	-
All other applicable PROCs		not required	na	-

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure

Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation				
PROC	**Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)**	**RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)**	**Specification of gloves**	**Further personal protective equipment (PPE)**
PROC 7	FFP1 mask	APF=4	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
All other applicable PROCs	not required	na		

Any RPE as defined above shall only be worn if the following principles are implemented in parallel: The duration of work (compare with "duration of exposure" above) should reflect the additional physiological stress for the worker due to the breathing resistance and mass of the RPE itself, due to the increased thermal stress by enclosing the head. In addition, it shall be considered that the worker's capability of using tools and of communicating are reduced during the wearing of RPE.

For reasons as given above, the worker should therefore be (i) healthy (especially in view of medical problems that may affect the use of RPE), (ii) have suitable facial characteristics reducing leakages between face and mask (in view of scars and facial hair). The recommended devices above which rely on a tight face seal will not provide the required protection unless they fit the contours of the face properly and securely.

The employer and self-employed persons have legal responsibilities for the maintenance and issue of respiratory protective devices and the management of their correct use in the workplace. Therefore, they should define and document a suitable policy for a respiratory protective device programme including training of the workers.

An overview of the APFs of different RPE (according to BS EN 529:2005) can be found in the glossary of MEASE.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure

Amounts used

The daily and annual amount per site (for point sources) is not considered to be the main determinant for environmental exposure.

Frequency and duration of use

Intermittent (< 12 time per year) or continuous use/release

Environment factors not influenced by risk management

Flow rate of receiving surface water: 18000 m³/day

Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure

Effluent discharge rate: 2000 m³/day

Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil

Risk management measures related to the environment aim to avoid discharging lime solutions into municipal wastewater or to surface water, in case such discharges are expected to cause significant pH changes. Regular control of the pH value during introduction into open waters is required. In general discharges should be carried out such that pH changes in receiving surface waters are minimised (e.g. through neutralisation). In general most aquatic organisms can tolerate pH values in the range of 6-9. This is also reflected in the description of standard OECD tests with aquatic organisms. The justification for this risk management measure can be found in the introduction section.

Conditions and measures related to waste

Solid industrial waste of lime should be reused or discharged to the industrial wastewater and further neutralized if needed.

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

Occupational exposure

The exposure estimation tool MEASE was used for the assessment of inhalation exposure. The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and has to be below 1 to demonstrate a safe use. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the DNEL for calcium oxide of 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate derived using MEASE (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction being a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

PROC	Method used for inhalation exposure assessment	Inhalation exposure estimate (RCR)	Method used for dermal exposure assessment	Dermal exposure estimate (RCR)
PROC 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	MEASE	< 1 mg/m³ (0.001 – 0.66)	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. A DNEL for dermal effects has not been derived. Thus, dermal exposure is not assessed in this exposure scenario.	

Environmental exposure

The environmental exposure assessment is only relevant for the aquatic environment, when applicable including STPs/WWTPs, as emissions of lime substance in the different life-cycle stages (production and use) mainly apply to (waste) water. The aquatic effect and risk assessment only deal with the effect on organisms/ecosystems due to possible pH changes related to OH- discharges, being the toxicity of Ca2+ is expected to be negligible compared to the (potential) pH effect. Only the local scale is being addressed, including municipal sewage treatment plants (STPs) or industrial waste water treatment plants (WWTPs) when applicable, both for production and industrial use as any effects that might occur would be expected to take place on a local scale. The high water solubility and very low vapour pressure indicate that lime substance will be found predominantly in water. Significant emissions or exposure to air are not expected due to the low vapour pressure of lime substance. Significant emissions or exposure to the terrestrial environment are not expected either for this exposure scenario. The exposure assessment for the aquatic environment will therefore only deal with the possible pH changes in STP effluent and surface water related to the OH- discharges at the local scale. The exposure assessment is approached by assessing the resulting pH impact: the surface water pH should not increase above 9.

Environmental emissions	The production of lime substance can potentially result in an aquatic emission and locally increase the lime substance concentration and affect the pH in the aquatic environment. When the pH is not neutralised, the discharge of effluent from lime substance production sites may impact the pH in the receiving water. The pH of effluents is normally measured very frequently and can be neutralised easily as often required by national laws.
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Waste water from lime substance production is an inorganic wastewater stream and therefore there is no biological treatment. Therefore, wastewater streams from lime substance production sites will normally not be treated in biological waste water treatment plants (WWTPs), but can be used for pH control of acid wastewater streams that are treated in biological WWTPs.
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	When lime substance is emitted to surface water, sorption to particulate matter and sediment will be negligible. When lime is rejected to surface water, the pH may increase, depending on the buffer capacity of the water. The higher the buffer capacity of the water, the lower the effect on pH will be. In general the buffer capacity preventing shifts in acidity or alkalinity in natural waters is regulated by the equilibrium between carbon dioxide (CO2), the bicarbonate ion (HCO3-) and the carbonate ion (CO32-).
Exposure concentration in sediments	The sediment compartment is not included in this ES, because it is not considered relevant for lime substance: when lime substance is emitted to the aquatic compartment, sorption of to sediment particles is negligible.
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	The terrestrial compartment is not included in this exposure scenario, because it is not considered to be relevant.
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	The air compartment is not included in this CSA because it is considered not relevant for lime substance: when emitted to air as an aerosol in water, lime substance is neutralised as a result of its reaction with CO2 (or other acids), into HCO3- and Ca2+. Subsequently, the salts (e.g. calcium(bi)carbonate) are washed out from the air and thus the atmospheric emissions of neutralised lime substance largely end up in soil and water.
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	Bioaccumulation in organisms is not relevant for lime substance: a risk assessment for secondary poisoning is therefore not required.

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

Occupational exposure

The DU works inside the boundaries set by the ES if either the proposed risk management measures as described above are met or the downstream user can demonstrate on his own that his operational conditions and implemented risk management measures are adequate. This has to be done by showing that they limit the inhalation and dermal exposure to a level below the respective DNEL (given that the processes and activities in question are covered by the PROCs listed above) as given below. If measured data are not available, the DU may make use of an appropriate scaling tool such as MEASE (www.ebrc.de/mease.html) to estimate the associated exposure. The dustiness of the substance used can be determined according to the MEASE glossary. For example, substances with a dustiness less than 2.5 % according to the Rotating Drum Method (RDM) are defined as “low dusty”, substances with a dustiness less than 10 % (RDM) are defined as “medium dusty” and substances with a dustiness ≥10 % are defined as “high dusty”.

$DNEL_{inhalation}$: 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust)

Important note: The DU has to be aware of the fact that apart from the long-term DNEL given above, a DNEL for acute effects exists at a level of 4 mg/m³. By demonstrating a safe use when comparing exposure estimates with the long-term DNEL, the acute DNEL is therefore also covered (according to R.14 guidance, acute exposure levels can be derived by multiplying long-term exposure estimates by a factor of 2). When using MEASE for the derivation of exposure estimates, it is noted that the exposure duration should only be reduced to half-shift as a risk management measure (leading to an exposure reduction of 40 %).

Environmental exposure

If a site does not comply with the conditions stipulated in the safe use ES, it is recommended to apply a tiered approach to perform a more site-specific assessment. For that assessment, the following stepwise approach is recommended.

Tier 1: retrieve information on effluent pH and the contribution of the lime substance on the resulting pH. Should the pH be above 9 and be predominantly attributable to lime, then further actions are required to demonstrate safe use.

Tier 2a: retrieve information on receiving water pH after the discharge point. The pH of the receiving water shall not exceed the value of 9. If the measures are not available, the pH in the river can be calculated as follows:

$$pHriver = Log\left[\frac{Qeffluent * 10^{pHeffluent} + Qriverupstream * 10^{pHupstream}}{Qriverupstream + Qeffluent}\right]$$

(Eq 1)

Where:

Q effluent refers to the effluent flow (in m³/day)

Q river upstream refers to the upstream river flow (in m³/day)

pH effluent refers to the pH of the effluent

pH upstream river refers to the pH of the river upstream of the discharge point

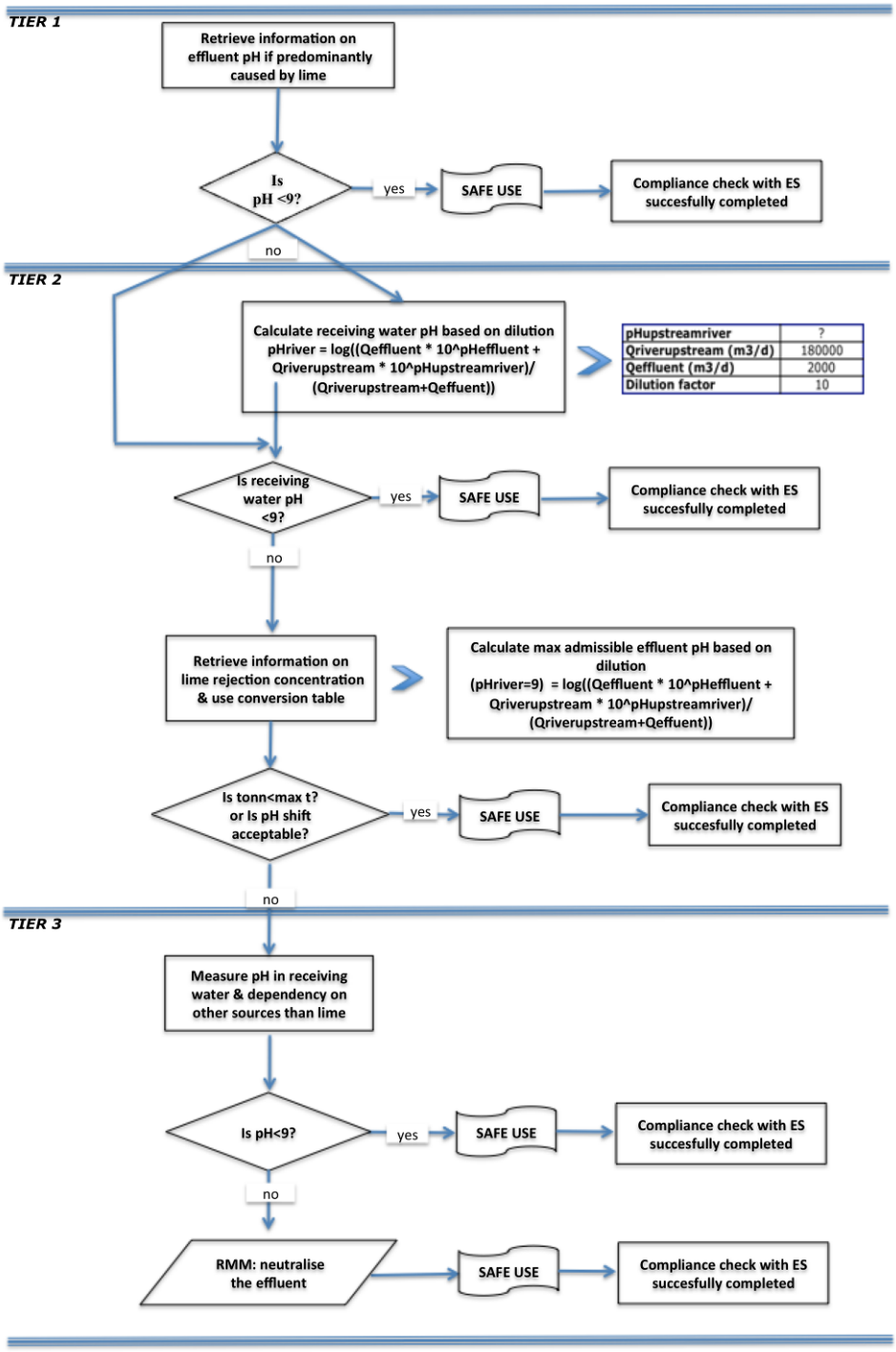
Please note that initially, default values can be used:

- Q river upstream flows: use the 10th of existing measurements distribution or use default value of 18000 m³/day
- Q effluent: use default value of 2000 m³/day
- The upstream pH is preferably a measured value. If not available, one can assume a neutral pH of 7 if this can be justified.

Such equation has to be seen as a worst case scenario, where water conditions are standard and not case specific.

Tier 2b: Equation 1 can be used to identify which effluent pH causes an acceptable pH level in the receiving body. In order to do so, pH of the river is set at value 9 and pH of the effluent is calculated accordingly (using default values as reported previously, if necessary). As temperature influences lime solubility, pH effluent might require to be adjusted on a case-by-case basis. Once the maximum admissible pH value in the effluent is established, it is assumed that the OH- concentrations are all dependent on lime discharge and that there is no buffer capacity conditions to consider (this is a unrealistic worst case scenario, which can be modified where information is available). Maximum load of lime that can be annually rejected without negatively affecting the pH of the receiving water is calculated assuming chemical equilibrium. OH- expressed as moles/litre are multiplied by average flow of the effluent and then divided by the molar mass of the lime substance.

Tier 3: measure the pH in the receiving water after the discharge point. If pH is below 9, safe use is reasonably demonstrated and the ES ends here. If pH is found to be above 9, risk management measures have to be implemented: the effluent has to undergo neutralisation, thus ensuring safe use of lime during production or use phase.


TIER 1
Retrieve information on effluent pH if predominantly caused by lime
Is pH <9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
TIER 2
Calculate receiving water pH based on dilution
pHriver = log((Qeffluent * 10^pHeffluent + Qriverupstream * 10^pHupstreamriver)/ (Qriverupstream+Qeffuent))
pHupstreamriver ?
Qriverupstream (m3/d) 180000
Qeffluent (m3/d) 2000
Dilution factor 10
Is receiving water pH <9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
Retrieve information on lime rejection concentration & use conversion table
Calculate max admissible effluent pH based on dilution
(pHriver=9) = log((Qeffluent * 10^pHeffluent + Qriverupstream * 10^pHupstreamriver)/ (Qriverupstream+Qeffuent))
Is tonn<max t? or Is pH shift acceptable?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
TIER 3
Measure pH in receiving water & dependency on other sources than lime
Is pH<9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
RMM: neutralise the effluent
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed

ES number 9.2: Manufacture and industrial uses of low dusty solids/powders of lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers

1. Title

Free short title	Manufacture and industrial uses of low dusty solids/powders of lime substances
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU3, SU1, SU2a, SU2b, SU4, SU5, SU6a, SU6b, SU7, SU8, SU9, SU10, SU11, SU12, SU13, SU14, SU15, SU16, SU17, SU18, SU19, SU20, SU23, SU24 PC1, PC2, PC3, PC7, PC8, PC9a, PC9b, PC11, PC12, PC13, PC14, PC15, PC16, PC17, PC18, PC19, PC20, PC21, PC23, PC24, PC25, PC26, PC27, PC28, PC29, PC30, PC31, PC32, PC33, PC34, PC35, PC36, PC37, PC38, PC39, PC40 AC1, AC2, AC3, AC4, AC5, AC6, AC7, AC8, AC10, AC11, AC13 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on the exposure estimation tool MEASE.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

PROC/ERC	REACH definition	Involved tasks
PROC 1	Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure	Further information is provided in the ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.12: Use descriptor system (ECHA-2010-G-05-EN).
PROC 2	Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure	
PROC 3	Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)	
PROC 4	Use in batch and other process (synthesis) where opportunity for exposure arises	
PROC 5	Mixing or blending in batch processes for formulation of preparations and articles (multistage and/or significant contact)	
PROC 6	Calendering operations	
PROC 7	Industrial spraying	
PROC 8a	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at non-dedicated facilities	
PROC 8b	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/ discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at dedicated facilities	
PROC 9	Transfer of substance or preparation into small containers (dedicated filling line, including weighing)	
PROC 10	Roller application or brushing	
PROC 13	Treatment of articles by dipping and pouring	
PROC 14	Production of preparations or articles by tabletting, compression, extrusion, pelletisation	
PROC 15	Use as laboratory reagent	
PROC 16	Using material as fuel sources, limited exposure to unburned product to be expected	
PROC 17	Lubrication at high energy conditions and in partly open process	
PROC 18	Greasing at high energy conditions	
PROC 19	Hand-mixing with intimate contact and only PPE available	
PROC 21	Low energy manipulation of substances bound in materials and/or articles	
PROC 22	Potentially closed processing operations with minerals/metals at elevated temperature	

	Industrial setting
PROC 23	Open processing and transfer operations with minerals/metals at elevated temperature
PROC 24	High (mechanical) energy work-up of substances bound in materials and/or articles
PROC 25	Other hot work operations with metals
PROC 26	Handling of solid inorganic substances at ambient temperature
PROC 27a	Production of metal powders (hot processes)
PROC 27b	Production of metal powders (wet processes)
ERC 1-7, 12	Manufacture, formulation and all types of industrial uses
ERC 10, 11	Wide-dispersive outdoor and indoor use of long-life articles and materials

2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential.

PROC	Used in preparation?	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
PROC 22, 23, 25, 27a	not restricted		solid/powder, molten	high
PROC 24	not restricted		solid/powder	high
All other applicable PROCs	not restricted		solid/powder	low

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. Professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

PROC	Duration of exposure
PROC 22	≤ 240 minutes
All other applicable PROCs	480 minutes (not restricted)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure

Operational conditions like process temperature and process pressure are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes. In process steps with considerably high temperatures (i.e. PROC 22, 23, 25), the exposure assessment in MEASE is however based on the ratio of process temperature and melting point. As the associated temperatures are expected to vary within the industry the highest ratio was taken as a worst case assumption for the exposure estimation. Thus all process temperatures are automatically covered in this exposure scenario for PROC 22, 23 and PROC 25.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker				
PROC	**Level of separation**	**Localised controls (LC)**	**Efficiency of LC (according to MEASE)**	**Further information**
PROC 7, 17, 18	Any potentially required separation of workers from the emission source is indicated above under "Frequency and duration of exposure". A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure.	general ventilation	17 %	-
PROC 19		not applicable	na	-
PROC 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27a		local exhaust ventilation	78 %	-
All other applicable PROCs		not required	na	-

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure

Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation

PROC	**Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)**	**RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)**	**Specification of gloves**	**Further personal protective equipment (PPE)**
PROC 22, 24, 27a	FFP1 mask	APF=4	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
All other applicable PROCs	not required	na		

Any RPE as defined above shall only be worn if the following principles are implemented in parallel: The duration of work (compare with "duration of exposure" above) should reflect the additional physiological stress for the worker due to the breathing resistance and mass of the RPE itself, due to the increased thermal stress by enclosing the head. In addition, it shall be considered that the worker's capability of using tools and of communicating are reduced during the wearing of RPE.

For reasons as given above, the worker should therefore be (i) healthy (especially in view of medical problems that may affect the use of RPE), (ii) have suitable facial characteristics reducing leakages between face and mask (in view of scars and facial hair). The recommended devices above which rely on a tight face seal will not provide the required protection unless they fit the contours of the face properly and securely.

The employer and self-employed persons have legal responsibilities for the maintenance and issue of respiratory protective devices and the management of their correct use in the workplace. Therefore, they should define and document a suitable policy for a respiratory protective device programme including training of the workers.

An overview of the APFs of different RPE (according to BS EN 529:2005) can be found in the glossary of MEASE.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure

Amounts used

The daily and annual amount per site (for point sources) is not considered to be the main determinant for environmental exposure.

Frequency and duration of use

Intermittent (< 12 time per year) or continuous use/release

Environment factors not influenced by risk management
Flow rate of receiving surface water: 18000 m³/day
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure
Effluent discharge rate: 2000 m³/day
Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil
Risk management measures related to the environment aim to avoid discharging lime solutions into municipal wastewater or to surface water, in case such discharges are expected to cause significant pH changes. Regular control of the pH value during introduction into open waters is required. In general discharges should be carried out such that pH changes in receiving surface waters are minimised (e.g. through neutralisation). In general most aquatic organisms can tolerate pH values in the range of 6-9. This is also reflected in the description of standard OECD tests with aquatic organisms. The justification for this risk management measure can be found in the introduction section.
Conditions and measures related to waste
Solid industrial waste of lime should be reused or discharged to the industrial wastewater and further neutralized if needed.

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

Occupational exposure

The exposure estimation tool MEASE was used for the assessment of inhalation exposure. The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and has to be below 1 to demonstrate a safe use. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the DNEL for calcium oxide of 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate derived using MEASE (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction being a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

PROC	Method used for inhalation exposure assessment	Inhalation exposure estimate (RCR)	Method used for dermal exposure assessment	Dermal exposure estimate (RCR)
PROC 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27a, 27b	MEASE	<1 mg/m³ (0.01 – 0.83)	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. A DNEL for dermal effects has not been derived. Thus, dermal exposure is not assessed in this exposure scenario.	

Environmental emissions

The environmental exposure assessment is only relevant for the aquatic environment, when applicable including STPs/WWTPs, as emissions of calcium oxide in the different life-cycle stages (production and use) mainly apply to (waste) water. The aquatic effect and risk assessment only deal with the effect on organisms/ecosystems due to possible pH changes related to OH- discharges, being the toxicity of Ca2+ is expected to be negligible compared to the (potential) pH effect. Only the local scale is being addressed, including municipal sewage treatment plants (STPs) or industrial waste water treatment plants (WWTPs) when applicable, both for production and industrial use as any effects that might occur would be expected to take place on a local scale. The high water solubility and very low vapour pressure indicate that calcium oxide will be found predominantly in water. Significant emissions or exposure to air are not expected due to the low vapour pressure of calcium oxide. Significant emissions or exposure to the terrestrial environment are not expected either for this exposure scenario. The exposure assessment for the aquatic environment will therefore only deal with the possible pH changes in STP effluent and surface water related to the OH- discharges at the local scale. The exposure assessment is approached by assessing the resulting pH impact: the surface water pH should not increase above 9.

Environmental emissions	The production of calcium oxide can potentially result in an aquatic emission and locally increase the calcium oxide concentration and affect the pH in the aquatic environment. When the pH is not neutralised, the discharge of effluent from calcium oxide production sites may impact the pH in the receiving water. The pH of effluents is normally measured very frequently and can be neutralised easily as often required by national laws.
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Waste water from calcium oxide production is an inorganic wastewater stream and therefore there is no biological treatment. Therefore, wastewater streams from calcium oxide production sites will normally not be treated in biological waste water treatment plants (WWTPs), but can be used for pH control of acid wastewater streams that are treated in biological WWTPs.
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	When calcium oxide is emitted to surface water, sorption to particulate matter and sediment will be negligible. When lime is rejected to surface water, the pH may increase, depending on the buffer capacity of the water. The higher the buffer capacity of the water, the lower the effect on pH will be. In general the buffer capacity preventing shifts in acidity or alkalinity in natural waters is regulated by the equilibrium between carbon dioxide (CO2), the bicarbonate ion (HCO3-) and the carbonate ion (CO32-).
Exposure concentration in sediments	The sediment compartment is not included in this ES, because it is not considered relevant for calcium oxide: when calcium oxide is emitted to the aquatic compartment, sorption to sediment particles is negligible.

Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	The terrestrial compartment is not included in this exposure scenario, because it is not considered to be relevant.
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	The air compartment is not included in this CSA because it is considered not relevant for calcium oxide: when emitted to air as an aerosol in water, calcium oxide is neutralised as a result of its reaction with CO2 (or other acids), into HCO3- and Ca2+. Subsequently, the salts (e.g. calcium(bi)carbonate) are washed out from the air and thus the atmospheric emissions of neutralised calcium oxide largely end up in soil and water.
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	Bioaccumulation in organisms is not relevant for calcium oxide: a risk assessment for secondary poisoning is therefore not required.

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

Occupational exposure

The DU works inside the boundaries set by the ES if either the proposed risk management measures as described above are met or the downstream user can demonstrate on his own that his operational conditions and implemented risk management measures are adequate. This has to be done by showing that they limit the inhalation and dermal exposure to a level below the respective DNEL (given that the processes and activities in question are covered by the PROCs listed above) as given below. If measured data are not available, the DU may make use of an appropriate scaling tool such as MEASE (www.ebrc.de/mease.html) to estimate the associated exposure. The dustiness of the substance used can be determined according to the MEASE glossary. For example, substances with a dustiness less than 2.5 % according to the Rotating Drum Method (RDM) are defined as “low dusty”, substances with a dustiness less than 10 % (RDM) are defined as “medium dusty” and substances with a dustiness ≥10 % are defined as “high dusty”.

$DNEL_{inhalation}$: 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust)

Important note: The DU has to be aware of the fact that apart from the long-term DNEL given above, a DNEL for acute effects exists at a level of 4 mg/m³. By demonstrating a safe use when comparing exposure estimates with the long-term DNEL, the acute DNEL is therefore also covered (according to R.14 guidance, acute exposure levels can be derived by multiplying long-term exposure estimates by a factor of 2). When using MEASE for the derivation of exposure estimates, it is noted that the exposure duration should only be reduced to half-shift as a risk management measure (leading to an exposure reduction of 40 %).

Environmental exposure

If a site does not comply with the conditions stipulated in the safe use ES, it is recommended to apply a tiered approach to perform a more site-specific assessment. For that assessment, the following stepwise approach is recommended.

Tier 1: retrieve information on effluent pH and the contribution of the calcium oxide on the resulting pH. Should the pH be above 9 and be predominantly attributable to lime, then further actions are required to demonstrate safe use.

Tier 2a: retrieve information on receiving water pH after the discharge point. The pH of the receiving water shall not exceed the value of 9. If the measures are not available, the pH in the river can be calculated as follows:

$$pHriver = Log\left[\frac{Qeffluent * 10^{pHeffluent} + Qriverupstream * 10^{pHupstream}}{Qriverupstream + Qeffluent}\right]$$

(Eq 1)

Where:

Q effluent refers to the effluent flow (in m³/day)

Q river upstream refers to the upstream river flow (in m³/day)

pH effluent refers to the pH of the effluent

pH upstream river refers to the pH of the river upstream of the discharge point

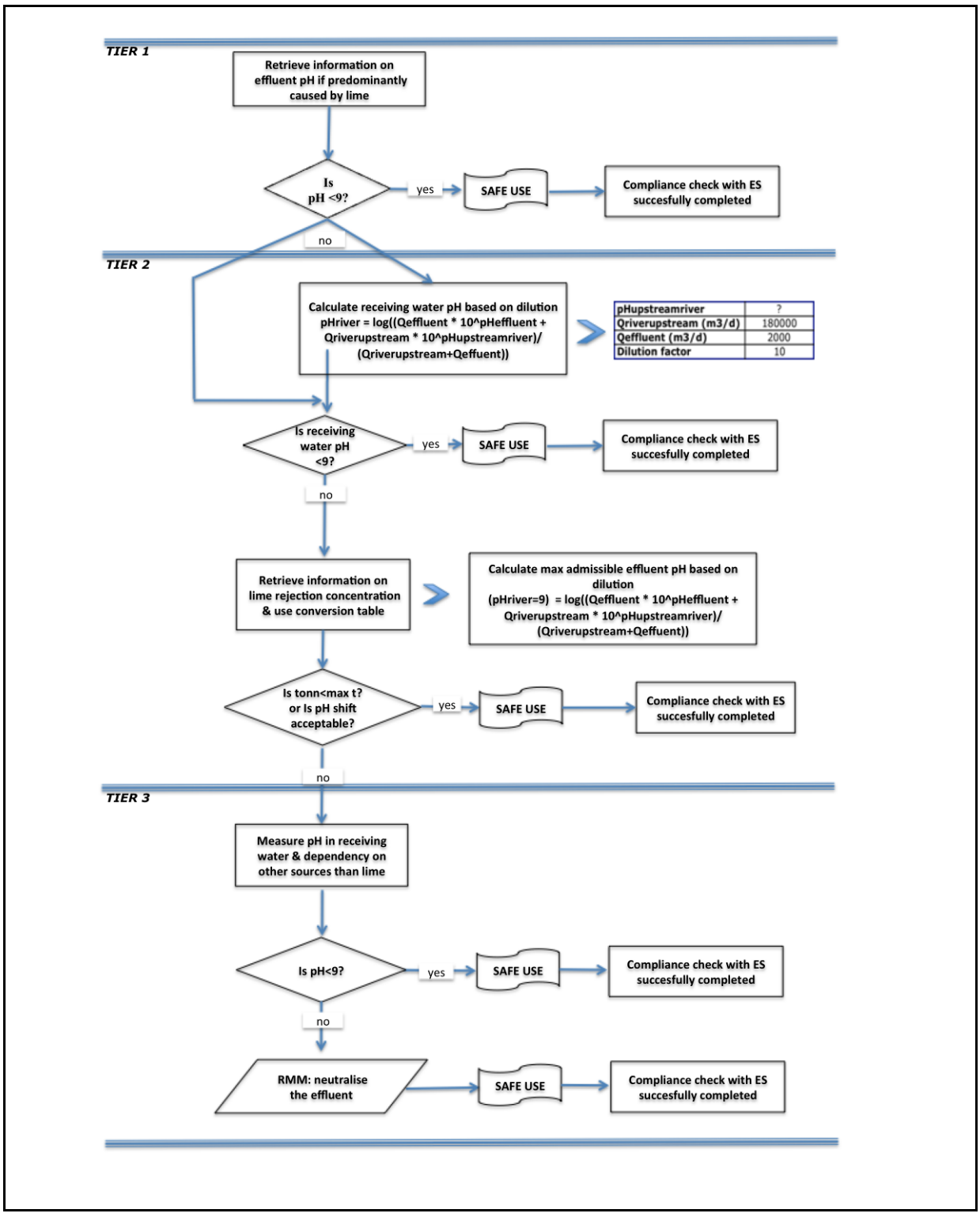
Please note that initially, default values can be used:

- Q river upstream flows: use the 10th of existing measurements distribution or use default value of 18000 m³/day
- Q effluent: use default value of 2000 m³/day
- The upstream pH is preferably a measured value. If not available, one can assume a neutral pH of 7 if this can be justified.

Such equation has to be seen as a worst case scenario, where water conditions are standard and not case specific.

Tier 2b: Equation 1 can be used to identify which effluent pH causes an acceptable pH level in the receiving body. In order to do so, pH of the river is set at value 9 and pH of the effluent is calculated accordingly (using default values as reported previously, if necessary). As temperature influences lime solubility, pH effluent might require to be adjusted on a case-by-case basis. Once the maximum admissible pH value in the effluent is established, it is assumed that the OH- concentrations are all dependent on lime discharge and that there is no buffer capacity conditions to consider (this is a unrealistic worst case scenario, which can be modified where information is available). Maximum load of lime that can be annually rejected without negatively affecting the pH of the receiving water is calculated assuming chemical equilibrium. OH- expressed as moles/litre are multiplied by average flow of the effluent and then divided by the molar mass of the calcium oxide.

Tier 3: measure the pH in the receiving water after the discharge point. If pH is below 9, safe use is reasonably demonstrated and the ES ends here. If pH is found to be above 9, risk management measures have to be implemented: the effluent has to undergo neutralisation, thus ensuring safe use of lime during production or use phase.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SAFE USE
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TIER 2
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Dilution factor 10
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SAFE USE
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no
Retrieve information on lime rejection concentration & use conversion table
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Is tonn<max t? or Is pH shift acceptable?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
TIER 3
Measure pH in receiving water & dependency on other sources than lime
Is pH<9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
RMM: neutralise the effluent
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed

ES number 9.3: Manufacture and industrial uses of medium dusty solids/powders of lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers

1. Title

Free short title	Manufacture and industrial uses of medium dusty solids/powders of lime substances
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU3, SU1, SU2a, SU2b, SU4, SU5, SU6a, SU6b, SU7, SU8, SU9, SU10, SU11, SU12, SU13, SU14, SU15, SU16, SU17, SU18, SU19, SU20, SU23, SU24 PC1, PC2, PC3, PC7, PC8, PC9a, PC9b, PC11, PC12, PC13, PC14, PC15, PC16, PC17, PC18, PC19, PC20, PC21, PC23, PC24, PC25, PC26, PC27, PC28, PC29, PC30, PC31, PC32, PC33, PC34, PC35, PC36, PC37, PC38, PC39, PC40 AC1, AC2, AC3, AC4, AC5, AC6, AC7, AC8, AC10, AC11, AC13 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on the exposure estimation tool MEASE.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

PROC/ERC	REACH definition	Involved tasks
PROC 1	Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure	Further information is provided in the ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.12: Use descriptor system (ECHA-2010-G-05-EN).
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PROC 3	Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)	
PROC 4	Use in batch and other process (synthesis) where opportunity for exposure arises	
PROC 5	Mixing or blending in batch processes for formulation of preparations and articles (multistage and/or significant contact)	
PROC 7	Industrial spraying	
PROC 8a	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at non-dedicated facilities	
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PROC 9	Transfer of substance or preparation into small containers (dedicated filling line, including weighing)	
PROC 10	Roller application or brushing	
PROC 13	Treatment of articles by dipping and pouring	
PROC 14	Production of preparations or articles by tabletting, compression, extrusion, pelletisation	
PROC 15	Use as laboratory reagent	
PROC 16	Using material as fuel sources, limited exposure to unburned product to be expected	
PROC 17	Lubrication at high energy conditions and in partly open process	
PROC 18	Greasing at high energy conditions	
PROC 19	Hand-mixing with intimate contact and only PPE available	
PROC 22	Potentially closed processing operations with minerals/metals at elevated temperature Industrial setting	
PROC 23	Open processing and transfer operations with minerals/metals at elevated temperature	

PROC 24	High (mechanical) energy work-up of substances bound in materials and/or articles
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PROC 26	Handling of solid inorganic substances at ambient temperature
PROC 27a	Production of metal powders (hot processes)
PROC 27b	Production of metal powders (wet processes)
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2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential.

PROC	Used in preparation?	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
PROC 22, 23, 25, 27a	not restricted		solid/powder, molten	high
PROC 24	not restricted		solid/powder	high
All other applicable PROCs	not restricted		solid/powder	medium

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. Professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

PROC	Duration of exposure
PROC 7, 17, 18, 19, 22	≤ 240 minutes
All other applicable PROCs	480 minutes (not restricted)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure

Operational conditions like process temperature and process pressure are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes. In process steps with considerably high temperatures (i.e. PROC 22, 23, 25), the exposure assessment in MEASE is however based on the ratio of process temperature and melting point. As the associated temperatures are expected to vary within the industry the highest ratio was taken as a worst case assumption for the exposure estimation. Thus all process temperatures are automatically covered in this exposure scenario for PROC 22, 23 and PROC 25.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker

PROC	Level of separation	Localised controls (LC)	Efficiency of LC (according to MEASE)	Further information
PROC 1, 2, 15, 27b	Any potentially required separation of workers from the emission source is indicated above under "Frequency and duration of exposure". A reduction of exposure duration can be	not required	na	-
PROC 3, 13, 14		general ventilation	17 %	-
PROC 19		not applicable	na	-
All other applicable PROCs		local exhaust ventilation	78 %	-

	achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure.			

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure

Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation

PROC	Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)	RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)	Specification of gloves	Further personal protective equipment (PPE)
PROC 4, 5, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 27a	FFP1 mask	APF=4	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
All other applicable PROCs	not required	na		

Any RPE as defined above shall only be worn if the following principles are implemented in parallel: The duration of work (compare with “duration of exposure” above) should reflect the additional physiological stress for the worker due to the breathing resistance and mass of the RPE itself, due to the increased thermal stress by enclosing the head. In addition, it shall be considered that the worker’s capability of using tools and of communicating are reduced during the wearing of RPE.

For reasons as given above, the worker should therefore be (i) healthy (especially in view of medical problems that may affect the use of RPE), (ii) have suitable facial characteristics reducing leakages between face and mask (in view of scars and facial hair). The recommended devices above which rely on a tight face seal will not provide the required protection unless they fit the contours of the face properly and securely.

The employer and self-employed persons have legal responsibilities for the maintenance and issue of respiratory protective devices and the management of their correct use in the workplace. Therefore, they should define and document a suitable policy for a respiratory protective device programme including training of the workers.

An overview of the APFs of different RPE (according to BS EN 529:2005) can be found in the glossary of MEASE.

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Amounts used

The daily and annual amount per site (for point sources) is not considered to be the main determinant for environmental exposure.

Frequency and duration of use

Intermittent (< 12 time per year) or continuous use/release

Environment factors not influenced by risk management

Flow rate of receiving surface water: 18000 m³/day

Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure

Effluent discharge rate: 2000 m³/day

Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil

Risk management measures related to the environment aim to avoid discharging lime solutions into municipal wastewater or to surface water, in case such discharges are expected to cause significant pH changes. Regular control of the pH value during introduction into open waters is required. In general discharges should be carried out such that pH changes in receiving surface waters are minimised (e.g. through neutralisation). In general most aquatic organisms can tolerate pH values in the range of 6-9. This is also reflected in the description of standard OECD tests with aquatic organisms. The justification for this risk management measure can be found in the introduction section.

Conditions and measures related to waste
Solid industrial waste of lime should be reused or discharged to the industrial wastewater and further neutralized if needed.

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

Occupational exposure

The exposure estimation tool MEASE was used for the assessment of inhalation exposure. The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and has to be below 1 to demonstrate a safe use. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the DNEL for calcium oxide of 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate derived using MEASE (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction being a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

PROC	Method used for inhalation exposure assessment	Inhalation exposure estimate (RCR)	Method used for dermal exposure assessment	Dermal exposure estimate (RCR)
PROC 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27a, 27b	MEASE	< 1 mg/m³ (0.01 – 0.88)	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. A DNEL for dermal effects has not been derived. Thus, dermal exposure is not assessed in this exposure scenario.	

Environmental emissions

The environmental exposure assessment is only relevant for the aquatic environment, when applicable including STPs/WWTPs, as emissions of calcium oxide in the different life-cycle stages (production and use) mainly apply to (waste) water. The aquatic effect and risk assessment only deal with the effect on organisms/ecosystems due to possible pH changes related to OH- discharges, being the toxicity of Ca2+ is expected to be negligible compared to the (potential) pH effect. Only the local scale is being addressed, including municipal sewage treatment plants (STPs) or industrial waste water treatment plants (WWTPs) when applicable, both for production and industrial use as any effects that might occur would be expected to take place on a local scale. The high water solubility and very low vapour pressure indicate that calcium oxide will be found predominantly in water. Significant emissions or exposure to air are not expected due to the low vapour pressure of calcium oxide. Significant emissions or exposure to the terrestrial environment are not expected either for this exposure scenario. The exposure assessment for the aquatic environment will therefore only deal with the possible pH changes in STP effluent and surface water related to the OH- discharges at the local scale. The exposure assessment is approached by assessing the resulting pH impact: the surface water pH should not increase above 9.

Environmental emissions	The production of calcium oxide can potentially result in an aquatic emission and locally increase the calcium oxide concentration and affect the pH in the aquatic environment. When the pH is not neutralised, the discharge of effluent from calcium oxide production sites may impact the pH in the receiving water. The pH of effluents is normally measured very frequently and can be neutralised easily as often required by national laws.
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Waste water from calcium oxide production is an inorganic wastewater stream and therefore there is no biological treatment. Therefore, wastewater streams from calcium oxide production sites will normally not be treated in biological waste water treatment plants (WWTPs), but can be used for pH control of acid wastewater streams that are treated in biological WWTPs.
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Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	The terrestrial compartment is not included in this exposure scenario, because it is not considered to be relevant.
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If a site does not comply with the conditions stipulated in the safe use ES, it is recommended to apply a tiered approach to perform a more site-specific assessment. For that assessment, the following stepwise approach is recommended.

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Tier 2a: retrieve information on receiving water pH after the discharge point. The pH of the receiving water shall not exceed the value of 9. If the measures are not available, the pH in the river can be calculated as follows:

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Eq 1)

Where:

Q effluent refers to the effluent flow (in m³/day)

Q river upstream refers to the upstream river flow (in m³/day)

pH effluent refers to the pH of the effluent

pH upstream river refers to the pH of the river upstream of the discharge point

Please note that initially, default values can be used:

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- Q effluent: use default value of 2000 m³/day
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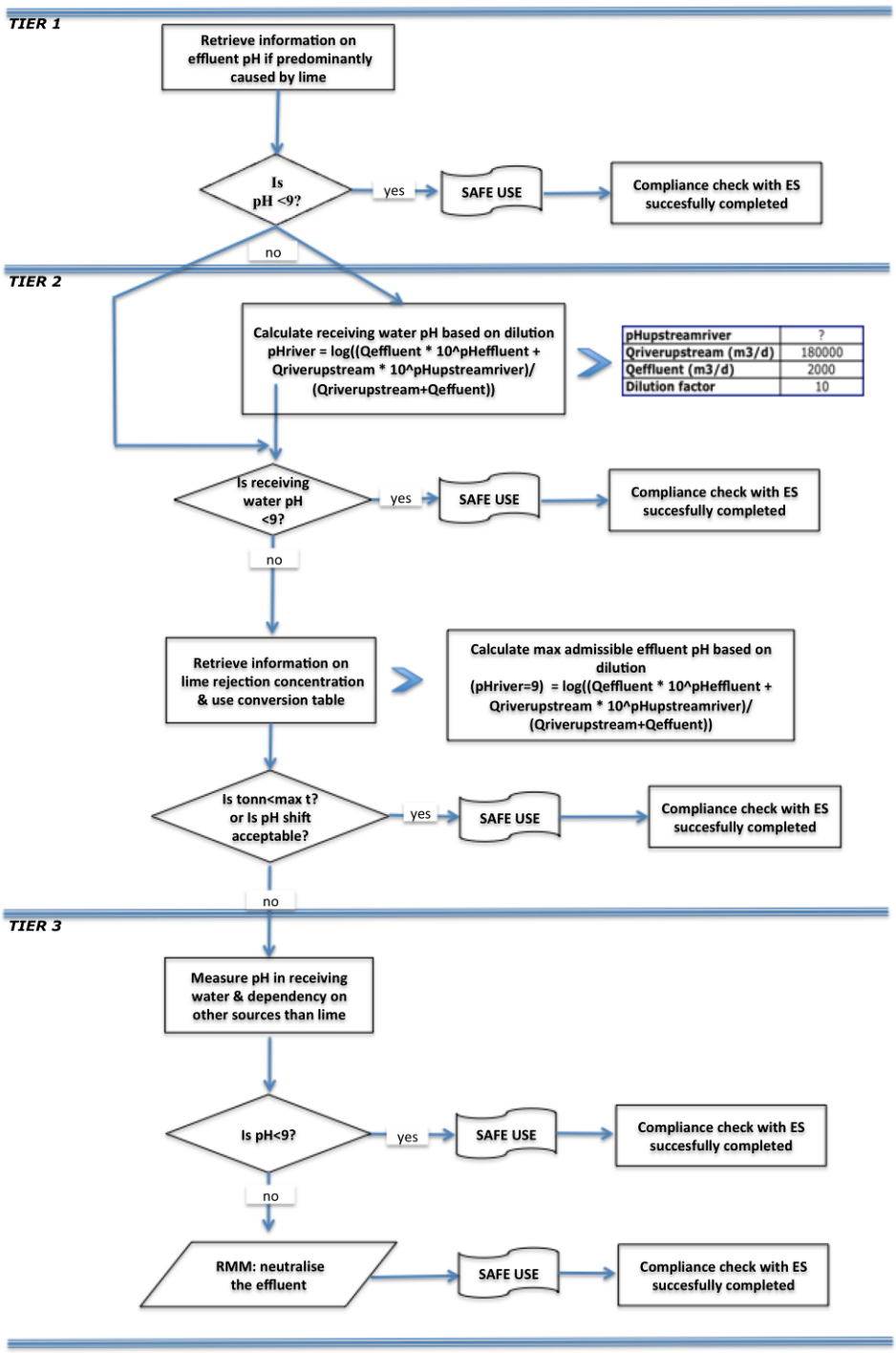
Such equation has to be seen as a worst case scenario, where water conditions are standard and not case specific.

Tier 2b: Equation 1 can be used to identify which effluent pH causes an acceptable pH level in the receiving body. In order to do so, pH of the river is set at value 9 and pH of the effluent is calculated accordingly (using default values as reported previously, if necessary). As temperature influences lime solubility, pH effluent might require to be adjusted on a case-by-case basis. Once the maximum admissible pH value in the effluent is established, it is assumed that the OH- concentrations are all dependent on lime discharge and that there is no buffer capacity conditions to consider (this is a unrealistic worst case scenario, which can be modified where information is available). Maximum load of lime that can be annually rejected without negatively affecting the pH of the receiving water is calculated assuming chemical equilibrium. OH- expressed as moles/litre are multiplied by average flow of the effluent and then divided by the molar mass of the calcium oxide.

Tier 3: measure the pH in the receiving water after the discharge point. If pH is below 9, safe use is reasonably demonstrated and the ES ends here. If pH is found to be above 9, risk management measures have to be implemented: the effluent has to undergo neutralisation, thus ensuring safe use of lime during production or use phase.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Retrieve information on effluent pH if predominantly caused by lime
Is pH <9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
TIER 2
Calculate receiving water pH based on dilution
pHriver = log((Qeffluent * 10^pHeffluent + Qriverupstream * 10^pHupstreamriver)/ (Qriverupstream+Qeffuent))
pHupstreamriver ?
Qriverupstream (m3/d) 180000
Qeffluent (m3/d) 2000
Dilution factor 10
Is receiving water pH <9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
Retrieve information on lime rejection concentration & use conversion table
Calculate max admissible effluent pH based on dilution
(pHriver=9) = log((Qeffluent * 10^pHeffluent + Qriverupstream * 10^pHupstreamriver)/ (Qriverupstream+Qeffuent))
Is tonn<max t? or Is pH shift acceptable?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
TIER 3
Measure pH in receiving water & dependency on other sources than lime
Is pH<9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
RMM: neutralise the effluent
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed

ES number 9.4: Manufacture and industrial uses of high dusty solids/powders of lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers

1. Title

Free short title	Manufacture and industrial uses of high dusty solids/powders of lime substances
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU3, SU1, SU2a, SU2b, SU4, SU5, SU6a, SU6b, SU7, SU8, SU9, SU10, SU11, SU12, SU13, SU14, SU15, SU16, SU17, SU18, SU19, SU20, SU23, SU24 PC1, PC2, PC3, PC7, PC8, PC9a, PC9b, PC11, PC12, PC13, PC14, PC15, PC16, PC17, PC18, PC19, PC20, PC21, PC23, PC24, PC25, PC26, PC27, PC28, PC29, PC30, PC31, PC32, PC33, PC34, PC35, PC36, PC37, PC38, PC39, PC40 AC1, AC2, AC3, AC4, AC5, AC6, AC7, AC8, AC10, AC11, AC13 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on the exposure estimation tool MEASE.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

PROC/ERC	REACH definition	Involved tasks
PROC 1	Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure	Further information is provided in the ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.12: Use descriptor system (ECHA-2010-G-05-EN).
PROC 2	Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure	
PROC 3	Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)	
PROC 4	Use in batch and other process (synthesis) where opportunity for exposure arises	
PROC 5	Mixing or blending in batch processes for formulation of preparations and articles (multistage and/or significant contact)	
PROC 7	Industrial spraying	
PROC 8a	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at non-dedicated facilities	
PROC 8b	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/ discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at dedicated facilities	
PROC 9	Transfer of substance or preparation into small containers (dedicated filling line, including weighing)	
PROC 10	Roller application or brushing	
PROC 13	Treatment of articles by dipping and pouring	
PROC 14	Production of preparations or articles by tabletting, compression, extrusion, pelletisation	
PROC 15	Use as laboratory reagent	
PROC 16	Using material as fuel sources, limited exposure to unburned product to be expected	
PROC 17	Lubrication at high energy conditions and in partly open process	
PROC 18	Greasing at high energy conditions	
PROC 19	Hand-mixing with intimate contact and only PPE available	
PROC 22	Potentially closed processing operations with minerals/metals at elevated temperature Industrial setting	
PROC 23	Open processing and transfer operations with minerals/metals at elevated temperature	

PROC 24	High (mechanical) energy work-up of substances bound in materials and/or articles
PROC 25	Other hot work operations with metals
PROC 26	Handling of solid inorganic substances at ambient temperature
PROC 27a	Production of metal powders (hot processes)
PROC 27b	Production of metal powders (wet processes)
ERC 1-7, 12	Manufacture, formulation and all types of industrial uses
ERC 10, 11	Wide-dispersive outdoor and indoor use of long-life articles and materials

2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential.

PROC	Used in preparation?	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
PROC 22, 23, 25, 27a	not restricted		solid/powder, molten	high
All other applicable PROCs	not restricted		solid/powder	high

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. Professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

PROC	Duration of exposure
PROC 7, 8a, 17, 18, 19, 22	≤ 240 minutes
All other applicable PROCs	480 minutes (not restricted)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure

Operational conditions like process temperature and process pressure are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes. In process steps with considerably high temperatures (i.e. PROC 22, 23, 25), the exposure assessment in MEASE is however based on the ratio of process temperature and melting point. As the associated temperatures are expected to vary within the industry the highest ratio was taken as a worst case assumption for the exposure estimation. Thus all process temperatures are automatically covered in this exposure scenario for PROC 22, 23 and PROC 25.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker				
PROC	**Level of separation**	**Localised controls (LC)**	**Efficiency of LC (according to MEASE)**	**Further information**
PROC 1	Any potentially required separation of workers from the emission source is indicated above under "Frequency and duration of exposure". A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure.	not required	na	-
PROC 2, 3		general ventilation	17 %	-
PROC 7		integrated local exhaust ventilation	84 %	-
PROC 19		not applicable	na	-
All other applicable PROCs		local exhaust ventilation	78 %	-

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure

Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation

PROC	**Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)**	**RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)**	**Specification of gloves**	**Further personal protective equipment (PPE)**
PROC 1, 2, 3, 23, 25, 27b	not required	na	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
PROC 4, 5, 7, 8a, 8b, 9, 17, 18,	FFP2 mask	APF=10		
PROC 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 24, 26, 27a	FFP1 mask	APF=4		
PROC 19	FFP3 mask	APF=20		

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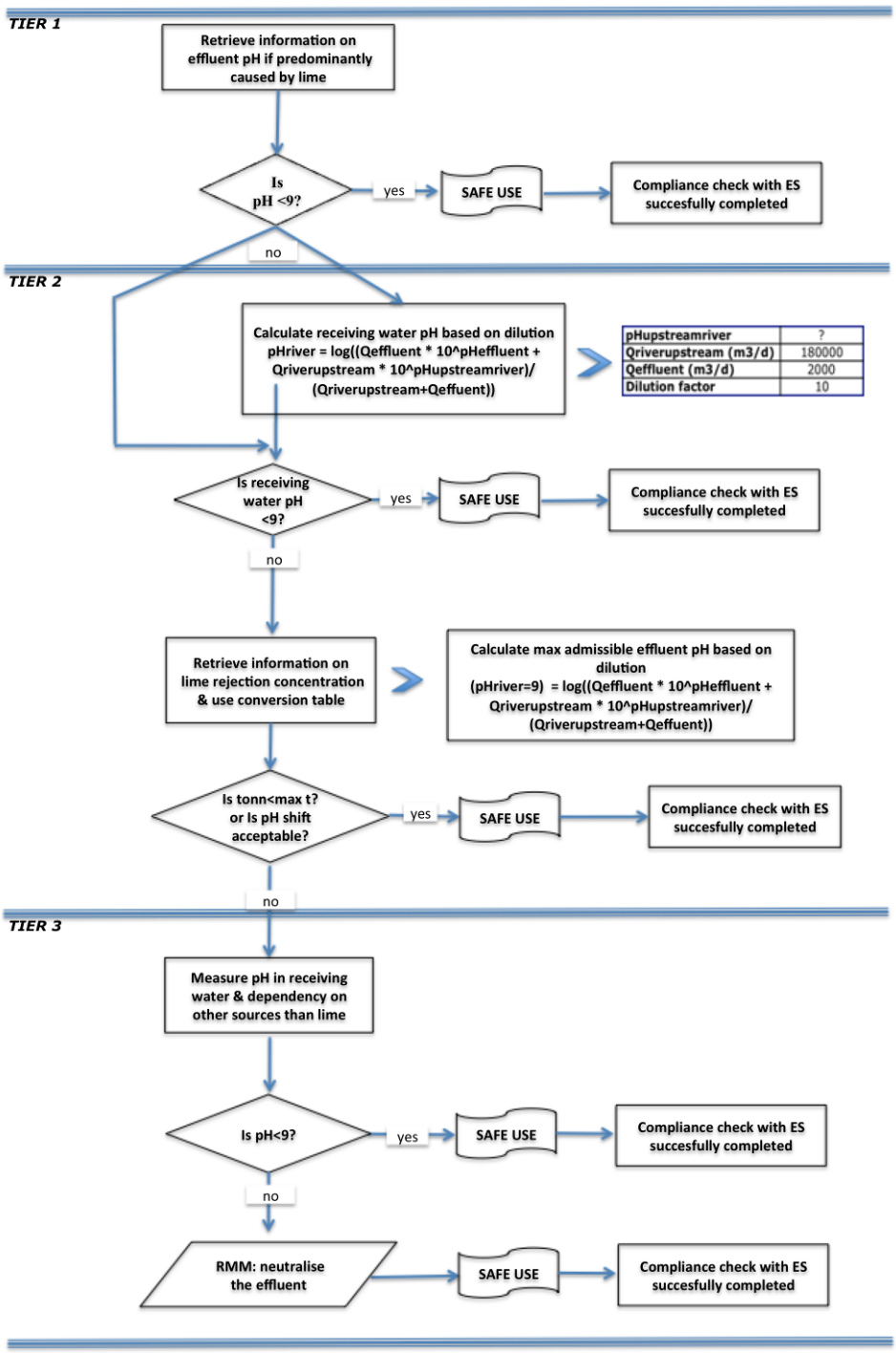
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Calculate max admissible effluent pH based on dilution
(pHriver=9) = log((Qeffluent * 10^pHeffluent + Qriverupstream * 10^pHupstreamriver)/ (Qriverupstream+Qeffuent))
Is tonn<max t? or Is pH shift acceptable?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
TIER 3
Measure pH in receiving water & dependency on other sources than lime
Is pH<9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
RMM: neutralise the effluent
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed

ES number 9.5: Manufacture and industrial uses of massive objects containing lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers

1. Title

Free short title	Manufacture and industrial uses of massive objects containing lime substances
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU3, SU1, SU2a, SU2b, SU4, SU5, SU6a, SU6b, SU7, SU8, SU9, SU10, SU11, SU12, SU13, SU14, SU15, SU16, SU17, SU18, SU19, SU20, SU23, SU24 PC1, PC2, PC3, PC7, PC8, PC9a, PC9b, PC11, PC12, PC13, PC14, PC15, PC16, PC17, PC18, PC19, PC20, PC21, PC23, PC24, PC25, PC26, PC27, PC28, PC29, PC30, PC31, PC32, PC33, PC34, PC35, PC36, PC37, PC38, PC39, PC40 AC1, AC2, AC3, AC4, AC5, AC6, AC7, AC8, AC10, AC11, AC13 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on the exposure estimation tool MEASE.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

PROC/ERC	REACH definition	Involved tasks
PROC 6	Calendering operations	Further information is provided in the ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.12: Use descriptor system (ECHA-2010-G-05-EN).
PROC 14	Production of preparations or articles by tabletting, compression, extrusion, pelletisation	
PROC 21	Low energy manipulation of substances bound in materials and/or articles	
PROC 22	Potentially closed processing operations with minerals/metals at elevated temperature Industrial setting	
PROC 23	Open processing and transfer operations with minerals/metals at elevated temperature	
PROC 24	High (mechanical) energy work-up of substances bound in materials and/or articles	
PROC 25	Other hot work operations with metals	
ERC 1-7, 12	Manufacture, formulation and all types of industrial uses	
ERC 10, 11	Wide-dispersive outdoor and indoor use of long-life articles and materials	

2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential.

PROC	Used in preparation?	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
PROC 22, 23,25	not restricted		massive objects, molten	high
PROC 24	not restricted		massive objects	high
All other applicable PROCs	not restricted		massive objects	very low

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. Professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure	
PROC	**Duration of exposure**
PROC 22	≤ 240 minutes
All other applicable PROCs	480 minutes (not restricted)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure

Operational conditions like process temperature and process pressure are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes. In process steps with considerably high temperatures (i.e. PROC 22, 23, 25), the exposure assessment in MEASE is however based on the ratio of process temperature and melting point. As the associated temperatures are expected to vary within the industry the highest ratio was taken as a worst case assumption for the exposure estimation. Thus all process temperatures are automatically covered in this exposure scenario for PROC 22, 23 and PROC 25.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker

PROC	**Level of separation**	**Localised controls (LC)**	**Efficiency of LC (according to MEASE)**	**Further information**
PROC 6, 14, 21	Any potentially required separation of workers from the emission source is indicated above under "Frequency and duration of exposure". A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure.	not required	na	-
PROC 22, 23, 24, 25		local exhaust ventilation	78 %	-

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure

Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation

PROC	**Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)**	**RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)**	**Specification of gloves**	**Further personal protective equipment (PPE)**
PROC 22	FFP1 mask	APF=4	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
All other applicable PROCs	not required	na		

Any RPE as defined above shall only be worn if the following principles are implemented in parallel: The duration of work (compare with "duration of exposure" above) should reflect the additional physiological stress for the worker due to the breathing resistance and mass of the RPE itself, due to the increased thermal stress by enclosing the head. In addition, it shall be

considered that the worker's capability of using tools and of communicating are reduced during the wearing of RPE.

For reasons as given above, the worker should therefore be (i) healthy (especially in view of medical problems that may affect the use of RPE), (ii) have suitable facial characteristics reducing leakages between face and mask (in view of scars and facial hair). The recommended devices above which rely on a tight face seal will not provide the required protection unless they fit the contours of the face properly and securely.

The employer and self-employed persons have legal responsibilities for the maintenance and issue of respiratory protective devices and the management of their correct use in the workplace. Therefore, they should define and document a suitable policy for a respiratory protective device programme including training of the workers.

An overview of the APFs of different RPE (according to BS EN 529:2005) can be found in the glossary of MEASE.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure

Amounts used

The daily and annual amount per site (for point sources) is not considered to be the main determinant for environmental exposure.

Frequency and duration of use

Intermittent (< 12 time per year) or continuous use/release

Environment factors not influenced by risk management

Flow rate of receiving surface water: 18000 m³/day

Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure

Effluent discharge rate: 2000 m³/day

Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil

Risk management measures related to the environment aim to avoid discharging lime solutions into municipal wastewater or to surface water, in case such discharges are expected to cause significant pH changes. Regular control of the pH value during introduction into open waters is required. In general discharges should be carried out such that pH changes in receiving surface waters are minimised (e.g. through neutralisation). In general most aquatic organisms can tolerate pH values in the range of 6-9. This is also reflected in the description of standard OECD tests with aquatic organisms. The justification for this risk management measure can be found in the introduction section.

Conditions and measures related to waste

Solid industrial waste of lime should be reused or discharged to the industrial wastewater and further neutralized if needed.

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

Occupational exposure

The exposure estimation tool MEASE was used for the assessment of inhalation exposure. The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and has to be below 1 to demonstrate a safe use. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the DNEL for calcium oxide of 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate derived using MEASE (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction being a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

PROC	Method used for inhalation exposure assessment	Inhalation exposure estimate (RCR)	Method used for dermal exposure assessment	Dermal exposure estimate (RCR)
PROC 6, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25	MEASE	< 1 mg/m³ (0.01 – 0.44)	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. A DNEL for dermal effects has not been derived. Thus, dermal exposure is not assessed in this exposure scenario.	

Environmental emissions

The environmental exposure assessment is only relevant for the aquatic environment, when applicable including STPs/WWTPs, as emissions of calcium oxide in the different life-cycle stages (production and use) mainly apply to (waste) water. The aquatic effect and risk assessment only deal with the effect on organisms/ecosystems due to possible pH changes related to OH- discharges, being the toxicity of Ca2+ is expected to be negligible compared to the (potential) pH effect. Only the local scale is being addressed, including municipal sewage treatment plants (STPs) or industrial waste water treatment plants (WWTPs) when applicable, both for production and industrial use as any effects that might occur would be expected to take place on a local scale. The high water solubility and very low vapour pressure indicate that calcium oxide will be found predominantly in water. Significant emissions or exposure to air are not expected due to the low vapour pressure of calcium oxide. Significant emissions or exposure to the terrestrial environment are not expected either for this exposure scenario. The exposure assessment for the aquatic environment will therefore only deal with the possible pH changes in STP effluent and surface water related to the OH- discharges at the local scale. The exposure assessment is approached by assessing the resulting pH impact: the surface water pH should not increase above 9.

Environmental emissions	The production of calcium oxide can potentially result in an aquatic emission and locally increase the calcium oxide concentration and affect the pH in the aquatic environment. When the pH is not neutralised, the discharge of effluent from calcium oxide production sites may impact the pH in the receiving water. The pH of effluents is normally measured very frequently and can be neutralised easily as often required by national laws.
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Waste water from calcium oxide production is an inorganic wastewater stream and therefore there is no biological treatment. Therefore, wastewater streams from calcium oxide production sites will normally not be treated in biological waste water treatment plants (WWTPs), but can be used for pH control of acid wastewater streams that are treated in biological WWTPs.
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	When calcium oxide is emitted to surface water, sorption to particulate matter and sediment will be negligible. When lime is rejected to surface water, the pH may increase, depending on the buffer capacity of the water. The higher the buffer capacity of the water, the lower the effect on pH will be. In general the buffer capacity preventing shifts in acidity or alkalinity in natural waters is regulated by the equilibrium between carbon dioxide (CO2), the bicarbonate ion (HCO3-) and the carbonate ion (CO32-).
Exposure concentration in sediments	The sediment compartment is not included in this ES, because it is not considered relevant for calcium oxide: when calcium oxide is emitted to the aquatic compartment, sorption of to sediment particles is negligible.
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	The terrestrial compartment is not included in this exposure scenario, because it is not considered to be relevant.
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	The air compartment is not included in this CSA because it is considered not relevant for calcium oxide: when emitted to air as an aerosol in water, calcium oxide is neutralised as a result of its reaction with CO2 (or other acids), into HCO3- and Ca2+. Subsequently, the salts (e.g. calcium(bi)carbonate) are washed out from the air and thus the atmospheric emissions of neutralised calcium oxide largely end up in soil and water.
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	Bioaccumulation in organisms is not relevant for calcium oxide: a risk assessment for secondary poisoning is therefore not required.

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

Occupational exposure

The DU works inside the boundaries set by the ES if either the proposed risk management measures as described above are met or the downstream user can demonstrate on his own that his operational conditions and implemented risk management measures are adequate. This has to be done by showing that they limit the inhalation and dermal exposure to a level below the respective DNEL (given that the processes and activities in question are covered by the PROCs listed above) as given below. If measured data are not available, the DU may make use of an appropriate scaling tool such as MEASE (www.ebrc.de/mease.html) to estimate the associated exposure. The dustiness of the substance used can be determined according to the MEASE glossary. For example, substances with a dustiness less than 2.5 % according to the Rotating Drum Method (RDM) are defined as “low dusty”, substances with a dustiness less than 10 % (RDM) are defined as “medium dusty” and substances with a dustiness ≥10 % are defined as “high dusty”.

$DNEL_{inhalation}$: 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust)

Important note: The DU has to be aware of the fact that apart from the long-term DNEL given above, a DNEL for acute effects exists at a level of 4 mg/m³. By demonstrating a safe use when comparing exposure estimates with the long-term DNEL, the acute DNEL is therefore also covered (according to R.14 guidance, acute exposure levels can be derived by multiplying long-term exposure estimates by a factor of 2). When using MEASE for the derivation of exposure estimates, it is noted that the exposure duration should only be reduced to half-shift as a risk management measure (leading to an exposure reduction of 40 %).

Environmental exposure

If a site does not comply with the conditions stipulated in the safe use ES, it is recommended to apply a tiered approach to perform a more site-specific assessment. For that assessment, the following stepwise approach is recommended.

Tier 1: retrieve information on effluent pH and the contribution of the calcium oxide on the resulting pH. Should the pH be above 9 and be predominantly attributable to lime, then further actions are required to demonstrate safe use.

Tier 2a: retrieve information on receiving water pH after the discharge point. The pH of the receiving water shall not exceed the value of 9. If the measures are not available, the pH in the river can be calculated as follows:

$$pHriver = Log\left[\frac{Qeffluent * 10^{pHeffluent} + Qriverupstream * 10^{pHupstream}}{Qriverupstream + Qeffluent}\right]$$

(Eq 1)

Where:

Q effluent refers to the effluent flow (in m³/day)

Q river upstream refers to the upstream river flow (in m³/day)

pH effluent refers to the pH of the effluent

pH upstream river refers to the pH of the river upstream of the discharge point

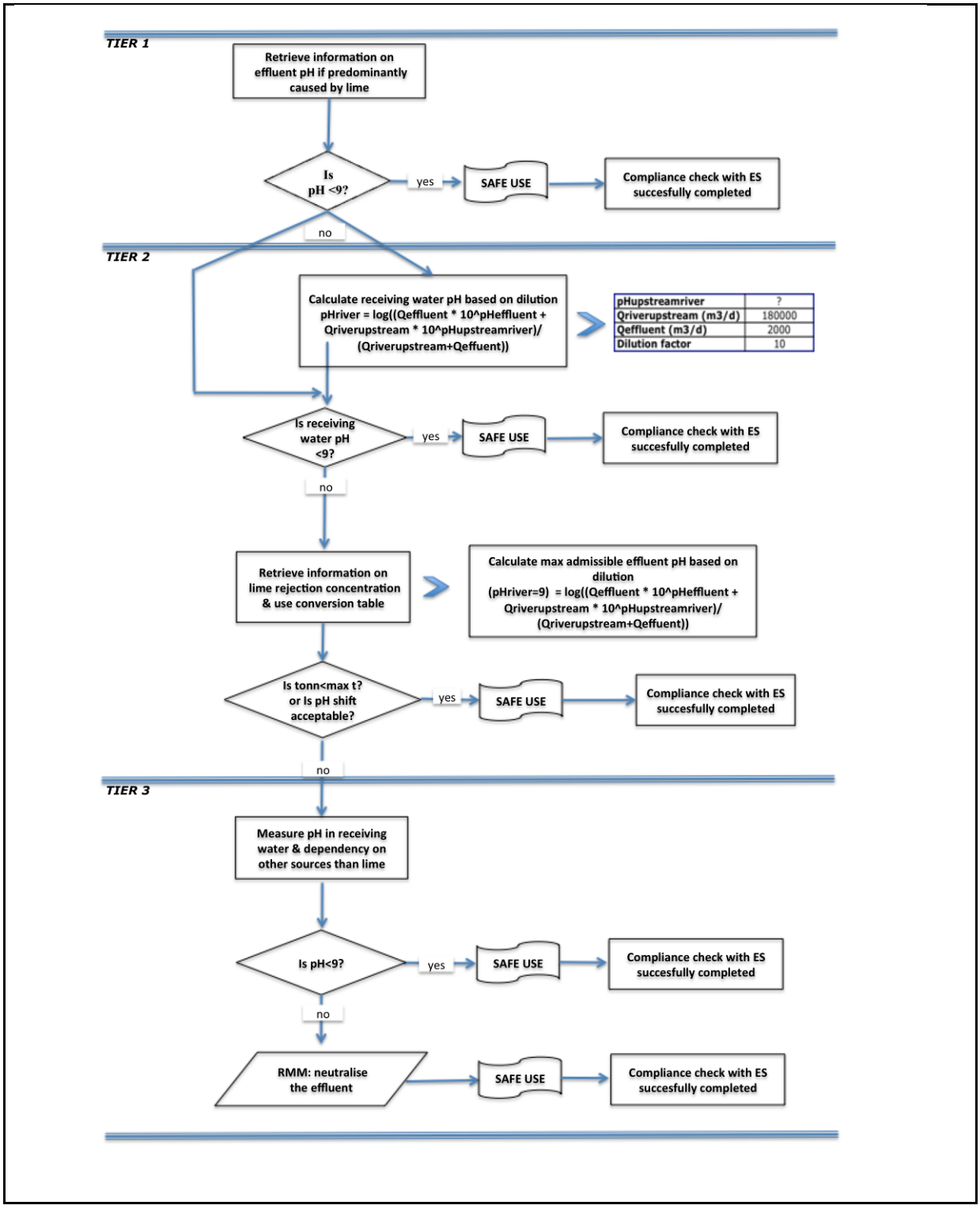
Please note that initially, default values can be used:

- Q river upstream flows: use the 10th of existing measurements distribution or use default value of 18000 m^3/day
- Q effluent: use default value of 2000 m^3/day
- The upstream pH is preferably a measured value. If not available, one can assume a neutral pH of 7 if this can be justified.

Such equation has to be seen as a worst case scenario, where water conditions are standard and not case specific.

Tier 2b: Equation 1 can be used to identify which effluent pH causes an acceptable pH level in the receiving body. In order to do so, pH of the river is set at value 9 and pH of the effluent is calculated accordingly (using default values as reported previously, if necessary). As temperature influences lime solubility, pH effluent might require to be adjusted on a case-by-case basis. Once the maximum admissible pH value in the effluent is established, it is assumed that the OH- concentrations are all dependent on lime discharge and that there is no buffer capacity conditions to consider (this is a unrealistic worst case scenario, which can be modified where information is available). Maximum load of lime that can be annually rejected without negatively affecting the pH of the receiving water is calculated assuming chemical equilibrium. OH- expressed as moles/litre are multiplied by average flow of the effluent and then divided by the molar mass of the calcium oxide.

Tier 3: measure the pH in the receiving water after the discharge point. If pH is below 9, safe use is reasonably demonstrated and the ES ends here. If pH is found to be above 9, risk management measures have to be implemented: the effluent has to undergo neutralisation, thus ensuring safe use of lime during production or use phase.


TIER 1
Retrieve information on effluent pH if predominantly caused by lime
Is pH <9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
TIER 2
Calculate receiving water pH based on dilution
pHriver = log((Qeffluent * 10^pHeffluent + Qriverupstream * 10^pHupstreamriver)/ (Qriverupstream+Qeffuent))
pHupstreamriver ?
Qriverupstream (m3/d) 180000
Qeffluent (m3/d) 2000
Dilution factor 10
Is receiving water pH <9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
Retrieve information on lime rejection concentration & use conversion table
Calculate max admissible effluent pH based on dilution
(pHriver=9) = log((Qeffluent * 10^pHeffluent + Qriverupstream * 10^pHupstreamriver)/ (Qriverupstream+Qeffuent))
Is tonn<max t? or Is pH shift acceptable?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
TIER 3
Measure pH in receiving water & dependency on other sources than lime
Is pH<9?
yes
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed
no
RMM: neutralise the effluent
SAFE USE
Compliance check with ES succesfully completed

ES number 9.6: Professional uses of aqueous solutions of lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers	
1. Title	
Free short title	Professional uses of aqueous solutions of lime substances
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU22, SU1, SU5, SU6a, SU6b, SU7, SU10, SU11, SU12, SU13, SU16, SU17, SU18, SU19, SU20, SU23, SU24 PC1, PC2, PC3, PC7, PC8, PC9a, PC9b, PC11, PC12, PC13, PC14, PC15, PC16, PC17, PC18, PC19, PC20, PC21, PC23, PC24, PC25, PC26, PC27, PC28, PC29, PC30, PC31, PC32, PC33, PC34, PC35, PC36, PC37, PC39, PC40 AC1, AC2, AC3, AC4, AC5, AC6, AC7, AC8, AC10, AC11, AC13 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on the exposure estimation tool MEASE. The environmental assessment is based on FOCUS-Exposit.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures		
PROC/ERC	**REACH definition**	**Involved tasks**
PROC 2	Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure	Further information is provided in the ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.12: Use descriptor system (ECHA-2010-G-05-EN).
PROC 3	Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)	
PROC 4	Use in batch and other process (synthesis) where opportunity for exposure arises	
PROC 5	Mixing or blending in batch processes for formulation of preparations and articles (multistage and/or significant contact)	
PROC 8a	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at non-dedicated facilities	
PROC 8b	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/ discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at dedicated facilities	
PROC 9	Transfer of substance or preparation into small containers (dedicated filling line, including weighing)	
PROC 10	Roller application or brushing	
PROC 11	Non industrial spraying	
PROC 12	Use of blowing agents in manufacture of foam	
PROC 13	Treatment of articles by dipping and pouring	
PROC 15	Use as laboratory reagent	
PROC 16	Using material as fuel sources, limited exposure to unburned product to be expected	
PROC 17	Lubrication at high energy conditions and in partly open process	
PROC 18	Greasing at high energy conditions	
PROC 19	Hand-mixing with intimate contact and only PPE available	
ERC2, ERC8a, ERC8b, ERC8c, ERC8d, ERC8e, ERC8f	Wide dispersive indoor and outdoor use of reactive substances or processing aids in open systems	Calcium oxide is applied in numerous cases of wide dispersive uses: agricultural, forestry, fish and shrimps farming, soil treatment and environmental protection.

2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential. The spraying of aqueous solutions (PROC7 and 11) is assumed to be involved with a medium emission.

PROC	Use in preparation	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
All applicable PROCs	not restricted		aqueous solution	very low

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

PROC	Duration of exposure
PROC 11	≤ 240 minutes
All other applicable PROCs	480 minutes (not restricted)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure

Since aqueous solutions are not used in hot-metallurgical processes, operational conditions (e.g. process temperature and process pressure) are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker

PROC	Level of separation	Localised controls (LC)	Efficiency of LC (according to MEASE)	Further information
PROC 19	Separation of workers from the emission source is generally not required in the conducted processes.	not applicable	na	-
All other applicable PROCs		not required	na	-

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure

Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation				
PROC	**Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)**	**RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)**	**Specification of gloves**	**Further personal protective equipment (PPE)**
PROC 11	FFP3 mask	APF=20	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
PROC 17	FFP1 mask	APF=4		
All other applicable PROCs	not required	na		

Any RPE as defined above shall only be worn if the following principles are implemented in parallel: The duration of work (compare with "duration of exposure" above) should reflect the additional physiological stress for the worker due to the breathing resistance and mass of the RPE itself, due to the increased thermal stress by enclosing the head. In addition, it shall be considered that the worker's capability of using tools and of communicating are reduced during the wearing of RPE.

For reasons as given above, the worker should therefore be (i) healthy (especially in view of medical problems that may affect the use of RPE), (ii) have suitable facial characteristics reducing leakages between face and mask (in view of scars and facial hair). The recommended devices above which rely on a tight face seal will not provide the required protection unless they fit the contours of the face properly and securely.

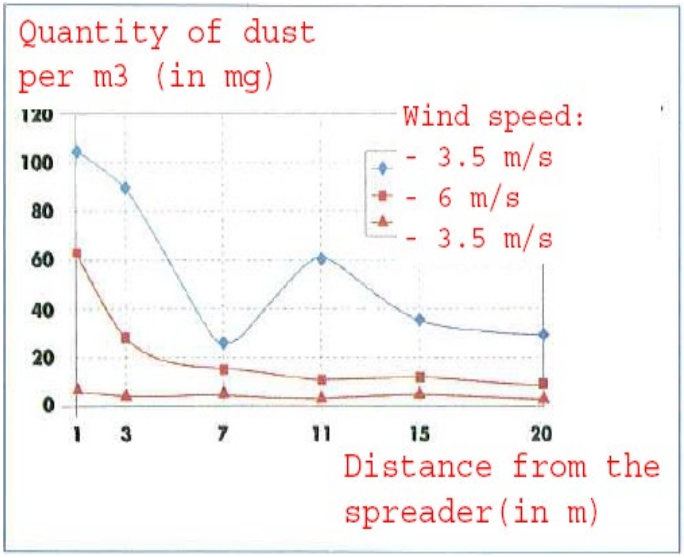
The employer and self-employed persons have legal responsibilities for the maintenance and issue of respiratory protective devices and the management of their correct use in the workplace. Therefore, they should define and document a suitable policy for a respiratory protective device programme including training of the workers.

An overview of the APFs of different RPE (according to BS EN 529:2005) can be found in the glossary of MEASE.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure – only relevant for agricultural soil protection

Product characteristics

Drift: 1% (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)



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Amounts used	
CaO	1,700 kg/ha

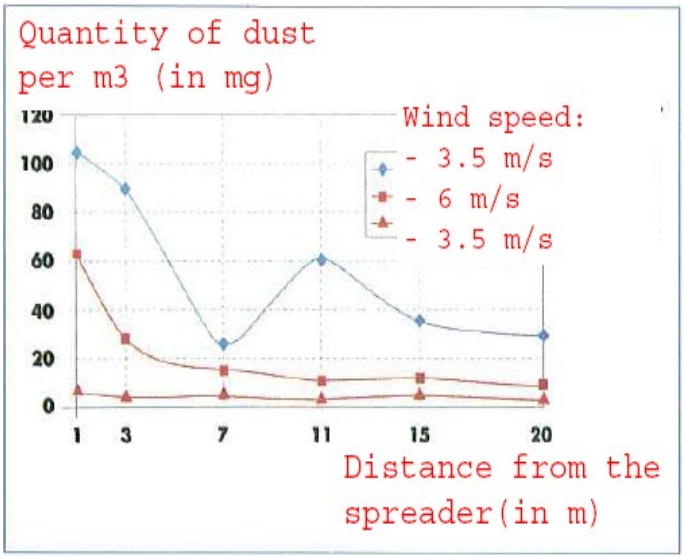
Frequency and duration of use

1 day/year (one application per year); Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 1,700 kg/ha CaO is not exceeded

Environment factors not influenced by risk management
Volume of surface water: 300 L/m² Field surface area: 1 ha
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure
Outdoor use of products Soil mixing depth: 20 cm
Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release
There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.
Technical conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil
Drift should be minimised.
Organizational measures to prevent/limit release from site
In line with the requirements for good agricultural practice, agricultural soil should be analysed prior to application of lime and the application rate should be adjusted according to the results of the analysis.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure – only relevant for urban soil treatment

Product characteristics
Drift: 1% (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)



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Amounts used	
CaO	180,000 kg/ha
Frequency and duration of use	
1 day/year and only once in a lifetime; Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 180,000 kg/ha (CaO) is not exceeded	
Environment factors not influenced by risk management	
Field surface area: 1 ha	
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure	
Outdoor use of products Soil mixing depth: 20 cm	
Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release	
Lime is only applied onto the soil in the technosphere zone before road construction. There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.	

Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil
Drift should be minimised.

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

Occupational exposure

The exposure estimation tool MEASE was used for the assessment of inhalation exposure. The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and has to be below 1 to demonstrate a safe use. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the DNEL for calcium oxide of 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate derived using MEASE (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction being a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

PROC	Method used for inhalation exposure assessment	Inhalation exposure estimate (RCR)	Method used for dermal exposure assessment	Dermal exposure estimate (RCR)
PROC 2, 3, 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	MEASE	< 1 mg/m³ (<0.001 – 0.6)	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. A DNEL for dermal effects has not been derived. Thus, dermal exposure is not assessed in this exposure scenario.	

Environmental exposure for agricultural soil protection

The PEC calculation for soil and surface water was based on the FOCUS soil group (FOCUS, 1996) and on the “draft guidance on the calculation of predicted environmental concentration values (PEC) of plant protection products for soil, ground water, surface water and sediment (Kloskowksi et al., 1999). The FOCUS/EXPOSIT modelling tool is preferred to the EUSES as it is more appropriate for agricultural-like application as in this case where parameter as the drift needs to be included in the modelling. FOCUS is a model typically developed for biocidal applications and was further elaborated on the basis of the German EXPOSIT 1.0 model, where parameters such as drifts can be improved according to collected data: once applied on the soil, calcium oxide can indeed migrate then towards surface waters, via drift.

Environmental emissions	See amounts used			
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Not relevant for agricultural soil protection			
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	**Substance**	**PEC (ug/L)**	**PNEC (ug/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	5.66	370	0.015
Exposure concentration in sediments	As described above, no exposure of surface water nor sediment to lime is expected. Further, in natural waters the hydroxide ions react with HCO3– to form water and CO32-. CO32- forms CaCO3 by reacting with Ca2+. The calcium carbonate precipitates and deposits on the sediment. Calcium carbonate is of low solubility and a constituent of natural soils.			
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	**Substance**	**PEC (mg/L)**	**PNEC (mg/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	500	816	0.61
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	This point is not relevant. Calcium oxide is not volatile. The vapour pressures is below 10^{-5} Pa.			
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	This point is not relevant because calcium oxides can be considered to be omnipresent and essential in the environment. The uses covered do not significantly influence the distribution of the constituents (Ca^{2+} and OH^-) in the environment.			

Environmental exposure for urban soil treatment

The urban soil treatment scenario is based on a road border scenario. At the special road border technical meeting (Ispra, September 5, 2003), EU Member States and industry agreed on a definition for a "road technosphere". The road technosphere can be defined as "the engineered environment that carries the geotechnical functions of the road in connection with its structure, operation and maintenance including the installations to ensure road safety and manage run off. This technosphere, which includes the hard and soft shoulder at the edge of the carriageway, is vertically dictated by the groundwater watertable. The road authority has responsibility for this road technosphere including road safety, road support, prevention of pollution and water management". The road technosphere was therefore excluded as assessment endpoint for risk assessment for the purpose of the existing/new substances regulations. The target zone is the zone beyond the technosphere, to which the environmental risk assessment applies.

The PEC calculation for soil was based on the FOCUS soil group (FOCUS, 1996) and on the "draft guidance on the calculation of predicted environmental concentration values (PEC) of plant protection products for soil, ground water, surface water and sediment (Kloskowksi et al., 1999). The FOCUS/EXPOSIT modelling tool is preferred to the EUSES as it is more appropriate for agricultural-like application as in this case where parameter as the drift needs to be included in the modelling. FOCUS is a model typically developed for biocidal applications and was further elaborated on the basis of the German EXPOSIT 1.0 model, where parameters such as drifts can be improved according to collected data.

Environmental emissions	See amounts used			
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentration in sediments	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	**Substance**	**PEC (mg/L)**	**PNEC (mg/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	529	816	0.65
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	This point is not relevant. Calcium oxide is not volatile. The vapour pressures is below 10^{-5} Pa.			
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	This point is not relevant because calcium can be considered to be omnipresent and essential in the environment. The uses covered do not significantly influence the distribution of the constituents (Ca^{2+} and OH^-) in the environment.			

Environmental exposure for other uses

For all other uses, no quantitative environmental exposure assessment is carried because

- The operational conditions and risk management measures are less stringent than those outlined for agricultural soil protection or urban soil treatment
- Lime is an ingredient and chemically bound into a matrix. Releases are negligible and insufficient to cause a pH-shift in soil, wastewater or surface water
- Lime is specifically used to release CO2-free breathable air, upon reaction with CO2. Such applications only relates to the air compartment, where the lime properties are exploited
- Neutralisation/pH-shift is the intended use and there are no additional impacts beyond those desired.

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

The DU works inside the boundaries set by the ES if either the proposed risk management measures as described above are met or the downstream user can demonstrate on his own that his operational conditions and implemented risk management measures are adequate. This has to be done by showing that they limit the inhalation and dermal exposure to a level below the respective DNEL (given that the processes and activities in question are covered by the PROCs listed above) as given below. If measured data are not available, the DU may make use of an appropriate scaling tool such as MEASE (www.ebrc.de/mease.html) to estimate the associated exposure. The dustiness of the substance used can be determined according to the MEASE glossary. For example, substances with a dustiness less than 2.5 % according to the Rotating Drum Method (RDM) are defined as “low dusty”, substances with a dustiness less than 10 % (RDM) are defined as “medium dusty” and substances with a dustiness ≥10 % are defined as “high dusty”.

$DNEL_{inhalation}$: 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust)

Important note: The DU has to be aware of the fact that apart from the long-term DNEL given above, a DNEL for acute effects exists at a level of 4 mg/m³. By demonstrating a safe use when comparing exposure estimates with the long-term DNEL, the acute DNEL is therefore also covered (according to R.14 guidance, acute exposure levels can be derived by multiplying long-term exposure estimates by a factor of 2). When using MEASE for the derivation of exposure estimates, it is noted that the exposure duration should only be reduced to half-shift as a risk management measure (leading to an exposure reduction of 40 %).

ES number 9.7: Professional uses of low dusty solids/powders of lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers

1. Title

Free short title	Professional uses of low dusty solids/powders of lime substances
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU22, SU1, SU5, SU6a, SU6b, SU7, SU10, SU11, SU12, SU13, SU16, SU17, SU18, SU19, SU20, SU23, SU24 PC1, PC2, PC3, PC7, PC8, PC9a, PC9b, PC11, PC12, PC13, PC14, PC15, PC16, PC17, PC18, PC19, PC20, PC21, PC23, PC24, PC25, PC26, PC27, PC28, PC29, PC30, PC31, PC32, PC33, PC34, PC35, PC36, PC37, PC39, PC40 AC1, AC2, AC3, AC4, AC5, AC6, AC7, AC8, AC10, AC11, AC13 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on the exposure estimation tool MEASE. The environmental assessment is based on FOCUS-Exposit.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

PROC/ERC	REACH definition	Involved tasks
PROC 2	Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure	Further information is provided in the ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.12: Use descriptor system (ECHA-2010-G-05-EN).
PROC 3	Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)	
PROC 4	Use in batch and other process (synthesis) where opportunity for exposure arises	
PROC 5	Mixing or blending in batch processes for formulation of preparations and articles (multistage and/or significant contact)	
PROC 8a	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at non-dedicated facilities	
PROC 8b	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/ discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at dedicated facilities	
PROC 9	Transfer of substance or preparation into small containers (dedicated filling line, including weighing)	
PROC 10	Roller application or brushing	
PROC 11	Non industrial spraying	
PROC 13	Treatment of articles by dipping and pouring	
PROC 15	Use as laboratory reagent	
PROC 16	Using material as fuel sources, limited exposure to unburned product to be expected	
PROC 17	Lubrication at high energy conditions and in partly open process	
PROC 18	Greasing at high energy conditions	
PROC 19	Hand-mixing with intimate contact and only PPE available	
PROC 21	Low energy manipulation of substances bound in materials and/or articles	
PROC 25	Other hot work operations with metals	
PROC 26	Handling of solid inorganic substances at ambient temperature	
ERC2, ERC8a, ERC8b, ERC8c, ERC8d, ERC8e, ERC8f	Wide dispersive indoor and outdoor use of reactive substances or processing aids in open systems	

2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential.

PROC	Use in preparation	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
PROC 25	not restricted		solid/powder, molten	high
All other applicable PROCs	not restricted		solid/powder	low

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

PROC	Duration of exposure
PROC 17	≤ 240 minutes
All other applicable PROCs	480 minutes (not restricted)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure

Operational conditions like process temperature and process pressure are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes. In process steps with considerably high temperatures (i.e. PROC 22, 23, 25), the exposure assessment in MEASE is however based on the ratio of process temperature and melting point. As the associated temperatures are expected to vary within the industry the highest ratio was taken as a worst case assumption for the exposure estimation. Thus all process temperatures are automatically covered in this exposure scenario for PROC 22, 23 and PROC 25.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker

PROC	Level of separation	Localised controls (LC)	Efficiency of LC (according to MEASE)	Further information
PROC 19	Any potentially required separation of workers from the emission source is indicated above under "Frequency and duration of exposure". A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure.	not applicable	na	-
All other applicable PROCs		not required	na	-

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure

Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation				
PROC	**Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)**	**RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)**	**Specification of gloves**	**Further personal protective equipment (PPE)**
PROC 4, 5, 11, 26	FFP1 mask	APF=4	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
PROC 16, 17, 18, 25	FFP2 mask	APF=10		
All other applicable PROCs	not required	na		

Any RPE as defined above shall only be worn if the following principles are implemented in parallel: The duration of work (compare with "duration of exposure" above) should reflect the additional physiological stress for the worker due to the breathing resistance and mass of the RPE itself, due to the increased thermal stress by enclosing the head. In addition, it shall be considered that the worker's capability of using tools and of communicating are reduced during the wearing of RPE.

For reasons as given above, the worker should therefore be (i) healthy (especially in view of medical problems that may affect the use of RPE), (ii) have suitable facial characteristics reducing leakages between face and mask (in view of scars and facial hair). The recommended devices above which rely on a tight face seal will not provide the required protection unless they fit the contours of the face properly and securely.

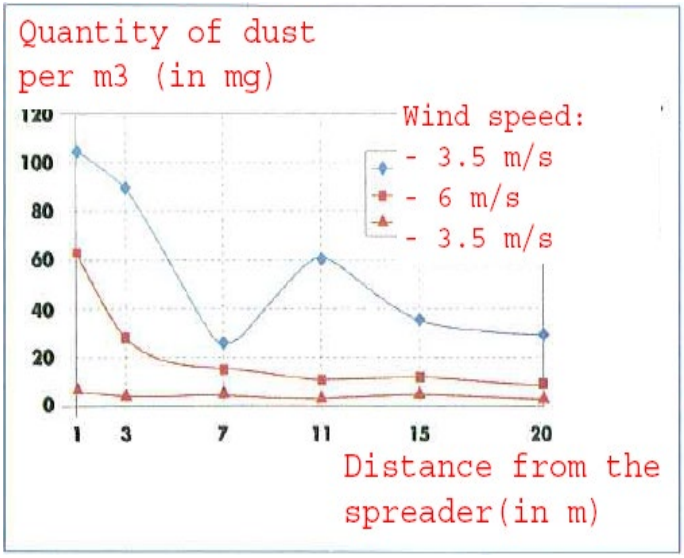
The employer and self-employed persons have legal responsibilities for the maintenance and issue of respiratory protective devices and the management of their correct use in the workplace. Therefore, they should define and document a suitable policy for a respiratory protective device programme including training of the workers.

An overview of the APFs of different RPE (according to BS EN 529:2005) can be found in the glossary of MEASE.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure – only relevant for agricultural soil protection

Product characteristics

Drift: 1% (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)



(Figure taken from: Laudet, A. et al., 1999)

Amounts used	
CaO	1,700 kg/ha

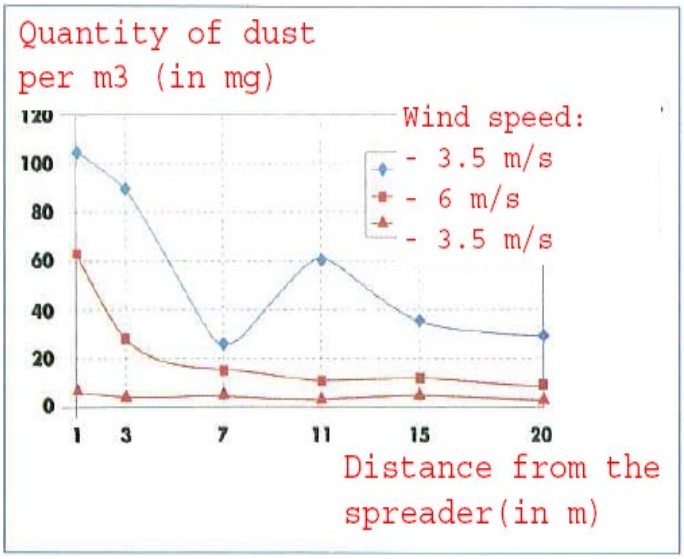
Frequency and duration of use

1 day/year (one application per year) Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 1,700 kg/ha is not exceeded (CaO)

Environment factors not influenced by risk management
Volume of surface water: 300 L/m² Field surface area: 1 ha
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure
Outdoor use of products Soil mixing depth: 20 cm
Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release
There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.
Technical conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil
Drift should be minimised.
Organizational measures to prevent/limit release from site
In line with the requirements for good agricultural practice, agricultural soil should be analysed prior to application of lime and the application rate should be adjusted according to the results of the analysis.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure – only relevant for urban soil treatment

Product characteristics
Drift: 1% (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)



(Figure taken from: Laudet, A. et al., 1999)

Amounts used	
CaO	180,000 kg/ha
Frequency and duration of use	
1 day/year and only once in a lifetime. Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 180,000 kg/ha is not exceeded (CaO)	
Environment factors not influenced by risk management	
Field surface area: 1 ha	
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure	
Outdoor use of products Soil mixing depth: 20 cm	
Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release	
Lime is only applied onto the soil in the technosphere zone before road construction. There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.	

Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil
Drift should be minimised.

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

Occupational exposure

The exposure estimation tool MEASE was used for the assessment of inhalation exposure. The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and has to be below 1 to demonstrate a safe use. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the DNEL for calcium oxide of 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate derived using MEASE (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction being a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

PROC	Method used for inhalation exposure assessment	Inhalation exposure estimate (RCR)	Method used for dermal exposure assessment	Dermal exposure estimate (RCR)
PROC 2, 3, 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26	MEASE	< 1 mg/m³ (0.01 – 0.75)	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. A DNEL for dermal effects has not been derived. Thus, dermal exposure is not assessed in this exposure scenario.	

Environmental exposure for agricultural soil protection

The PEC calculation for soil and surface water was based on the FOCUS soil group (FOCUS, 1996) and on the “draft guidance on the calculation of predicted environmental concentration values (PEC) of plant protection products for soil, ground water, surface water and sediment (Kloskowksi et al., 1999). The FOCUS/EXPOSIT modelling tool is preferred to the EUSES as it is more appropriate for agricultural-like application as in this case where parameter as the drift needs to be included in the modelling. FOCUS is a model typically developed for biocidal applications and was further elaborated on the basis of the German EXPOSIT 1.0 model, where parameters such as drifts can be improved according to collected data: once applied on the soil, calcium oxide can indeed migrate then towards surface waters, via drift.

Environmental emissions	See amounts used			
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Not relevant for agricultural soil protection			
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	**Substance**	**PEC (ug/L)**	**PNEC (ug/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	5.66	370	0.015
Exposure concentration in sediments	As described above, no exposure of surface water nor sediment to lime is expected. Further, in natural waters the hydroxide ions react with HCO3- to form water and CO32-. CO32- forms CaCO3 by reacting with Ca2+. The calcium carbonate precipitates and deposits on the sediment. Calcium carbonate is of low solubility and a constituent of natural soils.			
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	**Substance**	**PEC (mg/L)**	**PNEC (mg/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	500	816	0.61
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	This point is not relevant. Calcium oxide is not volatile. The vapour pressures is below 10^{-5} Pa.			
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	This point is not relevant because calcium can be considered to be omnipresent and essential in the environment. The uses covered do not significantly influence the distribution of the constituents (Ca^{2+} and OH^-) in the environment.			

Environmental exposure for urban soil treatment

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The PEC calculation for soil was based on the FOCUS soil group (FOCUS, 1996) and on the "draft guidance on the calculation of predicted environmental concentration values (PEC) of plant protection products for soil, ground water, surface water and sediment (Kloskowksi et al., 1999). The FOCUS/EXPOSIT modelling tool is preferred to the EUSES as it is more appropriate for agricultural-like application as in this case where parameter as the drift needs to be included in the modelling. FOCUS is a model typically developed for biocidal applications and was further elaborated on the basis of the German EXPOSIT 1.0 model, where parameters such as drifts can be improved according to collected data.

Environmental emissions	See amounts used			
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentration in sediments	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	**Substance**	**PEC (mg/L)**	**PNEC (mg/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	529	816	0.65
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	This point is not relevant. Calcium oxide is not volatile. The vapour pressures is below 10^{-5} Pa.			
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	This point is not relevant because calcium can be considered to be omnipresent and essential in the environment. The uses covered do not significantly influence the distribution of the constituents (Ca^{2+} and OH^-) in the environment.			

Environmental exposure for other uses

For all other uses, no quantitative environmental exposure assessment is carried because

- The operational conditions and risk management measures are less stringent than those outlined for agricultural soil protection or urban soil treatment
- Lime is an ingredient and chemically bound into a matrix. Releases are negligible and insufficient to cause a pH-shift in soil, wastewater or surface water
- Lime is specifically used to release CO2-free breathable air, upon reaction with CO2. Such applications only relates to the air compartment, where the lime properties are exploited
- Neutralisation/pH-shift is the intended use and there are no additional impacts beyond those desired.

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

The DU works inside the boundaries set by the ES if either the proposed risk management measures as described above are met or the downstream user can demonstrate on his own that his operational conditions and implemented risk management measures are adequate. This has to be done by showing that they limit the inhalation and dermal exposure to a level below the respective DNEL (given that the processes and activities in question are covered by the PROCs listed above) as given below. If measured data are not available, the DU may make use of an appropriate scaling tool such as MEASE (www.ebrc.de/mease.html) to estimate the associated exposure. The dustiness of the substance used can be determined according to the MEASE glossary. For example, substances with a dustiness less than 2.5 % according to the Rotating Drum Method (RDM) are defined as “low dusty”, substances with a dustiness less than 10 % (RDM) are defined as “medium dusty” and substances with a dustiness ≥10 % are defined as “high dusty”.

$DNEL_{inhalation}$: 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust)

Important note: The DU has to be aware of the fact that apart from the long-term DNEL given above, a DNEL for acute effects exists at a level of 4 mg/m³. By demonstrating a safe use when comparing exposure estimates with the long-term DNEL, the acute DNEL is therefore also covered (according to R.14 guidance, acute exposure levels can be derived by multiplying long-term exposure estimates by a factor of 2). When using MEASE for the derivation of exposure estimates, it is noted that the exposure duration should only be reduced to half-shift as a risk management measure (leading to an exposure reduction of 40 %).

ES number 9.8: Professional uses of medium dusty solids/powders of lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers	
1. Title	
Free short title	Professional uses of medium dusty solids/powders of lime substances
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU22, SU1, SU5, SU6a, SU6b, SU7, SU10, SU11, SU12, SU13, SU16, SU17, SU18, SU19, SU20, SU23, SU24 PC1, PC2, PC3, PC7, PC8, PC9a, PC9b, PC11, PC12, PC13, PC14, PC15, PC16, PC17, PC18, PC19, PC20, PC21, PC23, PC24, PC25, PC26, PC27, PC28, PC29, PC30, PC31, PC32, PC33, PC34, PC35, PC36, PC37, PC39, PC40 AC1, AC2, AC3, AC4, AC5, AC6, AC7, AC8, AC10, AC11, AC13 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on the exposure estimation tool MEASE. The environmental assessment is based on FOCUS-Exposit.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures		
PROC/ERC	**REACH definition**	**Involved tasks**
PROC 2	Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure	Further information is provided in the ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.12: Use descriptor system (ECHA-2010-G-05-EN).
PROC 3	Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)	
PROC 4	Use in batch and other process (synthesis) where opportunity for exposure arises	
PROC 5	Mixing or blending in batch processes for formulation of preparations and articles (multistage and/or significant contact)	
PROC 8a	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at non-dedicated facilities	
PROC 8b	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/ discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at dedicated facilities	
PROC 9	Transfer of substance or preparation into small containers (dedicated filling line, including weighing)	
PROC 10	Roller application or brushing	
PROC 11	Non industrial spraying	
PROC 13	Treatment of articles by dipping and pouring	
PROC 15	Use as laboratory reagent	
PROC 16	Using material as fuel sources, limited exposure to unburned product to be expected	
PROC 17	Lubrication at high energy conditions and in partly open process	
PROC 18	Greasing at high energy conditions	
PROC 19	Hand-mixing with intimate contact and only PPE available	
PROC 25	Other hot work operations with metals	
PROC 26	Handling of solid inorganic substances at ambient temperature	
ERC2, ERC8a, ERC8b, ERC8c, ERC8d, ERC8e, ERC8f	Wide dispersive indoor and outdoor use of reactive substances or processing aids in open systems	

2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential.

PROC	Use in preparation	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
PROC 25	not restricted		solid/powder, molten	high
All other applicable PROCs	not restricted		solid/powder	medium

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

PROC	Duration of exposure
PROC 11, 16, 17, 18, 19	≤ 240 minutes
All other applicable PROCs	480 minutes (not restricted)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure

Operational conditions like process temperature and process pressure are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes. In process steps with considerably high temperatures (i.e. PROC 22, 23, 25), the exposure assessment in MEASE is however based on the ratio of process temperature and melting point. As the associated temperatures are expected to vary within the industry the highest ratio was taken as a worst case assumption for the exposure estimation. Thus all process temperatures are automatically covered in this exposure scenario for PROC 22, 23 and PROC 25.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker

PROC	Level of separation	Localised controls (LC)	Efficiency of LC (according to MEASE)	Further information
PROC 11, 16	Any potentially required separation of workers from the emission source is indicated above under "Frequency and duration of exposure". A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure.	generic local exhaust ventilation	72 %	-
PROC 17, 18		integrated local exhaust ventilation	87 %	-
PROC 19		not applicable	na	-
All other applicable PROCs		not required	na	-

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure

Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation				
PROC	**Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)**	**RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)**	**Specification of gloves**	**Further personal protective equipment (PPE)**
PROC 2, 3, 16, 19	FFP1 mask	APF=4	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
PROC 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 13, 17, 18, 25, 26	FFP2 mask	APF=10		
PROC 11	FFP1 mask	APF=10		
PROC 15	not required	na		

Any RPE as defined above shall only be worn if the following principles are implemented in parallel: The duration of work (compare with "duration of exposure" above) should reflect the additional physiological stress for the worker due to the breathing resistance and mass of the RPE itself, due to the increased thermal stress by enclosing the head. In addition, it shall be considered that the worker's capability of using tools and of communicating are reduced during the wearing of RPE.

For reasons as given above, the worker should therefore be (i) healthy (especially in view of medical problems that may affect the use of RPE), (ii) have suitable facial characteristics reducing leakages between face and mask (in view of scars and facial hair). The recommended devices above which rely on a tight face seal will not provide the required protection unless they fit the contours of the face properly and securely.

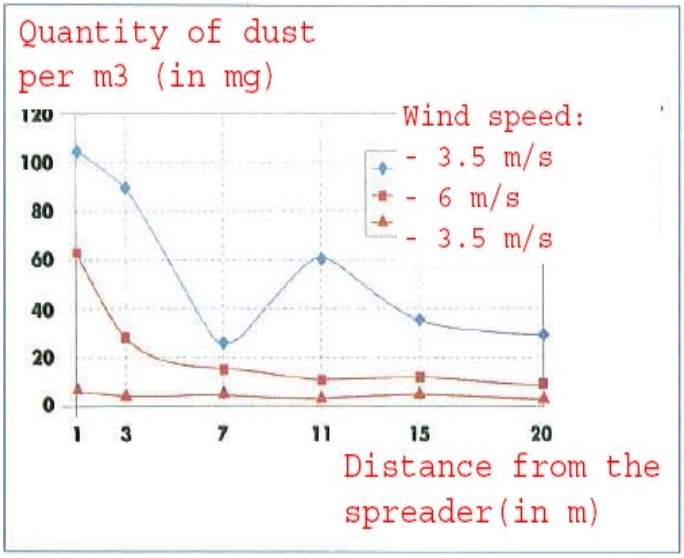
The employer and self-employed persons have legal responsibilities for the maintenance and issue of respiratory protective devices and the management of their correct use in the workplace. Therefore, they should define and document a suitable policy for a respiratory protective device programme including training of the workers.

An overview of the APFs of different RPE (according to BS EN 529:2005) can be found in the glossary of MEASE.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure – only relevant for agricultural soil protection

Product characteristics

Drift: 1% (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)



(Figure taken from: Laudet, A. et al., 1999)

Amounts used	
CaO	1,700 kg/ha

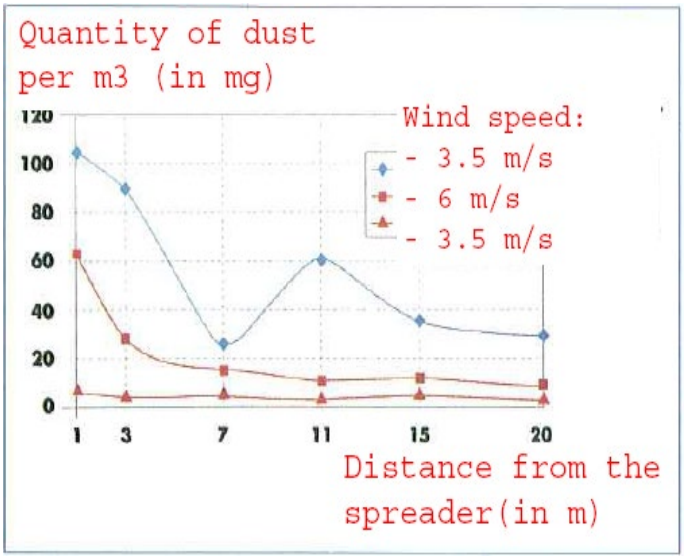
Frequency and duration of use

1 day/year (one application per year) Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 1,700 kg/ha is not exceeded (CaO)

Environment factors not influenced by risk management
Volume of surface water: 300 L/m² Field surface area: 1 ha
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure
Outdoor use of products Soil mixing depth: 20 cm
Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release
There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.
Technical conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil
Drift should be minimised.
Organizational measures to prevent/limit release from site
In line with the requirements for good agricultural practice, agricultural soil should be analysed prior to application of lime and the application rate should be adjusted according to the results of the analysis.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure – only relevant for urban soil treatment

Product characteristics
Drift: 1% (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)



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Amounts used	
CaO	180,000 kg/ha

Frequency and duration of use
1 day/year and only once in a lifetime. Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 180,000 kg/ha is not exceeded (CaO)
Environment factors not influenced by risk management
Field surface area: 1 ha
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure
Outdoor use of products Soil mixing depth: 20 cm
Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release
Lime is only applied onto the soil in the technosphere zone before road construction. There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.

Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil
Drift should be minimised.

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

Occupational exposure

The exposure estimation tool MEASE was used for the assessment of inhalation exposure. The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and has to be below 1 to demonstrate a safe use. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the DNEL for calcium oxide of 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate derived using MEASE (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction being a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

PROC	Method used for inhalation exposure assessment	Inhalation exposure estimate (RCR)	Method used for dermal exposure assessment	Dermal exposure estimate (RCR)
PROC 2, 3, 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26	MEASE	< 1 mg/m³ (0.25 – 0.825)	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. A DNEL for dermal effects has not been derived. Thus, dermal exposure is not assessed in this exposure scenario.	

Environmental exposure for agricultural soil protection

The PEC calculation for soil and surface water was based on the FOCUS soil group (FOCUS, 1996) and on the “draft guidance on the calculation of predicted environmental concentration values (PEC) of plant protection products for soil, ground water, surface water and sediment (Kloskowksi et al., 1999). The FOCUS/EXPOSIT modelling tool is preferred to the EUSES as it is more appropriate for agricultural-like application as in this case where parameter as the drift needs to be included in the modelling. FOCUS is a model typically developed for biocidal applications and was further elaborated on the basis of the German EXPOSIT 1.0 model, where parameters such as drifts can be improved according to collected data: once applied on the soil, calcium oxide can indeed migrate then towards surface waters, via drift.

Environmental emissions	See amounts used			
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Not relevant for agricultural soil protection			
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	**Substance**	**PEC (ug/L)**	**PNEC (ug/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	5.66	370	0.015
Exposure concentration in sediments	As described above, no exposure of surface water nor sediment to lime is expected. Further, in natural waters the hydroxide ions react with HCO3- to form water and CO32-. CO32- forms CaCO3 by reacting with Ca2+. The calcium carbonate precipitates and deposits on the sediment. Calcium carbonate is of low solubility and a constituent of natural soils.			
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	**Substance**	**PEC (mg/L)**	**PNEC (mg/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	500	816	0.61
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	This point is not relevant. Calcium oxide is not volatile. The vapour pressures is below 10^{-5} Pa.			
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	This point is not relevant because calcium can be considered to be omnipresent and essential in the environment. The uses covered do not significantly influence the distribution of the constituents (Ca^{2+} and OH^-) in the environment.			

Environmental exposure for urban soil treatment

The urban soil treatment scenario is based on a road border scenario. At the special road border technical meeting (Ispra, September 5, 2003), EU Member States and industry agreed on a definition for a "road technosphere". The road technosphere can be defined as "the engineered environment that carries the geotechnical functions of the road in connection with its structure, operation and maintenance including the installations to ensure road safety and manage run off. This technosphere, which includes the hard and soft shoulder at the edge of the carriageway, is vertically dictated by the groundwater watertable. The road authority has responsibility for this road technosphere including road safety, road support, prevention of pollution and water management". The road technosphere was therefore excluded as assessment endpoint for risk assessment for the purpose of the existing/new substances regulations. The target zone is the zone beyond the technosphere, to which the environmental risk assessment applies.

The PEC calculation for soil was based on the FOCUS soil group (FOCUS, 1996) and on the "draft guidance on the calculation of predicted environmental concentration values (PEC) of plant protection products for soil, ground water, surface water and sediment (Kloskowksi et al., 1999). The FOCUS/EXPOSIT modelling tool is preferred to the EUSES as it is more appropriate for agricultural-like application as in this case where parameter as the drift needs to be included in the modelling. FOCUS is a model typically developed for biocidal applications and was further elaborated on the basis of the German EXPOSIT 1.0 model, where parameters such as drifts can be improved according to collected data.

Environmental emissions	See amounts used			
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentration in sediments	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	**Substance**	**PEC (mg/L)**	**PNEC (mg/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	529	816	0.65
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	This point is not relevant. Calcium oxide is not volatile. The vapour pressures is below 10^{-5} Pa.			
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	This point is not relevant because calcium can be considered to be omnipresent and essential in the environment. The uses covered do not significantly influence the distribution of the constituents (Ca^{2+} and OH^-) in the environment.			

Environmental exposure for other uses

For all other uses, no quantitative environmental exposure assessment is carried because

- The operational conditions and risk management measures are less stringent than those outlined for agricultural soil protection or urban soil treatment
- Lime is an ingredient and chemically bound into a matrix. Releases are negligible and insufficient to cause a pH-shift in soil, wastewater or surface water
- Lime is specifically used to release CO2-free breathable air, upon reaction with CO2. Such applications only relates to the air compartment, where the lime properties are exploited
- Neutralisation/pH-shift is the intended use and there are no additional impacts beyond those desired.

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

The DU works inside the boundaries set by the ES if either the proposed risk management measures as described above are met or the downstream user can demonstrate on his own that his operational conditions and implemented risk management measures are adequate. This has to be done by showing that they limit the inhalation and dermal exposure to a level below the respective DNEL (given that the processes and activities in question are covered by the PROCs listed above) as given below. If measured data are not available, the DU may make use of an appropriate scaling tool such as MEASE (www.ebrc.de/mease.html) to estimate the associated exposure. The dustiness of the substance used can be determined according to the MEASE glossary. For example, substances with a dustiness less than 2.5 % according to the Rotating Drum Method (RDM) are defined as “low dusty”, substances with a dustiness less than 10 % (RDM) are defined as “medium dusty” and substances with a dustiness ≥10 % are defined as “high dusty”.

$DNEL_{inhalation}$: 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust)

Important note: The DU has to be aware of the fact that apart from the long-term DNEL given above, a DNEL for acute effects exists at a level of 4 mg/m³. By demonstrating a safe use when comparing exposure estimates with the long-term DNEL, the acute DNEL is therefore also covered (according to R.14 guidance, acute exposure levels can be derived by multiplying long-term exposure estimates by a factor of 2). When using MEASE for the derivation of exposure estimates, it is noted that the exposure duration should only be reduced to half-shift as a risk management measure (leading to an exposure reduction of 40 %).

ES number 9.9: Professional uses of high dusty solids/powders of lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers	
1. Title	
Free short title	Professional uses of high dusty solids/powders of lime substances
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU22, SU1, SU5, SU6a, SU6b, SU7, SU10, SU11, SU12, SU13, SU16, SU17, SU18, SU19, SU20, SU23, SU24 PC1, PC2, PC3, PC7, PC8, PC9a, PC9b, PC11, PC12, PC13, PC14, PC15, PC16, PC17, PC18, PC19, PC20, PC21, PC23, PC24, PC25, PC26, PC27, PC28, PC29, PC30, PC31, PC32, PC33, PC34, PC35, PC36, PC37, PC39, PC40 AC1, AC2, AC3, AC4, AC5, AC6, AC7, AC8, AC10, AC11, AC13 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on the exposure estimation tool MEASE. The environmental assessment is based on FOCUS-Exposit.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures		
PROC/ERC	**REACH definition**	**Involved tasks**
PROC 2	Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure	Further information is provided in the ECHA Guidance on information requirements and chemical safety assessment, Chapter R.12: Use descriptor system (ECHA-2010-G-05-EN).
PROC 3	Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)	
PROC 4	Use in batch and other process (synthesis) where opportunity for exposure arises	
PROC 5	Mixing or blending in batch processes for formulation of preparations and articles (multistage and/or significant contact)	
PROC 8a	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at non-dedicated facilities	
PROC 8b	Transfer of substance or preparation (charging/ discharging) from/to vessels/large containers at dedicated facilities	
PROC 9	Transfer of substance or preparation into small containers (dedicated filling line, including weighing)	
PROC 10	Roller application or brushing	
PROC 11	Non industrial spraying	
PROC 13	Treatment of articles by dipping and pouring	
PROC 15	Use as laboratory reagent	
PROC 16	Using material as fuel sources, limited exposure to unburned product to be expected	
PROC 17	Lubrication at high energy conditions and in partly open process	
PROC 18	Greasing at high energy conditions	
PROC 19	Hand-mixing with intimate contact and only PPE available	
PROC 25	Other hot work operations with metals	
PROC 26	Handling of solid inorganic substances at ambient temperature	
ERC2, ERC8a, ERC8b, ERC8c, ERC8d, ERC8e, ERC8f	Wide dispersive indoor and outdoor use of reactive substances or processing aids in open systems	

2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential.

PROC	Use in preparation	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
All applicable PROCs	not restricted		solid/powder	high

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

PROC	Duration of exposure
PROC 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 26	≤ 240 minutes
PROC 11	≤ 60 minutes
All other applicable PROCs	480 minutes (not restricted)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure

Operational conditions like process temperature and process pressure are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes. In process steps with considerably high temperatures (i.e. PROC 22, 23, 25), the exposure assessment in MEASE is however based on the ratio of process temperature and melting point. As the associated temperatures are expected to vary within the industry the highest ratio was taken as a worst case assumption for the exposure estimation. Thus all process temperatures are automatically covered in this exposure scenario for PROC 22, 23 and PROC 25.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker

PROC	Level of separation	Localised controls (LC)	Efficiency of LC (according to MEASE)	Further information
PROC 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 11, 16, 26	Any potentially required separation of workers from the emission source is indicated above under "Frequency and duration of exposure". A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure.	generic local exhaust ventilation	72 %	-
PROC 17, 18		integrated local exhaust ventilation	87 %	-
PROC 19		not applicable	na	only in well ventilated rooms or outdoors (efficiency 50 %)-
All other applicable PROCs		not required	na	-

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure

Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation				
PROC	**Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)**	**RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)**	**Specification of gloves**	**Further personal protective equipment (PPE)**
PROC 9, 26	FFP1 mask	APF=4	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
PROC 11, 17, 18, 19	FFP3 mask	APF=20		
PROC 25	FFP2 mask	APF=10		
All other applicable PROCs	FFP2 mask	APF=10		

Any RPE as defined above shall only be worn if the following principles are implemented in parallel: The duration of work (compare with "duration of exposure" above) should reflect the additional physiological stress for the worker due to the breathing resistance and mass of the RPE itself, due to the increased thermal stress by enclosing the head. In addition, it shall be considered that the worker's capability of using tools and of communicating are reduced during the wearing of RPE.

For reasons as given above, the worker should therefore be (i) healthy (especially in view of medical problems that may affect the use of RPE), (ii) have suitable facial characteristics reducing leakages between face and mask (in view of scars and facial hair). The recommended devices above which rely on a tight face seal will not provide the required protection unless they fit the contours of the face properly and securely.

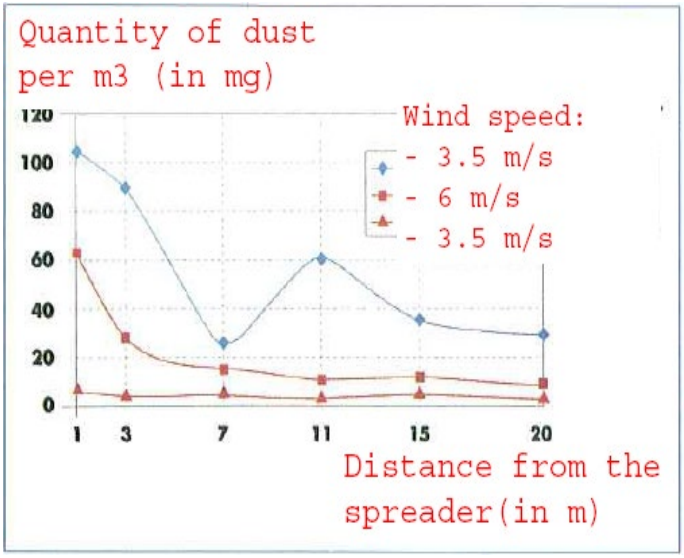
The employer and self-employed persons have legal responsibilities for the maintenance and issue of respiratory protective devices and the management of their correct use in the workplace. Therefore, they should define and document a suitable policy for a respiratory protective device programme including training of the workers.

An overview of the APFs of different RPE (according to BS EN 529:2005) can be found in the glossary of MEASE.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure – only relevant for agricultural soil protection

Product characteristics

Drift: 1% (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)



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Amounts used	
CaO	1,700 kg/ha

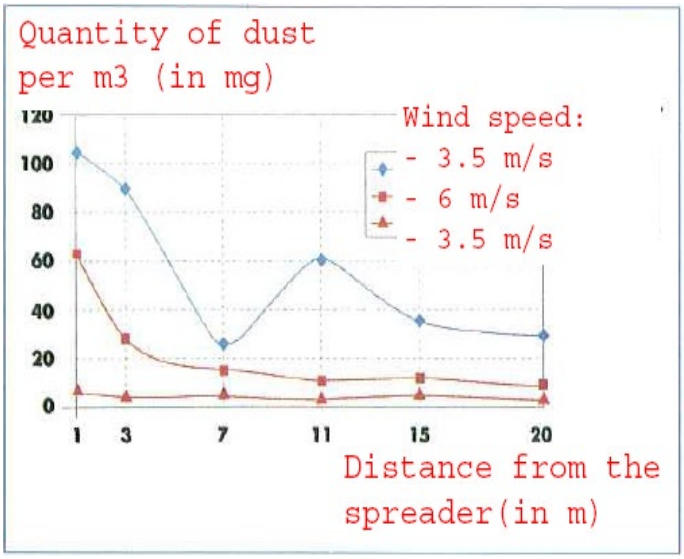
Frequency and duration of use

1 day/year (one application per year). Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 1,700 kg/ha is not exceeded (CaO)

Environment factors not influenced by risk management
Volume of surface water: 300 L/m2 Field surface area: 1 ha
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure
Outdoor use of products Soil mixing depth: 20 cm
Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release
There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.
Technical conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil
Drift should be minimised.
Organizational measures to prevent/limit release from site
In line with the requirements for good agricultural practice, agricultural soil should be analysed prior to application of lime and the application rate should be adjusted according to the results of the analysis.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure – only relevant for urban soil treatment

Product characteristics
Drift: 1% (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)



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Amounts used	
CaO	180,000 kg/ha

Frequency and duration of use
1 day/year and only once in a lifetime. Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 180,000 kg/ha is not exceeded (CaO)
Environment factors not influenced by risk management
Field surface area: 1 ha
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure
Outdoor use of products Soil mixing depth: 20 cm
Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release
Lime is only applied onto the soil in the technosphere zone before road construction. There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.

Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil
Drift should be minimised.

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

Occupational exposure

The exposure estimation tool MEASE was used for the assessment of inhalation exposure. The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and has to be below 1 to demonstrate a safe use. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the DNEL for calcium oxide of 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate derived using MEASE (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction being a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

PROC	Method used for inhalation exposure assessment	Inhalation exposure estimate (RCR)	Method used for dermal exposure assessment	Dermal exposure estimate (RCR)
PROC 2, 3, 4, 5, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26	MEASE	<1 mg/m³ (0.5 – 0.825)	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. A DNEL for dermal effects has not been derived. Thus, dermal exposure is not assessed in this exposure scenario.	

Environmental exposure for agricultural soil protection

The PEC calculation for soil and surface water was based on the FOCUS soil group (FOCUS, 1996) and on the “draft guidance on the calculation of predicted environmental concentration values (PEC) of plant protection products for soil, ground water, surface water and sediment (Kloskowksi et al., 1999). The FOCUS/EXPOSIT modelling tool is preferred to the EUSES as it is more appropriate for agricultural-like application as in this case where parameter as the drift needs to be included in the modelling. FOCUS is a model typically developed for biocidal applications and was further elaborated on the basis of the German EXPOSIT 1.0 model, where parameters such as drifts can be improved according to collected data: once applied on the soil, calcium oxide can indeed migrate then towards surface waters, via drift.

Environmental emissions	See amounts used			
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Not relevant for agricultural soil protection			
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	**Substance**	**PEC (ug/L)**	**PNEC (ug/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	5.66	370	0.015
Exposure concentration in sediments	As described above, no exposure of surface water nor sediment to lime is expected. Further, in natural waters the hydroxide ions react with HCO3- to form water and CO32-. CO32- forms CaCO3 by reacting with Ca2+. The calcium carbonate precipitates and deposits on the sediment. Calcium carbonate is of low solubility and a constituent of natural soils.			
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	**Substance**	**PEC (mg/L)**	**PNEC (mg/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	500	816	0.61
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	This point is not relevant. Calcium oxide is not volatile. The vapour pressures is below 10^{-5} Pa.			
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	This point is not relevant because calcium can be considered to be omnipresent and essential in the environment. The uses covered do not significantly influence the distribution of the constituents (Ca^{2+} and OH^-) in the environment.			

Environmental exposure for urban soil treatment

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The PEC calculation for soil was based on the FOCUS soil group (FOCUS, 1996) and on the "draft guidance on the calculation of predicted environmental concentration values (PEC) of plant protection products for soil, ground water, surface water and sediment (Kloskowksi et al., 1999). The FOCUS/EXPOSIT modelling tool is preferred to the EUSES as it is more appropriate for agricultural-like application as in this case where parameter as the drift needs to be included in the modelling. FOCUS is a model typically developed for biocidal applications and was further elaborated on the basis of the German EXPOSIT 1.0 model, where parameters such as drifts can be improved according to collected data.

Environmental emissions	See amounts used			
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentration in sediments	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	**Substance**	**PEC (mg/L)**	**PNEC (mg/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	529	816	0.65
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	This point is not relevant. Calcium oxide is not volatile. The vapour pressures is below 10^{-5} Pa.			
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	This point is not relevant because calcium can be considered to be omnipresent and essential in the environment. The uses covered do not significantly influence the distribution of the constituents (Ca^{2+} and OH^-) in the environment.			

Environmental exposure for other uses

For all other uses, no quantitative environmental exposure assessment is carried because

- The operational conditions and risk management measures are less stringent than those outlined for agricultural soil protection or urban soil treatment
- Lime is an ingredient and chemically bound into a matrix. Releases are negligible and insufficient to cause a pH-shift in soil, wastewater or surface water
- Lime is specifically used to release CO2-free breathable air, upon reaction with CO2. Such applications only relates to the air compartment, where the lime properties are exploited
- Neutralisation/pH-shift is the intended use and there are no additional impacts beyond those desired.

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

The DU works inside the boundaries set by the ES if either the proposed risk management measures as described above are met or the downstream user can demonstrate on his own that his operational conditions and implemented risk management measures are adequate. This has to be done by showing that they limit the inhalation and dermal exposure to a level below the respective DNEL (given that the processes and activities in question are covered by the PROCs listed above) as given below. If measured data are not available, the DU may make use of an appropriate scaling tool such as MEASE (www.ebrc.de/mease.html) to estimate the associated exposure. The dustiness of the substance used can be determined according to the MEASE glossary. For example, substances with a dustiness less than 2.5 % according to the Rotating Drum Method (RDM) are defined as “low dusty”, substances with a dustiness less than 10 % (RDM) are defined as “medium dusty” and substances with a dustiness ≥10 % are defined as “high dusty”.

$DNEL_{inhalation}$: 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust)

Important note: The DU has to be aware of the fact that apart from the long-term DNEL given above, a DNEL for acute effects exists at a level of 4 mg/m³. By demonstrating a safe use when comparing exposure estimates with the long-term DNEL, the acute DNEL is therefore also covered (according to R.14 guidance, acute exposure levels can be derived by multiplying long-term exposure estimates by a factor of 2). When using MEASE for the derivation of exposure estimates, it is noted that the exposure duration should only be reduced to half-shift as a risk management measure (leading to an exposure reduction of 40 %).

ES number 9.10: Professional use of lime substances in soil treatment

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers

1. Title

Free short title	Professional use of lime substances in soil treatment
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU22 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on measured data and on the exposure estimation tool MEASE. The environmental assessment is based on FOCUS-Exposit.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

Task/ERC	REACH definition	Involved tasks
Milling	PROC 5	Preparation and use of calcium oxides for soil treatment.
Loading of spreader	PROC 8b, PROC 26	
Application to soil (spreading)	PROC 11	
ERC2, ERC8a, ERC8b, ERC8c, ERC8d, ERC8e, ERC8f	Wide dispersive indoor and outdoor use of reactive substances or processing aids in open systems	Calcium oxide is applied in numerous cases of wide dispersive uses: agricultural, forestry, fish and shrimps farming, soil treatment and environmental protection.

2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential.

Task	Use in preparation	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
Milling	not restricted		solid/powder	high
Loading of spreader	not restricted		solid/powder	high
Application to soil (spreading)	not restricted		solid/powder	high

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

Task	Duration of exposure
Milling	240 minutes
Loading of spreader	240 minutes
Application to soil (spreading)	480 minutes (not restricted)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure

Operational conditions (e.g. process temperature and process pressure) are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker

Task	Level of separation	Localised controls (LC)	Efficiency of LC	Further information
Milling	Separation of workers is generally not required in the conducted processes.	not required	na	-
Loading of spreader		not required	na	-
Application to soil (spreading)	During application the worker is sitting in the cabin of the spreader	Cabin with filtered air supply	99%	-

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure

Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation

Task	Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)	RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)	Specification of gloves	Further personal protective equipment (PPE)
Milling	FFP3 mask	APF=20	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
Loading of spreader	FFP3 mask	APF=20		
Application to soil (spreading)	not required	na		

Any RPE as defined above shall only be worn if the following principles are implemented in parallel: The duration of work (compare with “duration of exposure” above) should reflect the additional physiological stress for the worker due to the breathing resistance and mass of the RPE itself, due to the increased thermal stress by enclosing the head. In addition, it shall be considered that the worker’s capability of using tools and of communicating are reduced during the wearing of RPE.

For reasons as given above, the worker should therefore be (i) healthy (especially in view of medical problems that may affect the use of RPE), (ii) have suitable facial characteristics reducing leakages between face and mask (in view of scars and facial hair). The recommended devices above which rely on a tight face seal will not provide the required protection unless they fit the contours of the face properly and securely.

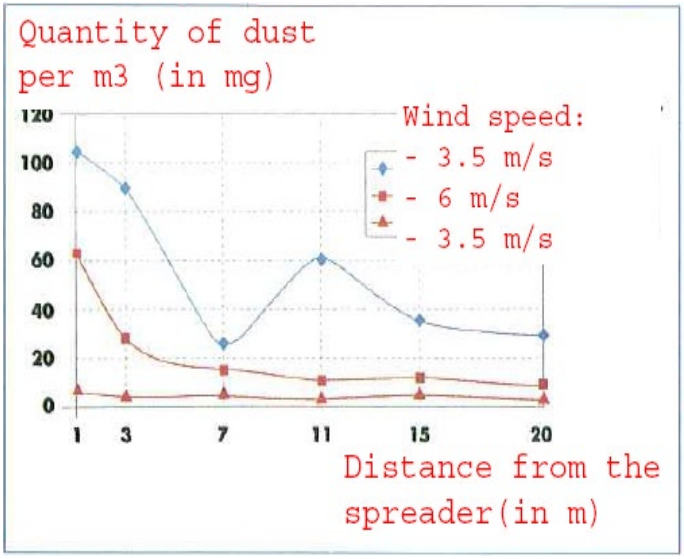
The employer and self-employed persons have legal responsibilities for the maintenance and issue of respiratory protective devices and the management of their correct use in the workplace. Therefore, they should define and document a suitable policy for a respiratory protective device programme including training of the workers.

An overview of the APFs of different RPE (according to BS EN 529:2005) can be found in the glossary of MEASE.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure – only relevant for agricultural soil protection

Product characteristics

Drift: 1% (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)



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Amounts used

CaO	1,700 kg/ha

Frequency and duration of use

1 day/year (one application per year). Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 1,700 kg/ha (CaO) is not exceeded

Environment factors not influenced by risk management

Volume of surface water: 300 L/m²
Field surface area: 1 ha

Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure

Outdoor use of products
Soil mixing depth: 20 cm

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.

Technical conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil

Drift should be minimised.

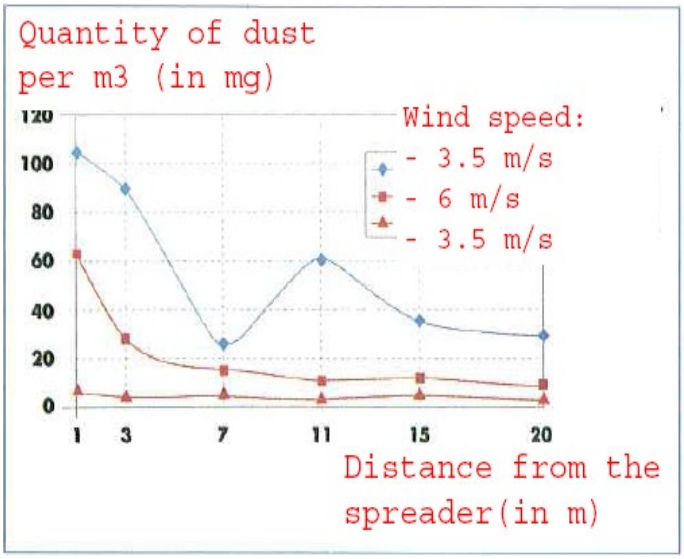
Organizational measures to prevent/limit release from site

In line with the requirements for good agricultural practice, agricultural soil should be analysed prior to application of lime and the application rate should be adjusted according to the results of the analysis.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure – only relevant for urban soil treatment

Product characteristics

Drift: 1% (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)



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Amounts used

CaO	180,000 kg/ha

Frequency and duration of use

1 day/year and only once in a lifetime. Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 180,000 kg/ha is not exceeded (CaO)

Environment factors not influenced by risk management

Field surface area: 1 ha

Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure

Outdoor use of products
Soil mixing depth: 20 cm

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

Lime is only applied onto the soil in the technosphere zone before road construction. There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.

Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil

Drift should be minimised.

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

Occupational exposure

Measured data and modelled exposure estimates (MEASE) were used for the assessment of inhalation exposure. The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and has to be below 1 to demonstrate a safe use. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the DNEL for calcium oxide of 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust).

Task	Method used for inhalation exposure assessment	Inhalation exposure estimate (RCR)	Method used for dermal exposure assessment	Dermal exposure estimate (RCR)
Milling	MEASE	0.488 mg/m³ (0.48)	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. A DNEL for dermal effects has not been derived. Thus, dermal exposure is not assessed in this exposure scenario.	
Loading of spreader	MEASE (PROC 8b)	0.488 mg/m³ (0.48)		
Application to soil (spreading)	measured data	0.880 mg/m³ (0.88)		

Environmental exposure for agricultural soil protection

The PEC calculation for soil and surface water was based on the FOCUS soil group (FOCUS, 1996) and on the “draft guidance on the calculation of predicted environmental concentration values (PEC) of plant protection products for soil, ground water, surface water and sediment (Kloskowksi et al., 1999). The FOCUS/EXPOSIT modelling tool is preferred to the EUSES as it is more appropriate for agricultural-like application as in this case where parameter as the drift needs to be included in the modelling. FOCUS is a model typically developed for biocidal applications and was further elaborated on the basis of the German EXPOSIT 1.0 model, where parameters such as drifts can be improved according to collected data: once applied on the soil, calcium oxide can indeed migrate then towards surface waters, via drift.

Environmental emissions	See amounts used			
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Not relevant for agricultural soil protection			
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	**Substance**	**PEC (ug/L)**	**PNEC (ug/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	5.66	370	0.015
Exposure concentration in sediments	As described above, no exposure of surface water nor sediment to lime is expected. Further, in natural waters the hydroxide ions react with HCO3- to form water and CO32-. CO32- forms CaCO3 by reacting with Ca2+. The calcium carbonate precipitates and deposits on the sediment. Calcium carbonate is of low solubility and a constituent of natural soils.			
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	**Substance**	**PEC (mg/L)**	**PNEC (mg/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	500	816	0.61
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	This point is not relevant. Calcium oxide is not volatile. The vapour pressures is below 10^{-5} Pa.			
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	This point is not relevant because calcium can be considered to be omnipresent and essential in the environment. The uses covered do not significantly influence the distribution of the constituents (Ca^{2+} and OH^-) in the environment.			

Environmental exposure for urban soil treatment

The urban soil treatment scenario is based on a road border scenario. At the special road border technical meeting (Ispra, September 5, 2003), EU Member States and industry agreed on a definition for a “road technosphere”. The road technosphere can be defined as “the engineered environment that carries the geotechnical functions of the road in connection with its structure, operation and maintenance including the installations to ensure road safety and manage run off. This technosphere, which includes the hard and soft shoulder at the edge of the carriageway, is vertically dictated by the groundwater watertable. The road authority has responsibility for this road technosphere including road safety, road support, prevention of pollution and water management”. The road technosphere was therefore excluded as assessment endpoint for risk assessment for the purpose of the existing/new substances regulations. The target zone is the zone beyond the technosphere, to which the environmental risk assessment applies.

The PEC calculation for soil was based on the FOCUS soil group (FOCUS, 1996) and on the “draft guidance on the calculation of predicted environmental concentration values (PEC) of plant protection products for soil, ground water, surface water and sediment (Kloskowksi et al., 1999). The FOCUS/EXPOSIT modelling tool is preferred to the EUSES as it is more appropriate for agricultural-like application as in this case where parameter as the drift needs to be included in the modelling. FOCUS is a model typically developed for biocidal applications and was further elaborated on the basis of the German EXPOSIT 1.0 model, where parameters such as drifts can be improved according to collected data.

Environmental emissions	See amounts used			
Exposure concentration in waste water treatment plant (WWTP)	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentration in aquatic pelagic compartment	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentration in sediments	Not relevant for road border scenario			
Exposure concentrations in soil and groundwater	**Substance**	**PEC (mg/L)**	**PNEC (mg/L)**	**RCR**
	CaO	529	816	0.65
Exposure concentration in atmospheric compartment	This point is not relevant. Calcium oxide is not volatile. The vapour pressures is below 10^{-5} Pa.			
Exposure concentration relevant for the food chain (secondary poisoning)	This point is not relevant because calcium can be considered to be omnipresent and essential in the environment. The uses covered do not significantly influence the distribution of the constituents (Ca^{2+} and OH^-) in the environment.			

Environmental exposure for other uses

For all other uses, no quantitative environmental exposure assessment is carried because

- The operational conditions and risk management measures are less stringent than those outlined for agricultural soil protection or urban soil treatment
- Lime is an ingredient and chemically bound into a matrix. Releases are negligible and insufficient to cause a pH-shift in soil, wastewater or surface water
- Lime is specifically used to release CO2-free breathable air, upon reaction with CO2. Such applications only relates to the air compartment, where the lime properties are exploited
- Neutralisation/pH-shift is the intended use and there are no additional impacts beyond those desired.

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

The DU works inside the boundaries set by the ES if either the proposed risk management measures as described above are met or the downstream user can demonstrate on his own that his operational conditions and implemented risk management measures are adequate. This has to be done by showing that they limit the inhalation and dermal exposure to a level below the respective DNEL (given that the processes and activities in question are covered by the PROCs listed above) as given below. If measured data are not available, the DU may make use of an appropriate scaling tool such as MEASE (www.ebrc.de/mease.html) to estimate the associated exposure. The dustiness of the substance used can be determined according to the MEASE glossary. For example, substances with a dustiness less than 2.5 % according to the Rotating Drum Method (RDM) are defined as “low dusty”, substances with a dustiness less than 10 % (RDM) are defined as “medium dusty” and substances with a dustiness ≥10 % are defined as “high dusty”.

$DNEL_{inhalation}$: 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust)

Important note: The DU has to be aware of the fact that apart from the long-term DNEL given above, a DNEL for acute effects exists at a level of 4 mg/m³. By demonstrating a safe use when comparing exposure estimates with the long-term DNEL, the acute DNEL is therefore also covered (according to R.14 guidance, acute exposure levels can be derived by multiplying long-term exposure estimates by a factor of 2). When using MEASE for the derivation of exposure estimates, it is noted that the exposure duration should only be reduced to half-shift as a risk management measure (leading to an exposure reduction of 40 %).

ES number 9.11: Professional uses of articles/containers containing lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (1) addressing uses carried out by workers

1. Title

Free short title	Professional uses of articles/containers containing lime substances
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU22, SU1, SU5, SU6a, SU6b, SU7, SU10, SU11, SU12, SU13, SU16, SU17, SU18, SU19, SU20, SU23, SU24 AC1, AC2, AC3, AC4, AC5, AC6, AC7, AC8, AC10, AC11, AC13 (appropriate PROCs and ERCs are given in Section 2 below)
Processes, tasks and/or activities covered	Processes, tasks and/or activities covered are described in Section 2 below.
Assessment Method	The assessment of inhalation exposure is based on the exposure estimation tool MEASE.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

PROC/ERC	REACH definition	Involved tasks
PROC 0	Other process (PROC 21 (low emission potential) as proxy for exposure estimation)	Use of containers containing calcium oxide/preparations as CO_2 absorbents (e.g. breathing apparatus)
PROC 21	Low energy manipulation of substances bound in materials and/or articles	Handling of substances bound in materials and/or articles
PROC 24	High (mechanical) energy work-up of substances bound in materials and/or articles	Grinding, mechanical cutting
PROC 25	Other hot work operations with metals	Welding, soldering
ERC10, ERC11, ERC 12	Wide dispersive indoor and outdoor use of long-life articles and materials with low release	Calcium oxide bound into or onto articles and materials such as: wooden and plastic construction and building materials (e.g. gutters, drains), flooring, furniture, toys, leather products, paper and cardboard products (magazines, books, news paper and packaging paper), electronic equipment (casing)

2.1 Control of workers exposure

Product characteristic

According to the MEASE approach, the substance-intrinsic emission potential is one of the main exposure determinants. This is reflected by an assignment of a so-called fugacity class in the MEASE tool. For operations conducted with solid substances at ambient temperature the fugacity is based on the dustiness of that substance. Whereas in hot metal operations, fugacity is temperature based, taking into account the process temperature and the melting point of the substance. As a third group, high abrasive tasks are based on the level of abrasion instead of the substance intrinsic emission potential.

PROC	Used in preparation?	Content in preparation	Physical form	Emission potential
PROC 0	not restricted		massive objects (pellets), low potential for dust formation due to abrasion during previous filling and handling activities of pellets, not during use of breathing apparatus	low (worst case assumption as no inhalation exposure is assumed during the use of the breathing apparatus due to the very low abrasive potential)
PROC 21	not restricted		massive objects	very low
PROC 24, 25	not restricted		massive objects	high

Amounts used

The actual tonnage handled per shift is not considered to influence the exposure as such for this scenario. Instead, the combination of the scale of operation (industrial vs. professional) and level of containment/automation (as reflected in the PROC) is the main determinant of the process intrinsic emission potential.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure	
PROC	**Duration of exposure**
PROC 0	480 minutes (not restricted as far as occupational exposure to calcium oxide is concerned, the actual wearing duration may be restricted due the user instructions of the actual breathing apparatus)
PROC 21	480 minutes (not restricted)
PROC 24, 25	≤ 240 minutes

Human factors not influenced by risk management
The shift breathing volume during all process steps reflected in the PROCs is assumed to be 10 m³/shift (8 hours).

Other given operational conditions affecting workers exposure
Operational conditions like process temperature and process pressure are not considered relevant for occupational exposure assessment of the conducted processes. In process steps with considerably high temperatures (i.e. PROC 22, 23, 25), the exposure assessment in MEASE is however based on the ratio of process temperature and melting point. As the associated temperatures are expected to vary within the industry the highest ratio was taken as a worst case assumption for the exposure estimation. Thus all process temperatures are automatically covered in this exposure scenario for PROC 22, 23 and PROC 25.

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release
Risk management measures at the process level (e.g. containment or segregation of the emission source) are generally not required in the processes.

Technical conditions and measures to control dispersion from source towards the worker

PROC	**Level of separation**	**Localised controls (LC)**	**Efficiency of LC (according to MEASE)**	**Further information**
PROC 0, 21, 24, 25	Any potentially required separation of workers from the emission source is indicated above under "Frequency and duration of exposure". A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure.	not required	na	-

Organisational measures to prevent /limit releases, dispersion and exposure
Avoid inhalation or ingestion. General occupational hygiene measures are required to ensure a safe handling of the substance. These measures involve good personal and housekeeping practices (i.e. regular cleaning with suitable cleaning devices), no eating and smoking at the workplace, the wearing of standard working clothes and shoes unless otherwise stated below. Shower and change clothes at end of work shift. Do not wear contaminated clothing at home. Do not blow dust off with compressed air.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation

PROC	**Specification of respiratory protective equipment (RPE)**	**RPE efficiency (assigned protection factor, APF)**	**Specification of gloves**	**Further personal protective equipment (PPE)**
PROC 0, 21	not required	na	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, the use of protective gloves is mandatory for all process steps.	Eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn, unless potential contact with the eye can be excluded by the nature and type of application (i.e. closed process). Additionally, face protection, protective clothing and safety shoes are required to be worn as appropriate.
PROC 24, 25	FFP1 mask	APF=4		

Any RPE as defined above shall only be worn if the following principles are implemented in parallel: The duration of work (compare with "duration of exposure" above) should reflect the additional physiological stress for the worker due to the breathing resistance and mass of the RPE itself, due to the increased thermal stress by enclosing the head. In addition, it shall be considered that the worker's capability of using tools and of communicating are reduced during the wearing of RPE.

For reasons as given above, the worker should therefore be (i) healthy (especially in view of medical problems that may affect the use of RPE), (ii) have suitable facial characteristics reducing leakages between face and mask (in view of scars and facial hair). The recommended devices above which rely on a tight face seal will not provide the required protection unless they fit the contours of the face properly and securely.

The employer and self-employed persons have legal responsibilities for the maintenance and issue of respiratory protective devices and the management of their correct use in the workplace. Therefore, they should define and document a suitable policy for a respiratory protective device programme including training of the workers.

An overview of the APFs of different RPE (according to BS EN 529:2005) can be found in the glossary of MEASE.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure

Product characteristics

Lime is chemically bound into/onto a matrix with very low release potential

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

Occupational exposure

The exposure estimation tool MEASE was used for the assessment of inhalation exposure. The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and has to be below 1 to demonstrate a safe use. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the DNEL for calcium oxide of 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate derived using MEASE (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction being a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

PROC	Method used for inhalation exposure assessment	Inhalation exposure estimate (RCR)	Method used for dermal exposure assessment	Dermal exposure estimate (RCR)
PROC 0	MEASE (PROC 21)	0.5 mg/m³ (0.5)	Since calcium oxide is classified as irritating to skin, dermal exposure has to be minimised as far as technically feasible. A DNEL for dermal effects has not been derived. Thus, dermal exposure is not assessed in this exposure scenario.	
PROC 21	MEASE	0.05 mg/m³ (0.05)		
PROC 24	MEASE	0.825 mg/m³ (0.825)		
PROC 25	MEASE	0.6 mg/m³ (0.6)		

Environmental exposure

Lime is an ingredient and is chemically bound into a matrix: there is no intended release of lime during normal and reasonable foreseeable conditions of use. Releases are negligible and insufficient to cause a pH-shift in soil, wastewater or surface water.

4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

The DU works inside the boundaries set by the ES if either the proposed risk management measures as described above are met or the downstream user can demonstrate on his own that his operational conditions and implemented risk management measures are adequate. This has to be done by showing that they limit the inhalation and dermal exposure to a level below the respective DNEL (given that the processes and activities in question are covered by the PROCs listed above) as given below. If measured data are not available, the DU may make use of an appropriate scaling tool such as MEASE (www.ebrc.de/mease.html) to estimate the associated exposure. The dustiness of the substance used can be determined according to the MEASE glossary. For example, substances with a dustiness less than 2.5 % according to the Rotating Drum Method (RDM) are defined as “low dusty”, substances with a dustiness less than 10 % (RDM) are defined as “medium dusty” and substances with a dustiness ≥10 % are defined as “high dusty”.

$DNEL_{inhalation}$: 1 mg/m³ (as respirable dust)

Important note: The DU has to be aware of the fact that apart from the long-term DNEL given above, a DNEL for acute effects exists at a level of 4 mg/m³. By demonstrating a safe use when comparing exposure estimates with the long-term DNEL, the acute DNEL is therefore also covered (according to R.14 guidance, acute exposure levels can be derived by multiplying long-term exposure estimates by a factor of 2). When using MEASE for the derivation of exposure estimates, it is noted that the exposure duration should only be reduced to half-shift as a risk management measure (leading to an exposure reduction of 40 %).

ES number 9.12: Consumer use of building and construction material (DIY – do it yourself)

Exposure Scenario Format (2) addressing uses carried out by consumers

1. Title

Free short title	Consumer use of building and construction material
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU21, PC9a, PC9b, ERC8c, ERC8d, ERC8e, ERC8f
Processes, tasks activities covered	Handling (mixing and filling) of powder formulations Application of liquid, pasty lime preparations.
Assessment Method*	Human health: A qualitative assessment has been performed for oral and dermal exposure as well as exposure to the eye. Inhalation exposure to dust has been assessed by the Dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992). Environment: A qualitative justification assessment is provided.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

RMM	No product integrated risk management measures are in place.
PC/ERC	**Description of activity referring to article categories (AC) and environmental release categories (ERC)**
PC 9a, 9b	Mixing and loading of powder containing lime substances. Application of lime plaster, putty or slurry to the walls or ceiling. Post-application exposure.
ERC 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f	Wide dispersive indoor use resulting in inclusion into or onto a matrix Wide dispersive outdoor use of processing aids in open systems Wide dispersive outdoor use of reactive substances in open systems Wide dispersive outdoor use resulting in inclusion into or onto a matrix

2.1 Control of consumers exposure

Product characteristic

Description of the preparation	**Concentration of the substance in the preparation**	**Physical state of the preparation**	**Dustiness (if relevant)**	**Packaging design**
Lime substance	100 %	Solid, powder	High, medium and low, depending on the kind of lime substance (indicative value from DIY[1] fact sheet see section 9.0.3)	Bulk in bags of up to 35 kg.
Plaster, Mortar	20-40%	Solid, powder		
Plaster, Mortar	20-40%	Pasty	-	-
Putty, filler	30-55%	Pasty, highly viscous, thick liquid	-	In tubes or buckets
Pre-mixed lime wash paint	~30%	Solid, powder	High - low (indicative value from DIY[1] fact sheet see section 9.0.3)	Bulk in bags of up to 35 kg.
Lime wash paint/milk of lime preparation	~ 30 %	Milk of lime preparation	-	-

Amounts used

Description of the preparation	**Amount used per event**
Filler, putty	250 g – 1 kg powder (2:1 powder water) Difficult to determine, because the amount is heavily dependent on the depth and size of the holes to be filled.
Plaster/lime wash paint	~ 25 kg depending on the size of the room, wall to be treated.
Floor/wall equalizer	~ 25 kg depending on the size of the room, wall to be equalized.

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

Description of task	**Duration of exposure per event**	**frequency of events**

Mixing and loading of lime containing powder.	1.33 min (DIY[1]-fact sheet, RIVM, Chapter 2.4.2 Mixing and loading of powders)	2/year (DIY[1] fact sheet)
Application of lime plaster, putty or slurry to the walls or ceiling	Several minutes - hours	2/year (DIY[1] fact sheet)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

Description of the task	Population exposed	Breathing rate	Exposed body part	Corresponding skin area [cm²]
Handling of powder	Adult	1.25 m³/hr	Half of both hands	430 (DIY[1] fact sheet)
Application of liquid, pasty lime preparations.	Adult	NR	Hands and forearms	1900 (DIY[1] fact sheet)

Other given operational conditions affecting consumers exposure

Description of the task	Indoor/outdoor	Room volume	Air exchange rate
Handling of powder	indoor	1 m³ (personal space, small area around the user)	0.6 hr^{-1} (unspecified room)
Application of liquid, pasty lime preparations.	indoor	NR	NR

Conditions and measures related to information and behavioural advice to consumers

In order to avoid health damage DIYers should comply with the same strict protective measures which apply to professional workplaces:

- Change wet clothing, shoes and gloves immediately.
- Protect uncovered areas of skin (arms, legs, face): there are various effective skin protection products which should be used in accordance with a skin protection plan (skin protection, cleansing and care). Cleanse the skin thoroughly after the work and apply a care product.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection and hygiene

In order to avoid health damage DIYers should comply with the same strict protective measures which apply to professional workplaces:

- When preparing or mixing building materials, during demolition or caulking and, above all, during overhead work, wear protective goggles as well as face masks during dusty work.
- Choose work gloves carefully. Leather gloves become wet and can facilitate burns. When working in a wet environment, cotton gloves with plastic covering (nitrile) are better. Wear gauntlet gloves during overhead work because they can considerably reduce the amount of humidity which permeates the working clothes.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure

Product characteristics

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Amounts used*

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Frequency and duration of use

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Environment factors not influenced by risk management

Default river flow and dilution

Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure

Indoor

Direct discharge to the wastewater is avoided.

Conditions and measures related to municipal sewage treatment plant

Default size of municipal sewage system/treatment plant and sludge treatment technique

Conditions and measures related to external treatment of waste for disposal

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Conditions and measures related to external recovery of waste

Not relevant for exposure assessment

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and is given in parentheses below. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the acute DNEL for lime substances of 4 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction is a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

Since limes are classified as irritating to skin and eyes a qualitative assessment has been performed for dermal exposure and exposure to the eye.

Human exposure		
Handling of powder		
Route of exposure	**Exposure estimate**	**Method used, comments**
Oral	-	Qualitative assessment Oral exposure does not occur as part of the intended product use.
Dermal	small task: 0.1 µg/cm² (-) large task: 1 µg/cm² (-)	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. However, dermal contact to dust from loading of lime substances or direct contact to the lime cannot be excluded if no protective gloves are worn during application. This may occasionally result in mild irritation easily avoided by prompt rinsing with water. Quantitative assessment The constant rate model of ConsExpo has been used. The contact rate to dust formed while pouring powder has been taken from the DIY[1]-fact sheet (RIVM report 320104007).
Eye	Dust	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. Dust from loading of the lime substances cannot be excluded if no protective goggles are used. Prompt rinsing with water and seeking medical advice after accidental exposure is advisable.
Inhalation	Small task: 12 µg/m³ (0.003) Large task: 120 µg/m³ (0.03)	Quantitative assessment Dust formation while pouring the powder is addressed by using the dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992, as described in section 9.0.3.1 above).
Application of liquid, pasty lime preparations.		
Route of exposure	**Exposure estimate**	**Method used, comments**
Oral	-	Qualitative assessment Oral exposure does not occur as part of the intended product use.
Dermal	Splashes	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. However, splashes on the skin cannot be excluded if no protective gloves are worn during the application. Splashes may occasionally result in mild irritation easily avoided by immediate rinsing of the hands with water.
Eye	Splashes	Qualitative assessment If appropriate goggles are worn no exposure to the eyes needs to be expected. However, splashes into the eyes cannot be excluded if no protective goggles are worn during the application of liquid or pasty lime preparations, especially during overhead work. Prompt rinsing with water and seeking medical advice after accidental exposure is advisable.
Inhalation	-	Qualitative assessment Not expected, as the vapour pressure of limes in water is low and generation of mists or aerosols does not take place.
Post-application exposure		
No relevant exposure will be assumed as the aqueous lime preparation will quickly convert to calcium carbonate with carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.		
Environmental exposure		
Referring to the OC/RMMs related to the environment to avoid discharging lime solutions directly into municipal wastewater, the pH of the influent of a municipal wastewater treatment plant is circum-neutral and therefore, there is no exposure to the biological activity. The influent of a municipal wastewater treatment plant is often neutralized anyway and lime may even be used beneficially for pH control of acid wastewater streams that are treated in biological WWTPs. Since the pH of the influent of the municipal treatment plant is circum neutral, the pH impact is negligible on the receiving environmental compartments, such as surface water, sediment and terrestrial compartment.		

ES number 9.13: Consumer use of CO_2 absorbent in breathing apparatuses

Exposure Scenario Format (2) addressing uses carried out by consumers

1. Title

Free short title	Consumer use of CO_2 absorbent in breathing apparatuses
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU21, PC2 , ERC8b
Processes, tasks activities covered	Filling of the formulation into the cartridge Use of closed circuit breathing apparatuses Cleaning of equipment
Assessment Method*	Human health A qualitative assessment has been performed for oral and dermal exposure. The inhalation exposure has been assessed by the Dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992). Environment A qualitative justification assessment is provided.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

RMM	The soda lime is available in granular form. Furthermore, a defined amount of water (14-18%) is added which will further reduce the dustiness of the absorbent. During the breathing cycle calcium dihydroxide will be quickly reacting with CO_2 to form the carbonate.
PC/ERC	**Description of activity referring to article categories (AC) and environmental release categories (ERC)**
PC 2	Use of closed circuit breathing apparatus for e.g. recreational diving containing soda lime as CO_2 absorbent. The breathed air will flow through the absorbent and CO_2 will quickly react (catalysed by water and sodium hydroxide) with the calcium dihydroxide to form the carbonate. The CO_2-free air can be re-breathed again, after addition of oxygen. Handling of the absorbent: The absorbent will be discarded after each use and refilled before each dive.
ERC 8b	Wide dispersive indoor use resulting in inclusion into or onto a matrix

2.1 Control of consumers exposure

Product characteristic

Description of the preparation	**Concentration of the substance in the preparation**	**Physical state of the preparation**	**Dustiness (if relevant)**	**Packaging design**
CO_2 absorbent	78 - 84% Depending on the application the main component has different additives. A specific amount of water is always added (14-18%).	Solid, granular	Very low dustiness (reduction by 10 % compared to powder) Dust formation cannot be ruled out during the filling of the scrubber cartridge.	4.5, 18 kg canister
"Used" CO_2 absorbent	~ 20%	Solid, granular	Very low dustiness (reduction by 10 % compared to powder)	1-3 kg in breathing apparatus

Amounts used

CO_2-Absorbent used in breathing apparatus	1-3 kg depending on the kind of breathing apparatus

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

Description of the task	**Duration of exposure per event**	**frequency of events**
Filling of the formulation into the cartridge	Ca. 1.33 min per filling, in sum < 15 min	Before each dive (up to 4 times)
Use of closed circuit breathing apparatus	1-2 h	Up to 4 dives a day
Cleaning and emptying of equipment	< 15 min	After each dive (up to 4 times)

Human factors not influenced by risk management

Description of the task	**Population exposed**	**Breathing rate**	**Exposed body part**	**Corresponding skin area [cm²]**
Filling of the formulation into the cartridge	adult	1.25 m³/hr (light working activity)	hands	840 (REACH guidance R.15, men)

Use of closed circuit breathing apparatus			-	-
Cleaning and emptying of equipment			hands	840 (REACH guidance R.15, men)

Other given operational conditions affecting consumers exposure

Description of the task	Indoor/outdoor	Room volume	Air exchange rate
Filling of the formulation into the cartridge	NR	NR	NR
Use of closed circuit breathing apparatus	-	-	-
Cleaning and emptying of equipment	NR	NR	NR

Conditions and measures related to information and behavioural advice to consumers

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust

Keep container tightly closed as to avoid the soda lime to dry out.

Keep out of reach of children.

Wash thoroughly after handling.

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

Do not mix with acids.

Carefully read the instructions of the breathing apparatus to assure a proper use of the breathing apparatus.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection and hygiene

Wear suitable gloves, goggles and protective clothes during handling. Use a filtering half mask (mask type FFP2 acc. to EN 149).

2.2 Control of environmental exposure

Product characteristics

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Amounts used*

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Frequency and duration of use

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Environment factors not influenced by risk management

Default river flow and dilution

Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure

Indoor

Conditions and measures related to municipal sewage treatment plant

Default size of municipal sewage system/treatment plant and sludge treatment technique

Conditions and measures related to external treatment of waste for disposal

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Conditions and measures related to external recovery of waste

Not relevant for exposure assessment

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and is given in parentheses below. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the acute DNEL for lime substances of 4 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction is a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

Since lime substances are classified as irritating to skin, and eyes a qualitative assessment has been performed for dermal exposure and exposure to the eye.

Due to the very specialised kind of consumers (divers filling their own CO_2 scrubber) it can be assumed that instructions will be taken into account to reduce exposure

Human exposure

Filling of the formulation into the cartridge

Route of exposure	Exposure estimate	Method used, comments
Oral	-	Qualitative assessment Oral exposure does not occur as part of the intended product use.

Dermal	-	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. However, dermal contact to dust from loading of granular soda lime or direct contact to the granules cannot be excluded if no protective gloves are worn during application. This may occasionally result in mild irritation easily avoided by prompt rinsing with water.
Eye	Dust	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. Dust from loading of the granular soda lime is expected to be minimal, therefore eye exposure will be minimal even without protective goggles. Nevertheless, prompt rinsing with water and seeking medical advice after accidental exposure is advisable.
Inhalation	Small task: 1.2 µg/m³ (3×10^{-4}) Large task: 12 µg/m³ (0.003)	Quantitative assessment Dust formation while pouring the powder is addressed by using the dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992, as described in section 9.0.3.1 above) and applying a dust reduction factor of 10 for the granular form.
Use of closed circuit breathing apparatus		
Route of exposure	**Exposure estimate**	**Method used, comments**
Oral	-	Qualitative assessment Oral exposure does not occur as part of the intended product use.
Dermal	-	Qualitative assessment Due to the product characteristics, it can be concluded that dermal exposure to the absorbent in breathing apparatuses is non-existent.
Eye	-	Qualitative assessment Due to the product characteristics, it can be concluded that eye exposure to the absorbent in breathing apparatuses is non-existent.
Inhalation	negligible	Qualitative assessment Instructional advice is provided to remove any dust before finishing the assembly of the scrubber. Divers filling their own CO_2 scrubber represent a specific subpopulation within consumers. Proper use of equipment and materials is in their own interest; hence it can be assumed that instructions will be taken into account. Due to the product characteristics and the instructional advices given, it can be concluded that inhalation exposure to the absorbent during the use of the breathing apparatus is negligible.
Cleaning and emptying of equipment		
Route of exposure	**Exposure estimate**	**Method used, comments**
Oral	-	Qualitative assessment Oral exposure does not occur as part of the intended product use.
Dermal	Dust and splashes	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. However, dermal contact to dust from emptying granular soda lime or direct contact to the granules cannot be excluded if no protective gloves are worn during cleaning. Furthermore, during the cleaning of the cartridge with water contact to moistened soda lime may occur. This may occasionally result in mild irritation easily avoided by immediate rinsing of with water.
Eye	Dust and splashes	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. However, contact to dust from emptying granular soda limes or during the cleaning of the cartridge with water contact to moisten soda limes may occur in very rare occasions. Prompt rinsing with water and seeking medical advice after accidental exposure is advisable.

Inhalation	Small task: 0.3 µg/m³ (7.5×10^{-5}) Large task: 3 µg/m³ (7.5×10^{-4})	Quantitative assessment Dust formation while pouring the powder is addressed by using the Dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992, as described in section 9.0.3.1 above) and applying a dust reduction factor of 10 for the granular form and a factor of 4 to account for the reduced amount of lime in the “used” absorbent.
Environmental exposure		
The pH impact due to use of lime in breathing apparatuses is expected to be negligible. The influent of a municipal wastewater treatment plant is often neutralized anyway and lime may even be used beneficially for pH control of acid wastewater streams that are treated in biological WWTPs. Since the pH of the influent of the municipal treatment plant is circum neutral, the pH impact is negligible on the receiving environmental compartments, such as surface water, sediment and terrestrial compartment.		

ES number 9.14: Consumer use of garden lime/fertilizer

Exposure Scenario Format (2) addressing uses carried out by consumers

1. Title

Free short title	Consumer use of garden lime/fertilizer
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU21, PC20, PC12, ERC8e
Processes, tasks activities covered	Manual application of garden lime, fertilizer Post-application exposure
Assessment Method*	Human health A qualitative assessment has been performed for oral and dermal exposure as well as for the exposure to the eye. The dust exposure has been assessed by the Dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992). Environment A qualitative justification assessment is provided.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

RMM	No product integrated risk management measures are in place.
PC/ERC	**Description of activity referring to article categories (AC) and environmental release categories (ERC)**
PC 20	Surface spreading of the garden lime by shovel/hand (worst case) and soil incorporation. Post-application exposure to playing children.
PC 12	Surface spreading of the garden lime by shovel/ hand (worst case) and soil incorporation. Post-application exposure to playing children.
ERC 8e	Wide dispersive outdoor use of reactive substances in open systems

2.1 Control of consumers exposure

Product characteristic

Description of the preparation	Concentration of the substance in the preparation	Physical state of the preparation	Dustiness (if relevant)	Packaging design
Garden lime	100 %	Solid, powder	High dusty	Bulk in bags or containers of 5, 10 and 25 kg
Fertilizer	Up to 20 %	Solid, granular	Low dusty	Bulk in bags or containers of 5, 10 and 25 kg

Amounts used

Description of the preparation	Amount used per event	Source of information
Garden lime	100g /m^2 (up to 200g/m^2)	Information and direction of use
Fertilizer	100g /m^2 (up to 1kg/m^2 (compost))	Information and direction of use

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

Description of the task	Duration of exposure per event	frequency of events
Manual application	Minutes-hours Depending on the size of the treated area	1 tasks per year
Post-application	2 h (toddlers playing on grass (EPA exposure factors handbook)	Relevant for up to 7 days after application

Human factors not influenced by risk management

Description of the task	Population exposed	Breathing rate	Exposed body part	Corresponding skin area [cm^2]
Manual application	Adult	1.25 m^3/hr	Hands and forearms	1900 (DIY fact sheet)
Post-application	Child/Toddlers	NR	NR	NR

Other given operational conditions affecting consumers exposure

Description of the task	Indoor/outdoor	Room volume	Air exchange rate
Manual application	outdoor	1 m^3 (personal space, small area around the user)	NR
Post-application	outdoor	NR	NR

Conditions and measures related to information and behavioural advice to consumers

Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust. Use a filtering half mask (mask type FFP2 acc. to EN 149).
Keep container closed and out of reach of children.
In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
Wash thoroughly after handling.
Do not mix with acids and always add limes to water and not water to limes.
Incorporation of the garden lime or fertilizer into the soil with subsequent watering will facilitate the effect.

Conditions and measures related to personal protection and hygiene

Wear suitable gloves, goggles and protection clothes.

2.2 Control of environmental exposure

Product characteristics

Drift: 1 % (very worst-case estimate based on data from dust measurements in air as a function of the distance from application)

Amounts used

Amount used	Ca(OH)2	2,244 kg/ha	In professional agricultural soil protection, it is recommended not to exceed 1700 kg CaO/ha or the corresponding amount of 2244 kg $Ca(OH)_2$/ha. This rate is three times the amount needed to compensate the annual losses of lime by leaching. For this reason, the value of 1700 kg CaO/ha or the corresponding amount of 2244 kg $Ca(OH)_2$/ha is used in this dossier as the basis for the risk assessment. The amount used for the other lime variants can be calculated based on their composition and the molecular weight.
	CaO	1,700 kg/ha	
	CaO.MgO	1,478 kg/ha	
	Ca(OH)2.Mg(OH)2	2,030 kg/ha	
	CaCO3.MgO	2,149 kg/ha	
	Ca(OH)2.MgO	1,774 kg/ha	
	Natural hydraulic lime	2,420 kg/ha	

Frequency and duration of use

1 day/year (one application per year); Multiple applications during the year are allowed, provided the total yearly amount of 1,700 kg/ha is not exceeded (CaO)

Environment factors not influenced by risk management

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure

Outdoor use of products
Soil mixing depth: 20 cm

Technical conditions and measures at process level (source) to prevent release

There are no direct releases to adjacent surface waters.

Technical conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil

Drift should be minimised.

Conditions and measures related to municipal sewage treatment plant

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Conditions and measures related to external treatment of waste for disposal

Not relevant for exposure assessment

Conditions and measures related to external recovery of waste

Not relevant for exposure assessment

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and is given in parentheses below. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the long-term DNEL for lime substances of 1 mg/m^3 (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction is a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

Since lime substances are classified as irritating to skin and eyes a qualitative assessment has been performed for dermal exposure and exposure to the eye.

Human exposure

Manual application

Route of exposure	Exposure estimate	Method used, comments
Oral	-	Qualitative assessment Oral exposure does not occur as part of the intended product use.

Dermal	Dust, powder	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. However, dermal contact to dust from application of lime substances or by direct contact to the limes cannot be excluded if no protective gloves are worn during application. Due to the relatively long application time, skin irritation would be expected. This can easily be avoided by immediate rinsing with water. It would be assumed that consumers who had experience of skin irritation will protect themselves. Therefore, any occurring skin irritation, which will be reversible, can be assumed to be non-recurring.
Eye	Dust	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. Dust from surfacing with lime cannot be excluded if no protective goggles are used. Prompt rinsing with water and seeking medical advice after accidental exposure is advisable.
Inhalation (garden lime)	Small task: 12 µg/m³ (0.0012) Large task: 120 µg/m³ (0.012)	Quantitative assessment No model describing the application of powders by shovel/hand is available, therefore, read-across from the dust formation model while pouring powders has been used as a worst case. Dust formation while pouring the powder is addressed by using the dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992, as described in section 9.0.3.1 above).
Inhalation (fertilizer)	Small task: 0.24 µg/m³ ($2.4 * 10^{-4}$) Large task: 2.4 µg/m³ (0.0024)	Quantitative assessment No model describing the application of powders by shovel/hand is available, therefore, read across from the dust formation model while pouring powders has been used as a worst case. Dust formation while pouring the powder is addressed by using the dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992, as described in section 9.0.3.1 above) and applying a dust reduction factor of 10 for the granular form and a factor of 5 to account for the reduced amount of limes in fertilizer.

Post-application

According to the PSD (UK Pesticide Safety Directorate, now called CRD) post-application exposure need to be addressed for products which are applied in parks or amateur products used to treat lawns and plants grown in private gardens. In this case exposure of children, who may have access to these areas soon after treatment, needs to be assessed. The US EPA model predicts the post-application exposure to products used in private gardens (e.g. lawns) by toddlers crawling on the treated area and also via the oral route through hand-to-mouth activities.

Garden lime or fertilizer including lime is used to treat acidic soil. Therefore, after application to the soil and subsequent watering the hazard driving effect of lime (alkalinity) will be quickly neutralized. Exposure to lime substances will be negligible within a short time after application.

Environmental exposure

No quantitative environmental exposure assessment is carried out because the operational conditions and risk management measures for consumer use are less stringent than those outlined for professional agricultural soil protection. Moreover, the neutralisation/pH-effect is the intended and desired effect in the soil compartment. Releases to wastewater are not expected.

ES number 9.15: Consumer use of lime substances as water treatment chemicals

Exposure Scenario Format (2) addressing uses carried out by consumers

1. Title

Free short title	Consumer use of lime substances as water treatment chemicals
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU21, PC20, PC37, ERC8b
Processes, tasks activities covered	Loading, filling or re-filling of solid formulations into container/preparation of lime milk Application of lime milk to water
Assessment Method*	Human health: A qualitative assessment has been performed for oral and dermal exposure as well as for exposure of the eye. Dust exposure has been assessed by the Dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992). Environment: A qualitative justification assessment is provided.

2. Operational conditions and risk management measures

RMM	No further product integrated risk management measures are in place.
PC/ERC	**Description of activity referring to article categories (AC) and environmental release categories (ERC)**
PC 20/37	Filling and re-filling (transfer of lime substances (solid)) of lime reactor for water treatment. Transfer of lime substances (solid) into container for further application. Dropwise application of lime milk to water.
ERC 8b	Wide dispersive indoor use of reactive substances in open systems

2.1 Control of consumers exposure

Product characteristic

Description of the preparation	**Concentration of the substance in the preparation**	**Physical state of the preparation**	**Dustiness (if relevant)**	**Packaging design**
Water treatment chemical	Up to 100 %	Solid, fine powder	high dustiness (indicative value from DIY fact sheet see section 9.0.3)	Bulk in bags or buckets/containers.
Water treatment chemical	Up to 99 %	Solid, granular of different size (D50 value 0.7 D50 value 1.75 D50 value 3.08)	low dustiness (reduction by 10% compared to powder)	Bulk-tank lorry or in „Big Bags“ or in sacks

Amounts used

Description of the preparation	**Amount used per event**
Water treatment chemical in lime reactor for aquaria	depending on the size of the water reactor to be filled (~ 100g /L)
Water treatment chemical in lime reactor for drinking water	depending on the size of the water reactor to be filled (~up to 1.2 kg/L)
Lime milk for further application	~ 20 g / 5L

Frequency and duration of use/exposure

Description of task	**Duration of exposure per event**	**frequency of events**
Preparation of lime milk (loading, filling and refilling)	1.33 min (DIY-fact sheet, RIVM, Chapter 2.4.2 Mixing and loading of powders)	1 task/month 1task/week
Dropwise application of lime milk to water	Several minutes - hours	1 tasks/ month

Human factors not influenced by risk management				
Description of the task	**Population exposed**	**Breathing rate**	**Exposed body part**	**Corresponding skin area [cm²]**
Preparation of lime milk (loading, filling and refilling)	adult	1.25 m³/hr	Half of both hands	430 (RIVM report 320104007)
Dropwise application of lime milk to water	adult	NR	Hands	860 (RIVM report 320104007)

Other given operational conditions affecting consumers exposure			
Description of the task	**Indoor/outdoor**	**Room volume**	**Air exchange rate**
Preparation of lime milk (loading, filling and refilling)	Indoor/outdoor	1 m³ (personal space, small area around the user)	0.6 hr^{-1} (unspecified room indoor)
Dropwise application of lime milk to water	indoor	NR	NR

Conditions and measures related to information and behavioural advice to consumers
Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Do not breathe dust Keep container closed and out of reach of children. Use only with adequate ventilation. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not mix with acids and always add limes to water and not water to limes.
Conditions and measures related to personal protection and hygiene
Wear suitable gloves, goggles and protective clothes. Use a filtering half mask (mask type FFP2 acc. to EN 149).

2.2 Control of environmental exposure

Product characteristics
Not relevant for exposure assessment
Amounts used*
Not relevant for exposure assessment
Frequency and duration of use
Not relevant for exposure assessment
Environment factors not influenced by risk management
Default river flow and dilution
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure
Indoor
Conditions and measures related to municipal sewage treatment plant
Default size of municipal sewage system/treatment plant and sludge treatment technique
Conditions and measures related to external treatment of waste for disposal
Not relevant for exposure assessment
Conditions and measures related to external recovery of waste
Not relevant for exposure assessment

3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

The risk characterisation ratio (RCR) is the quotient of the refined exposure estimate and the respective DNEL (derived no-effect level) and is given in parentheses below. For inhalation exposure, the RCR is based on the acute DNEL for lime substances of 4 mg/m³ (as respirable dust) and the respective inhalation exposure estimate (as inhalable dust). Thus, the RCR includes an additional safety margin since the respirable fraction is a sub-fraction of the inhalable fraction according to EN 481.

Since lime substances are classified as irritating to skin and eyes a qualitative assessment has been performed for dermal exposure and exposure to the eye.

Human exposure

Preparation of lime milk (loading)

Route of exposure	Exposure estimate	Method used, comments
Oral	-	Qualitative assessment Oral exposure does not occur as part of the intended product use.
Dermal (powder)	small task: 0.1 µg/cm² (-) large task: 1 µg/cm² (-)	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. However, dermal contact to dust from loading of limes or direct contact to the lime cannot be excluded if no protective gloves are worn during application. This may occasionally result in mild irritation easily avoided by prompt rinsing with water. Quantitative assessment The constant rate model of ConsExpo has been used. The contact rate to dust formed while pouring powder has been taken from the DIY-fact sheet (RIVM report 320104007). For granules the exposure estimate will be even lower.
Eye	Dust	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. Dust from loading of the limes cannot be excluded if no protective goggles are used. Prompt rinsing with water and seeking medical advice after accidental exposure is advisable.
Inhalation (powder)	Small task: 12 µg/m³ (0.003) Large task: 120 µg/m³ (0.03)	Quantitative assessment Dust formation while pouring the powder is addressed by using the Dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992, as described in section 9.0.3.1 above).
Inhalation (granules)	Small task: 1.2 µg/m³ (0.0003) Large task: 12 µg/m³ (0.003)	Quantitative assessment Dust formation while pouring the powder is addressed by using the Dutch model (van Hemmen, 1992 as described in section 9.0.3.1 above) and applying a dust reduction factor of 10 for the granular form.

Dropwise application of lime milk to water

Route of exposure	Exposure estimate	Method used, comments
Oral	-	Qualitative assessment Oral exposure does not occur as part of the intended product use.
Dermal	Droplets or splashes	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. However, splashes on the skin cannot be excluded if no protective gloves are worn during application. Splashes may occasionally result in mild irritation easily avoided by immediate rinsing of the hands in water.
Eye	Droplets or splashes	Qualitative assessment If risk reduction measures are taken into account no human exposure is expected. However, splashes into the eyes cannot be excluded if no protective goggles are worn during the application. However, it is rare for eye irritation to occur as a result of exposure to a clear solution of calcium hydroxide (lime water) and mild irritation can easily be avoided by immediate rinsing of the eyes with water.
Inhalation	-	Qualitative assessment Not expected, as the vapour pressure of limes in water is low and generation of mists or aerosols does not take place.

Environmental exposure
The pH impact due to use of lime in cosmetics is expected to be negligible. The influent of a municipal wastewater treatment plant is often neutralized anyway and lime may even be used beneficially for pH control of acid wastewater streams that are treated in biological WWTPs. Since the pH of the influent of the municipal treatment plant is circum neutral, the pH impact is negligible on the receiving environmental compartments, such as surface water, sediment and terrestrial compartment.

ES number 9.15: Consumer use of cosmetics containing lime substances

Exposure Scenario Format (2) addressing uses carried out by consumers	
1. Title	
Free short title	Consumer use of cosmetics containing limes
Systematic title based on use descriptor	SU21, PC39 , ERC8a
Processes, tasks activities covered	-
Assessment Method*	Human health: According to Article 14(5) (b) of regulation (EC) 1907/2006 risks to human health need not be considered for substances included in cosmetic products within the scope of Directive 76/768/EC. Environment A qualitative justification assessment is provided.
2. Operational conditions and risk management measures	
ERC 8a	Wide dispersive indoor use of processing aids in open systems
2.1 Control of consumers exposure	
Product characteristic	
Not relevant, as the risk to human health from this use does not need to be considered.	
Amounts used	
Not relevant, as the risk to human health from this use does not need to be considered.	
Frequency and duration of use/exposure	
Not relevant, as the risk to human health from this use does not need to be considered.	
Human factors not influenced by risk management	
Not relevant, as the risk to human health from this use does not need to be considered.	
Other given operational conditions affecting consumers exposure	
Not relevant, as the risk to human health from this use does not need to be considered.	
Conditions and measures related to information and behavioural advice to consumers	
Not relevant, as the risk to human health from this use does not need to be considered.	
Conditions and measures related to personal protection and hygiene	
Not relevant, as the risk to human health from this use does not need to be considered.	
2.2 Control of environmental exposure	
Product characteristics	
Not relevant for exposure assessment	
Amounts used*	
Not relevant for exposure assessment	
Frequency and duration of use	
Not relevant for exposure assessment	
Environment factors not influenced by risk management	
Default river flow and dilution	
Other given operational conditions affecting environmental exposure	
Indoor	
Conditions and measures related to municipal sewage treatment plant	
Default size of municipal sewage system/treatment plant and sludge treatment technique	
Conditions and measures related to external treatment of waste for disposal	
Not relevant for exposure assessment	
Conditions and measures related to external recovery of waste	
Not relevant for exposure assessment	
3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source	
Human exposure	
Human exposure to cosmetics will be addressed by other legislation and therefore need not be addressed under regulation (EC) 1907/2006 according to Article 14(5) (b) of this regulation.	

Environmental exposure
The pH impact due to use of lime in cosmetics is expected to be negligible. The influent of a municipal wastewater treatment plant is often neutralized anyway and lime may even be used beneficially for pH control of acid wastewater streams that are treated in biological WWTPs. Since the pH of the influent of the municipal treatment plant is circum neutral, the pH impact is negligible on the receiving environmental compartments, such as surface water, sediment and terrestrial compartment.

2. Descriptor list for Sectors of use (SU)

Code	Name	NACE codes
SU1	Agriculture, forestry, fishery	A
SU2a	Mining, (without offshore industries)	B
SU2b	Offshore industries	B 6
SU3	Industrial uses	
SU4	Manufacture of food products	C 10,11
SU5	Manufacture of textiles, leather, fur	C 13-15
SU6a	Manufacture of wood and wood products	C 16
SU6b	Manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products	C 17
SU7	Printing and reproduction of recorded media	C 18
SU8	Manufacture of bulk, large scale chemicals (including petroleum products)	C 19.2+20.1
SU9	Manufacture of fine chemicals	C 20.2-20.6
SU11	Manufacture of rubber products	C 22.1
SU12	Manufacture of plastics products, including compounding and conversion	C 22.2
SU13	Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products, e.g. plasters, cement	C 23
SU14	Manufacture of basic metals, including alloys	C 24
SU15	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	C 25
SU16	Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products, electrical equipment	C 26-27
SU17	General manufacturing, e.g. machinery, equipment, vehicles, other transport equipment	C 28-30,33
SU18	Manufacture of furniture	C 31
SU19	Building and construction work	F
SU20	Health services	Q 86
SU21	Consumer uses	
SU22	Professional uses	
SU23	Electricity, steam, gas water supply and sewage treatment	D 35, D36-37
SU24	Scientific research and development	M72
SU0	Other	

List of NACE Codes (19.11.2007),
http://ec.europa.eu/comm/competition/mergers/cases/index/nace_all.html

3. Descriptor list for Chemical Products Categories (PC),

Code	Name	Explanation and examples
PC1	Adhesives, sealants	
PC2	Adsorbents	
PC3	Air care products	
PC4	Anti-Freeze and de-icing products	
PC7	Base metals and alloys	
PC8	Biocidal products	Includes e.g. disinfectant products, pest control products. Note that the category refers to types of products, not to the technical function of the substance. PC 35 should be assigned to disinfectants being used as a component in a cleaning product.
PC9a	Coatings and paints, thinners, paint removers	
PC9b	Fillers, putties, plasters, modelling clay	
PC9c	Finger paints	
PC11	Explosives	
PC12	Fertilizers	
PC13	Fuels	
PC14	Metal surface treatment products	This covers substances permanently binding with the metal surface. It includes e.g. galvanic and electroplating products.
PC15	Non-metal-surface treatment products	It includes e.g. example treatment of walls before painting.
PC16	Heat transfer fluids	
PC17	Hydraulic fluids	
PC18	Ink and toners	
PC19	Intermediate	Removed from PC list and relocated in the technical function list in 2015
PC20	Processing aids such as pH-regulators, flocculants, precipitants, neutralization agents	This category covers processing aids used in the chemical industry.
PC21	Laboratory chemicals	
PC23	Leather treatment products	This category includes dyes, finishing, impregnation and care products.
PC24	Lubricants, greases, release products	
PC25	Metal working fluids	
PC26	Paper and board treatment products	This category includes e.g. bleaches, dye, finishing, impregnation products and other processing aids.
PC27	Plant protection products	
PC28	Perfumes, fragrances	
PC29	Pharmaceuticals	
PC30	Photo-chemicals	
PC31	Polishes and wax blends	
PC32	Polymer preparations and compounds	
PC33	Semiconductors	
PC34	Textile dyes, and impregnating products	This category includes e.g. bleaches and other processing aids.
PC35	Washing and cleaning	This category includes water and solvent based products.

	products	
PC36	Water softeners	
PC37	Water treatment chemicals	
PC38	Welding and soldering products, flux products	
PC39	Cosmetics, personal care products	This category includes products covered by the Cosmetics Regulation (EU Regulation 1223/2009) and other personal care products. It includes products such as. toothpaste, deodorants, etc.
PC40	Extraction agents	
PC41	Oil and gas exploration or production products	
PC42	Electrolytes for batteries	Mixtures (liquids or pastes) designed to serve as electrolytes in batteries.
PC0	Other	

4. Descriptor list for Process categories (PROC)

Code	Name	Explanations and examples
PROC1	Chemical production or refinery in closed process without likelihood of exposure or processes with equivalent containment conditions.	Describes the general nature of processes taking place in sectors where the manufacture of substances or production of mixtures takes place or processes with closed process conditions as applied in chemical industry25. The closed transfers inherent to the process including closed sampling are included. Open transfers to charge/discharge the system are not included.
PROC2	Chemical production or refinery in closed continuous process with occasional controlled exposure or processes with equivalent containment conditions	Describes the general nature of processes taking place in sectors where the manufacture of substances or production of mixtures takes place (continuous processes that involve limited manual interventions), or processes with equivalent closed process conditions as applied in chemical industry. The closed transfers inherent to the process including closed sampling are included. Open transfers to charge/discharge the system are not included.
PROC3	Manufacture or formulation in the chemical industry in closed batch processes with occasional controlled exposure or processes with equivalent containment condition	Describes the general nature of processes taking place in sectors where the manufacture of substances or production of mixtures takes place (batch processes that involve limited manual interventions) or processes with closed process conditions as applied in chemical industry. The closed transfers inherent to the process including closed sampling are included. Open transfers to charge/discharge are not included.
PROC4	Chemical production where opportunity for exposure arises	Describes the general nature of processes taking place in sectors where the manufacture of substances or production of mixtures takes place (processes where the nature of the design does not exclude exposure). The closed transfers inherent to the process including closed sampling are included. Open transfers to charge/discharge the system are not included.
PROC5	Mixing or blending in batch processes	Covers mixing or blending of solid or liquid materials in the context of manufacturing or formulating sectors, as well as upon end use. Charging/discharging of the blending vessel and sampling are considered separate activities and are not included in this PROC.
PROC6	Calendering operations	Processing of large surfaces at elevated temperature e.g. calendering of textile, rubber or paper
PROC7	Industrial spraying	Air dispersive techniques i.e. dispersion into air (= atomization) by e.g. pressurized air, hydraulic pressure or centrifugation, applicable for liquids and powders. Spraying for surface coating, adhesives, polishes/cleaners, air care products, blasting. The reference to ‘industrial’ means that workers involved have received specific task training, follow operating procedures and act under supervision. Where engineering controls are in place, they are also operated

		by trained personnel and regularly maintained according to procedures. It is not meant that the activity can only take place at industrial sites.
PROC8a	Transfer of substance or mixture (charging and discharging) at non- dedicated facilities 26	Covers general transferring operations of large quantities of chemicals from/to vessels, containers, installations or machinery without dedicated engineering controls in place for reducing exposure. Transfer includes loading, filling, dumping, bagging and weighing.
PROC8b	Transfer of substance or mixture (charging and discharging) at dedicated facilities26	Covers general transferring operations from/to vessels or containers with provision of dedicated engineering controls in place for reducing exposure: it addresses operations where material transfers are undertaken at locations that are specifically designed and operated for the transfer of larger quantities (tens of kilos and higher) of chemicals and where the exposure is primarily related to the un-coupling/coupling activity rather than the transfer itself. Such situations include tanker loading bays and drum filling. Transfer includes loading, filling, dumping, bagging.
PROC9	Transfer of substance or mixture into small containers (dedicated filling line, including weighing)	Filling lines specifically designed to both capture vapour and aerosol emissions and minimise spillage. This PROC can also be used to cover sampling operations.
PROC10	Roller application or brushing	This includes application of paints, coatings, removers, adhesives or cleaning agents to surfaces with potential exposure arising from splashes. This PROC can also be assigned to tasks such as cleaning of surfaces using long-handle tools.
PROC11	Non industrial spraying	Air dispersive techniques i.e. dispersion into air (= atomization) by e.g. pressurized air, hydraulic pressure or centrifugation, applicable for liquids and powders. Includes spraying of substances/mixtures for surface coating, adhesives, polishes/cleaners, air care products, blasting. The reference to 'non-industrial' is to differentiate where conditions mentioned in PROC7 cannot be met. It is not meant that the activity can only take place at non-industrial sites.
PROC12	Use of blowing agents in manufacture of foam	Use of substances to facilitate the process of production of foams by forming gas bubbles in a liquid mixture. It can be either a continuous or a batch process.
PROC13	Treatment of articles by dipping and pouring	Treatment of articles by dipping, pouring, immersing, soaking, washing out or washing in substances; Includes handling of treated objects (e.g. from/to treatment basin, after drying, plating). The service life of the article after the treatment needs to be reported separately.
PROC14	Tabletting, compression, extrusion, pelletisation, granulation	This covers processing of mixtures and/or substances into a defined shape for further use.
PROC15	Use as laboratory reagent	Use of substances at small scale in laboratories (less than or equal to 1 l or 1 kg present at workplace). Larger operations in laboratories and R+D installations should be treated as industrial processes. This includes the use in quality control processes.
PROC16	Use of fuels	Covers the use of (solid and liquid) fuel (including additives),

		including transfers via the closed system, where limited exposure to the product in its unburned form is expected. Assignment of PROC 8 or PROC 9 not needed in this case. The exposure to exhaust gases is not covered.
PROC17	Lubrication at high energy conditions in metal working operations	Covers metal working processes where the lubricants are exposed to high temperature and friction e.g. metal rolling/forming processes, drilling and grinding, etc. Transfers for refilling or discharging from/to reservoirs are not covered.
PROC18	General greasing /lubrication at high kinetic energy conditions	Use of lubricant or greasing agents in high kinetic energy conditions, including manual application. It does not refer to any filling operation.
PROC19	Manual activities involving hand contact	Addresses tasks, where exposure of hands and forearms can be expected; no dedicated tools or specific exposure controls other than PPE can be put in place. Examples are manual mixing of cement and plasters in construction works or mixing of hair dyes and bleaches.
PROC20	Use of functional fluids in small devices	Includes the filling and emptying of systems containing functional fluids (including transfers via the closed system) e.g. heat and pressure transfer fluids; takes place on routine basis Example: charging and discharging of motor and engine oils, brake fluids, home appliances. Assignment of PROCs 8-9 not needed in this case.
PROC21	Low energy manipulation and handling of substances bound in/on materials or articles	Cover activities such as manual cutting, cold rolling or assembly/disassembly of material/article. It can also be used for handling/transfer of massive (metal) objects.
PROC22	Manufacturing and processing of minerals and/or metals at substantially elevated temperature	Describes the general nature of processes taking place at smelters, furnaces, refineries, ovens, excluding casting, tapping and drossing operations. When the temperature has decreased , the handling of the cool material can be covered by PROC21 or PROC26.
PROC23	Open processing and transfer operations at substantially elevated temperature	Describes certain processes taking place at smelters, furnaces and ovens: casting, tapping and drossing operations. Covers also hot dip galvanising raking of melted solids in paving and water granulation. When the temperature has decreased, the handling of the cold material can be covered by PROC21 or PROC26.
PROC24	High (mechanical) energy work-up of substances bound in /on materials and/or articles	Substantial thermal or kinetic energy applied to substance by e.g. hot rolling/forming, grinding, mechanical cutting, drilling or sanding, stripping.
PROC25	Other hot work operations with metals	Welding, soldering, gouging, brazing, flame cutting.
PROC26	Handling of solid inorganic substances at ambient temperature	Transfer and handling of ores, concentrates, metals and other inorganic substances in solid (but not massive) potentially dusty form. Assignment of PROC8a, PROC8b or PROC9 not needed in this case. The handling of massive objects should be addressed with PROC21.
PROC27a	Production of metal powders (hot	Production of metal powders by hot metallurgical processes (atomisation, dry dispersion).

	processes)	
PROC27b	Production of metal powders (wet processes)	Production of metal powders by wet metallurgical processes (electrolysis, wet dispersion).
PROC28	Manual maintenance (cleaning and repair) of machinery	Covers maintenance activities for uses where the maintenance is not already included in any of the other process categories. The category covers for example: · activities when closed systems are opened and potentially entered for cleaning · generally dedicated/separate cleaning tasks conducted on a shift or less frequent basis (e.g. between individual production batches) · removal of splashes around the machinery removal of filters or material from filters · cleaning of floors that are not directly around the machinery, but still need cleaning for instance because of dust deposition when handling a dusty product
PROC0	Other	

5. Descriptor list for Articles Categories (AC)

Code	Name	Suitable TARIC chapters	Explanation and examples
Categories of complex articles			
AC1	Vehicles	86-89	
AC1a	Vehicles covered by End of Life Vehicles (ELV) directive		e.g. personal vehicles, delivery vans
AC1b	Other vehicles		e.g. boat, train, metro, planes
AC2	Machinery, mechanical appliances, electrical/electronic articles	84/85	
AC2a	Machinery, mechanical appliances, electrical/electronic articles covered by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) directive		e.g. refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, computers, telephones, drills, saws, smoke detectors, thermostats, radiators
AC2b	Other machinery, mechanical appliances, electrical/electronic articles		e.g. large-scale stationary industrial tools
AC3	Electrical batteries and accumulators	8506/07	
Material-based categories of articles			
AC4	Stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic articles	68/69/ 70	
AC4a	Stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic articles: Large surface area articles		Construction and building materials e.g. floor coverings, isolation articles
AC4b	Stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic articles: Toys intended for children's use (and child dedicated articles)		
AC4c	Stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic articles: Packaging (excluding food packaging)		
AC4d	Stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic articles: Articles intended for food contact		e.g. dinner ware, drinking glasses, pots, pans, food storage containers
AC4e	Stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic articles: Furniture & furnishings		
AC4f	Stone, plaster, cement, glass and ceramic articles: Articles with intense direct dermal contact during normal use		e.g. jewellery
AC4g	Other articles made of stone, plaster, cement, glass or ceramic		
AC5	Fabrics, textiles and apparel	50-63, 94/95	
AC5a	Fabrics, textiles and apparel: Large surface area articles		Construction and building materials e.g. floor or wall materials: carpets, rugs, tapestries
AC5b	Fabrics, textiles and apparel: Toys intended for children's use (and child dedicated articles)		e.g. stuffed toys, blankets, comfort objects
AC5c	Fabrics, textiles and apparel: Packaging (excluding food packaging)		

AC5d	Fabrics, textiles and apparel: Articles intended for food contact		
AC5e	Fabrics, textiles and apparel: Furniture & furnishings, including furniture coverings		e.g. sofa cover, car seat cover, fabric chair, hammock
AC5f	Fabrics, textiles and apparel: Articles with intense direct dermal contact during normal use		e.g. clothing, shirts, pants, shorts
AC5g	Fabrics, textiles and apparel: Articles with intense direct dermal contact during normal use: bedding and mattresses		e.g. blankets, sheets
AC5h	Other articles made of fabrics, textiles and apparel		
AC6	Leather articles	41-42, 64, 94	
AC6a	Leather articles: Large surface area articles		Construction and building materials
AC6b	Leather articles: Toys intended for children's use (and child dedicated articles)		
AC6c	Leather articles: Packaging (excluding food packaging)		
AC6d	Leather articles: Articles intended for food contact		
AC6e	Leather articles: Furniture & furnishings, including furniture coverings		e.g. sofa, car seat, chair
AC6f	Leather articles: Articles with intense direct dermal contact during normal use		e.g. clothing such as jackets, shoes, or gloves
AC6g	Other leather articles		e.g. domestic articles such as decoration articles, leather boxes
AC7	Metal articles	71, 73-83, 95	
AC7a	Metal articles: Large surface area articles		Construction and building materials e.g. roof sheets, pipes,
AC7b	Metal articles: Toys intended for children's use (and child dedicated articles)		
AC7c	Metal articles: Packaging (excluding food packaging)		
AC7d	Metal articles: Articles intended for food contact		e.g. packaging containers, metal tins, knifes, cooking pots
AC7e	Metal articles: Furniture & furnishings		e.g. outdoor furniture, benches, tables
AC7f	Metal articles: Articles with intense direct dermal contact during normal use		e.g. handles, jewellery
AC7g	Other metal articles		
AC8	Paper articles	48-49	includes paperboard, cardboard
AC8a	Paper articles: Large surface area articles		Construction and building materials e.g. insulation panels, wall papers
AC8b	Paper articles: Toys intended for children's use (and child dedicated articles)		
AC8c	Paper articles: Packaging		

	(excluding food packaging)		
AC8d	Paper articles: Articles intended for food contact		
AC8e	Paper articles: Furniture & furnishings		
AC8f1	Paper articles: Articles with intense direct dermal contact during normal use: personal hygiene articles		e.g. nappies, feminine hygiene products, adult incontinence products, tissues, towels, toilet paper
AC8f2	Paper articles: Articles with intense direct dermal contact during normal use: printed articles with dermal contact in normal conditions of use		e.g. newspapers, books, magazines, printed photographs
AC8g	Other paper articles		e.g. lampshades, paper lanterns
AC10	Rubber articles	40, 64, 95	Includes foam materials
AC10a	Rubber articles: Large surface area articles		Construction and building materials e.g. flooring
AC10b	Rubber articles: Toys intended for children's use (and child dedicated articles)		e.g. baby bottle nipples, soothers
AC10c	Rubber articles: Packaging (excluding food packaging)		
AC10d	Rubber articles: Articles intended for food contact		
AC10e	Rubber articles: Furniture & furnishings, including furniture coverings		
AC10f	Rubber articles: Articles with intense direct dermal contact during normal use		e.g. gloves, boots, clothing, rubber handles, gear lever, steering wheels
AC10g	Other rubber articles		
AC11	Wood articles	44, 94/95	
AC11a	Wood articles: Large surface area articles		Construction and building materials e.g. floor, claddings
AC11b	Wood articles: Toys intended for children's use (and child dedicated articles)		
AC11c	Wood articles: Packaging (excluding food packaging)		
AC11d	Wood articles: Articles intended for food contact		
AC11e	Wood articles: Furniture & furnishings		
AC11f	Wood articles: Articles with intense direct dermal contact during normal use		e.g. handles, pencils
AC11g	Other wood articles		
AC13	Plastic articles	39, 94/95, 85/86	includes foam materials
AC13a	Plastic articles: Large surface area articles		Construction and building materials e.g. flooring, insulation
AC13b	Plastic articles: Toys intended for children's use (and child dedicated articles)		includes baby-bottles
AC13c	Plastic articles: Packaging		

	(excluding food packaging)	
AC13d	Plastic articles: Articles intended for food contact	e.g. plastic dinner ware, food storage
AC13e	Plastic articles: Furniture & furnishings, including furniture coverings	
AC13f	Plastic articles: Articles with intense direct dermal contact during normal use	e.g. handles, ball pens
AC13g	Other plastic articles	
AC0	Other	

6. Descriptor list for Environmental Release Categories (ERC)

Code	Name	Explanation and examples
ERC1	Manufacture of the substance	
ERC2	Formulation into mixture	Applies to uses in all types of formulating industries; substance is mixed (blended) into (chemical) mixtures Examples: · formulation of paints, household cleaners, lubricants, fuels, bulk chemicals for industrial uses etc.
ERC3	Formulation into solid matrix	Applies to uses in formulating industries; substance is mixed (blended) in order to be physically or chemically bound into or onto a solid matrix Example: · formulation of stabilisers into master-batches for production of polymer pellets
ERC4	Use of non-reactive processing aid at industrial site (no inclusion into or onto article)	Examples: · Chemical processing where the substance is used as solvent for crystallisation · Production activities where the substance is used as a cleaning agent (solvent or surfactant) · Polymer moulding/casting where the substance is used as anti-set off agent
ERC5	Use at industrial site leading to inclusion into/onto article	The substance or its transformation products are included into or onto article Examples: · Use of binding agent and process regulators in paints and coatings or adhesives · Use of dyes in textile fabrics and leather products · Use of metals in coatings applied through plating and galvanizing processes · Use of plasticisers, pigments or flame retardants in article matrix or coatings on articles Covers also uses where the substance remains in the article after having previously been used as processing aid (e.g. heat stabilisers in plastic processing).
ERC6a	Use of intermediate	The substance is used in order to manufacture another substance Examples: · Use of chemical building blocks (feedstock) in the synthesis of agrochemicals, pharmaceuticals etc. · Use of cyclopentanone in the synthesis of cyclopentanol
ERC6b	Use of reactive processing aid at industrial site (no inclusion into or onto article)	The substance or its transformation product(s) are not included into or onto article; substance reacts on use Examples: · Use of bleaching agents in textile and paper industry · Use of catalysts
ERC6c	Use of monomer in polymerisation processes at industrial site (inclusion or not into/onto article)	The substance is used as monomer in the production of polymers (resins, plastics (thermoplastics)) Examples: · Use of vinyl chloride monomer in the production of PVC. · Use of monomers in production of resins
ERC6d	Use of reactive process regulators in polymerisation processes at industrial site (inclusion or not	The substance is used as process regulator (e.g. cross- linking agents, curing agents) for polymerisation process – production of resins, thermosets, rubbers, polymers Examples: · Use of styrene in polyester production · Use of vulcanization agents in the production of rubbers · Use of catalysts

	into/onto article)	
ERC7	Use of functional fluid at industrial site	The substance is used as functional fluid and does not get in contact with products; substance is contained during the use. Examples: · Use of engine and machine oils · Use of fluids in hydraulic systems and heat transfer systems Does not cover the case where a substance/mixture is an integral part of an article (e.g. batteries) Does not cover uses where · substances are used as processing aids or reactants in chemical processes (see ERC 6a to 6d) · articles are treated with processing aids (e.g. metal part cleaning or textile cleaning) (see ERC 4)
ERC8a	Widespread use of non- reactive processing aid (no inclusion into or onto article, indoor)	Applies to uses by the public at large or by professional workers Use (usually) results in release into air or the sewage system Examples: · Down the drain product like e.g. Use of detergents in fabric washing, use of machine wash liquids and lavatory cleaners, use of automotive and bicycle care products (polishes, lubricants, de-icers) · Use of solvents in paints and adhesives · Use of fragrances and aerosol propellants in air fresheners.
ERC8b	Widespread use of reactive processing aid (no inclusion into or onto article, indoor)	Applies to uses by the public at large or by professional workers Example: · Use of sodium hypochlorite in lavatory cleaners, bleaching agents in fabric washing products, hydrogen peroxide in dental care products.
ERC8c	Widespread use leading to inclusion into/onto article (indoor)	Applies to uses by the public at large or by professional workers; substance or its transformation products will be physically or chemically bound into or onto article Examples: · Use of binding agent or process regulators in paints and coatings or adhesives · Use of dyes during dyeing of textile fabrics
ERC8d	Widespread use of non- reactive processing aid (no inclusion into or onto article, outdoor)	Applies to uses by the public at large or by professional workers Examples: · Use of automotive and bicycle care products (polishes, greases de-icers, detergents), use of highly volatile solvents in paints and adhesives
ERC8e	Widespread use of reactive processing aid (no inclusion into or onto article, outdoor)	Applies to uses by the public at large or by professional workers Example: · use of sodium hypochlorite or hydrogen peroxide for surface cleaning (building materials)
ERC8f	Widespread use leading to inclusion into/onto article (outdoor)	Applies to uses by the public at large or by professional workers; substance or its transformation products will be physically or chemically bound into or onto article Example: · Use of binding agent or process regulators in paints and coatings or adhesives during application
ERC9a	Widespread use of functional fluid (indoor)	Applies to uses by the public at large or by professional workers; substance is used as functional fluid and does not get in contact with products; substance is contained during the use Example: · Use of substance in oil-based electric heaters Does not cover the case where a substance/mixture is an integral part

		of an article (e.g. batteries)
ERC9b	Widespread use of functional fluid (outdoor)	Applies to uses by the public at large or by professional workers; substance is used as functional fluid and does not get in contact with products; substance is contained during the use Examples: · Motor oils · Break fluids in automotive brake systems · Fluids/gases is air conditioning systems Does not cover the case where a substance/mixture is an integral part of an article (e.g. batteries)
ERC10a	Widespread use of articles with low release (outdoor)	Applies to the use of articles by the public at large or by professional workers where there is no intended release of the registered substance and where the conditions of use do not promote releases. Example: · Service life of metal, wooden and plastic construction and building materials (gutters, drains, frames, etc.) · Automotive batteries
ERC10b	Widespread use of articles with high or intended release (outdoor)	Applies to the use of articles by the public at large or by professional workers where the registered substance is intended to be released or where the conditions of use promote releases. Also applies to processing by the public at large or by professional workers where the substances included into or onto articles are released (intended or not) from/with the article matrix as a result of processing. Examples: · Service life of tyres and brake pads in trucks or cars · Substances released from articles during work at elevated temperature
ERC11a	Widespread use of articles with low release (indoor)	Applies to the use of articles by the public at large or by professional workers where there is no intended release of the registered substance and where the conditions of use do not promote releases Examples: · Non-volatile substances in flooring, furniture, toys, construction materials, curtains, footwear, leather products, paper and cardboard products (magazines, books, news paper and packaging paper), electronic equipment (casing)
ERC11b	Widespread use of articles with high or intended release (indoor)	Applies to the use of articles by the public at large or by professional workers where the registered substance is intended to be released or where the conditions of use promote releases. Also applies to processing by the public at large or by professional workers where the substances included into or onto articles are released (intended or not) from/with the article matrix as a result of processing. Examples: · Substances released from fabrics, textiles (clothing, floor rugs) during washing · Fragrance in scented articles (toys, papers, sanitary towels, …)
ERC12a	Processing of articles at industrial sites with low release	Applies to uses at industrial sites where the substances included into or onto articles are released (intended or not) from/with the article matrix as a result of processing by workers; release remains low Examples: · Cutting of textile, cutting, machining or grinding of metal or polymers in engineering industries
ERC12b	Processing of articles at industrial sites with high release	Applies to uses at industrial sites where the substances included into or onto articles are released (intended or not) from/with the article matrix as a result of processing by workers; release is high Examples: · Substances released from articles during sanding operations or paint stripping by shot-blasting (high amounts of dust expected)

		· Substances released from articles during processes at elevated temperature
ERC12c	Use of articles at industrial sites with low release	Applies to uses of articles at industrial sites where the substances included into or onto articles are not intended to be released and where the conditions of use do not promote release. Examples: Machinery at industrial sites Note: where an article is used at industrial sites but also in the same conditions by professional workers or consumers (e.g. pens, plates, mobile phones) there is no need to report that use with an ERC12c. That use can be reported with the ERC categories corresponding to widespread use of articles.

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