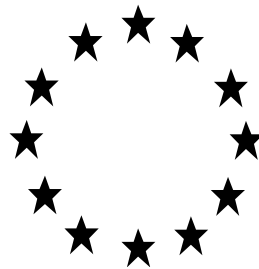


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market and use of biocidal products**

Evaluation of active substances

Assessment Report



Copper, granulated

Product-type 8

(Biocide for use as wood preservative)

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1. STATEMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER AND PURPOSE

1.1. Procedure followed

This assessment report has been established as a result of the evaluation of the new active substance granulated copper, (7440-50-8), as product-type 8 (wood preservative), carried out in the context of Directive 98/8/EC concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market¹, with the original view to the possible inclusion of this substance into Annex I or IA to that Directive, then carried out in the context of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012², with a view to the possible approval of this active substance.

On 30th of August 2013, France competent authorities received a dossier from the Arch Timber Protection. The Rapporteur Member State accepted the dossier as complete for the purpose of the evaluation on 6th of March 2014.

The hazard assessment of copper, granulated was conducted in line with the assessment of copper compounds dossiers for PT8 for which the active substances have already been included into the annex I of Directive 98/8/EC. It has to be noted that Arch Timber Protection has a letter of access for the PT8 copper compounds dossiers, which permits to use several agreed end-points for PT8 copper compounds in the assessment of copper, granulated as PT8.

On 3rd of April 2015, the Rapporteur Member State submitted to ECHA and the applicant a copy of the evaluation report, hereafter referred to as the competent authority report.

In order to review the competent authority report and the comments received on it, consultations of technical experts from all Member States (peer review) were organised by the Agency. Revisions agreed upon were presented at the Biocidal Products Committee and its Working Groups meetings and the competent authority report was amended accordingly.

1.2. Purpose of the assessment report

The aim of the assessment report is to support the opinion of the Biocidal Products Committee and a decision on the approval of copper, granulated for product-type 8, and, should it be approved, to facilitate the authorisation of individual biocidal products. In the evaluation of applications for product-authorisation, the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 shall be applied, in particular the provisions of Chapter IV, as well as the common principles laid down in Annex VI.

For the implementation of the common principles of Annex VI, the content and conclusions of this assessment report, which is available from the Agency web-site shall be taken into account.

¹ Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing biocidal products on the market, OJ L 123, 24.4.98, p.1

² Regulation (EU) n° 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the council o 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products.

However, where conclusions of this assessment report are based on data protected under the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, such conclusions may not be used to the benefit of another applicant, unless access to these data for that purpose has been granted to that applicant.

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2. OVERALL SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

2.1. Presentation of the Active Substance

Copper, granulated is being proposed as an alternative precursor for the active substance Cu^{2+} used in industrial wood preservation products (PT08). Previously, basic copper carbonate, copper oxide and copper hydroxide have been evaluated as precursors for the active substance Cu^{2+} for PT 8 and they have been included into Annex I of Directive 98/8/EU in 2012. Final Competent Authority Reports (CAR) are therefore available for these substances.

The supporting documentation for the precursors relies on a core copper dossier developed by the European Copper Institute (ECI) for the purposes of a Voluntary Risk Assessment of copper and copper compounds (EU RAR – EU Risk Assessment Report). It is proposed for the support of copper, granulated as a new precursor of the active substance Cu^{2+} that the core copper dossier can be used in an identical manner. The core copper dossier relies on data on soluble copper compounds (e.g. copper sulfate/copper chloride) and the resulting risk assessment should be considered as conservative approach using read-across from copper sulfate to other less soluble substances e.g copper, granulated, even if it may result in over-estimation of the effects for poorly soluble substances. However, this approach is considered appropriate to reduce the amount of animal testing.

Therefore, for the active substance dossier on copper, granulated, the final CAR endorsed for basic copper carbonate has been used as the basis of this new submission, with the following exceptions:

1. General Substance Information
 - a. Identification
 - b. Purity/impurity
 - c. Physico-chemical properties
 - d. Classification and labelling
2. Human Health Effects Assessment
 - a. Acute toxicity
 - b. Irritation and corrosivity
 - c. Sensitisation

It is proposed by the Applicant that the copper, granulated is completely solubilised in the solvent of choice, monoethanolamine, and the resulting product is identical to the dummy product previously evaluated in the dossier for basic copper carbonate. Therefore assessments for copper, granulated is identical to those previously performed by the RMS and Member States for basic copper carbonate (PT8). These dossiers are reproduced for completeness in this submission.

Note: The substance copper, granulated is recycled copper in granular form, and is defined as active substance as manufactured according to the REACH definition. The active substance reacts as cupric ion Cu^{2+} .

The active substance has been defined as copper, granulated for the purposes of this submission as a new precursor of the active substance Cu^{2+} . In the CLP guidance, copper massive is defined as a sphere with a diameter > 1 mm and with a corresponding surface area of $< 0.67 \text{ mm}^2/\text{mg}$ ($< 6.74 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$).

The particles of the active substance copper, granulated are cylindrical with a size higher than 1 mm for one dimension (the length ranges between 0.9 and 6.0 mm with a mean at 2.1 mm) and with the other size below 1 mm (the width ranges between 0.494 and 0.949 mm with a mean at 0.706 mm) whereas the surface area of the active substance copper, granulated has been found to be $25.6 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ which is significantly above the limit for massive. Therefore the active substance copper, granulated cannot be defined as massive form.

The active substance copper, granulated cannot also be defined as a powder because the active substance is not classified by inhalation based on the particle size of the active substance. Copper powder can have a much lower particle size than the one of the active substance which will lead to a classification by inhalation. It is an issue to have under the same name different substances with different classification and toxicological properties.

Therefore for the purposes of this submission, the active substance has been defined as copper, granulated and is considered between massive and powder form.

The active substance does not fulfil the criteria of article 3.1(z) of the BPR, therefore it is not a nanomaterial.

The applicant is not currently placing nano forms of copper, granulated on the market. Therefore, the current assessment report does not cover potential nanofoms of this active substance, should such forms exist.

2.1.1. Identity, Physico-Chemical Properties & Methods of Analysis

2.1.1.1. Identity, Physico-Chemical Properties & Methods of Analysis of active substance

Tableau 2.1-1: Identification of copper, granulated

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| CAS-No. | 7440-50-8 |
| EINECS-No. | 231-159-6 |
| Other No. (CIPAC, ELINCS) | None |
| IUPAC Name | Copper |
| Common name, synonyma | Copper, granulated |
| Molecular formula | Cu |
| Structural formula | Cu |
| Molecular weight (g/mol) | 63.55 |

The active substance as manufactured is copper, granulated which has a purity of > 99.0%. The active substance reacts as cupric ion Cu^{2+} .

The issues related to the setting of the reference specification of active substance copper, granulated are the same as the ones identified and discussed for the other copper compounds PT8. The specification of copper, granulated has been assessed regarding to the batches tested in the toxicological and ecotoxicological studies. The tested batch of copper from the key toxicological study used to perform the human health risk assessment, was considered as the one to use to compare and validate the specification of copper, granulated as submitted by the applicant. This approach is the one which was followed and agreed for the Annex I inclusion of the active substances copper PT 8 dossiers.

Result of the assessment of the reference specifications of granulated Cu are presented in the document Confidential specification_Cu_granulated.

Copper, granulated as manufactured contains four relevant impurities: arsenic, cadmium, nickel and lead.

There is one source which is acceptable. The specifications are covered by the tested batches.

2.1.1.1.1. Physico-chemical properties

Copper, granulated Copper, granulated is a coarse granular solid with a cylindrical shape with slight metallic odour. The length ranges between 0.9 and 6.0 mm with a mean at 2.1 mm and the width ranges between 0.494 and 0.949 mm with a mean at 0.706 mm. Its melting point is 1059-1069 °C. It is not required to test for vapour pressure as the melting point is above 300 °C. Solubility in water is pH dependent (acidic conditions). The solubilisation results of the oxido-reduction reaction of the copper metal into ionic copper. $\text{Cu}(0) \rightarrow \text{Cu}(I) \rightarrow \text{Cu}(II)$. At low pH, these reactions are promoted. At pH 6.34-7.56 and at 20 °C the solubility is 1 mg/L.

Further data should be provided at different pH. It does not have any flammable, explosive or oxidising properties.

The active substance is not a nanomaterial.

2.1.1.1.2. Analytical methods for determination and identification

Copper is determined by complexometric titration with EDTA. The method uses anitric acid digestion to dissolve the copper into solution. The method is not specific to copper metal. However this is acceptable as an XRD shows no other form of copper than Copper (0).

Trace metals of toxicological significance can be determined by ICP-MS. Before analysis, the samples are dissolved in an acid nitric mixture. The provided analytical method is validated.

The analyses of copper in environmental matrices and body fluids and tissues are routinely performed in many laboratories. As these methods were collaborately validated and are very widely used, limited validation data were accepted.

No method is required for analysis of residues in food or feedstuffs.

2.1.1.2. Identity, physico-chemical properties and methods of analysis of the biocidal product

There is one representative product "Amine Copper solution" (ACQ-C2D) which contains up to 13% ranging between 10 and 13 % of copper in the form of copper, granulated. The content of the substance in a product should not be a range. This should be clarified.

The biocidal product is an intense cobalt blue liquid, with a slight ammonia odour. Its pH is slightly basic since $\text{pH} = 9.54$ at $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. It has a relative density of 1.220. It has neither flammable nor explosive properties. It is a weak oxidising agent.

The product is stable 12 months at ambient temperature and 50 days at $30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Surface tension, persistent foaming and compatibility with other product will be required at the product authorisation stage.

A validated analytical method must be provided at the product authorization stage for the determination of copper in the product.

2.1.2. Intended Uses and Efficacy

The assessment of the biocidal activity of the active substance demonstrates that it has a sufficient level of efficacy against the target organism(s) and the evaluation of the summary data provided in support of the efficacy of the accompanying product, establishes that the product may be expected to be efficacious.

In addition, in order to facilitate the work of Member States in granting or reviewing authorisations, the intended uses of the substance, as identified during the evaluation process, are listed in [Appendix II](#).

2.1.2.1. Field of uses

Product Type 8 (PT) wood preservative

Copper, granulated is intended to be used as a preventive wood preservative for wood in Use class 1, 2, 3 and 4 as defined in the EN 335³.

The active substance is restricted to industrial use only, in timber treatment plants operated by professionals.

Copper, granulated is being proposed as an alternative precursor for the active substance Cu^{2+} . As basic copper carbonate has been evaluated as precursor for the active substance and was agreed for Annex I inclusion of Directive 98/8/EC in 2012; cross reference to this dossier has been accepted from an efficacy point of view. Indeed, the copper, granulated is completely solubilized in the solvent monoethanolamine and the resulting product is identical to the representative product previously evaluated in the dossier for basic copper carbonate.

Then the representative biocidal product ACQ-C2D is supplied as water soluble preservative concentrate. It is applied by vacuum pressure for the treatment of timbers of Use Class (UC) 1, 2, 3 and 4.

³ Since 2007 and the revision of the EN335-1, use classes had replaced hazard classes.

2.1.2.2. Function

The active substance acts as a fungicide and as an insecticide for preventive wood preservation (product type 8).

2.1.2.3. Mode of action

As the active substance is the Cu^{2+} ion, copper, granulated is therefore described as the precursor which releases the cupric ion. As a consequence, most copper-containing formulations are described in terms of total copper.

Copper acts by prevention of fungal infestation. Upon contact with the fungicide layer, the spores passively take up copper II cations which hinder germination. Copper II cations also act as a feeding and cell poison in insects independent from the kind of application. The threshold concentration is about 0.1 % of elemental copper. Amongst others, the influence of copper II cations in the organism causes unspecific denaturation of proteins and enzymes. For this reason it also acts as a feeding and cell poison in insects.

2.1.2.4. Objects to be protected, target organism

The target species are fungi (wood rotting basidiomycetes and soft rot fungi) and insects. Regarding insects, an efficacy against wood boring beetles and termites has been claimed by Arch Timber Protection. It should be noticed that no claim concerning the efficacy of copper on blue stain and mould, although efficacy against these organisms is well known and documented.

Copper efficacy was examined for the following target organisms:

- For the product ACQ-C2D (WPCTF):

| Application mode | Target organism | active substances rate |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| vacuum pressure timber impregnation | Fungi: Wood rotting basidiomycetes and soft rot fungi Insects: Wood boring beetles and termites | The typical use of copper for each use class is likely to be : UC 1, 2, 3 $\geq 1.9 \text{ kg Cu/m}^3$ sapwood loading UC 4 $\geq 3.42 \text{ kg Cu/m}^3$ sapwood loading These data are based on the current state of the art concerning the practical uses of copper based products during the last decades, related to the expected life of wooden elements treated with copper based products |

Taking into account of the potential influence of the formulation on the efficacy, concentrations proposed above of active substance copper should be considered as an indicator only.

2.1.2.5. Resistance

According to the data submitted in the dossier, no development of resistance from the target fungi has been reported. Nevertheless, based on literature data, there are strains of some species of wood destroying fungi that exhibit tolerance to copper and then it should pay attention to possible occurrence of resistance.

According to the data submitted, no resistance has to be expected regarding target insects. There is no evidence of insects being naturally tolerant or being able to develop resistance to copper at the level of copper used for biocidal purposes in wood preservation.

2.1.3. Classification and Labelling

On the basis of a review of submitted data, the following classification and labelling is proposed:

- Active substance

| Regulation 1272/2008 | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Classification and Hazard statements | Eye Irrit. 2 / H319 - Causes serious eye irritation Aquatic Acute 1/H400 – Very toxic to aquatic life Aquatic chronic 1/H410 - Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects |

A CLH report presenting this proposal was sent to ECHA the 8th April 2015.

- Biocidal product: ACQ-C2D (WPCTF)

| Regulation 1272/2008 | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Classification and Hazard statements | Acute Tox. 4/H302 Harmful if swallowed Acute Tox. 3/H331 Toxic if inhaled Skin Corr. 1B/H314 Causes skin burns and eye damages Aquatic chronic 2/H411 Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects |

2.2. Summary of the Risk Assessment

2.2.1. Human Health Risk Assessment

2.2.1.1. Hazard identification

Foreword

Copper is a micronutrient. It is **essential** for life and necessary for all living cells. It is used in many enzyme systems, particularly in energy transfer where the property of electron transfer is exploited in photosynthesis and catabolism. It is involved in the reactions and functions of many enzymes (e.g. amine oxidase, ceruloplasmin, cytochrome-c oxidase...) and in addition, copper is involved in angiogenesis, neurohormoneangiogenesis, neurohormone release, oxygen transport and regulation of genetic expression. Copper is present in almost all foods, and some products. Most human diets naturally include between 1 and 2 mg/person/day of copper, with some containing up to 4 mg/person/day.

The copper transport mechanisms in the organism form part of the system of

homeostasis: the body is able to maintain a balance of dietary copper intake and excretion that allows normal physiological processes to take place. The relationship between copper concentration and observed effects show a flattened 'U'-shaped dose-response curve. The left side of the 'U' curve represents deficiency, where intake of copper is less than required. This can lead to lethality, especially in children, where copper is essential for growth. Copper deficiency is associated with growth retardation, anemia, skin lesions, impaired immunity, intestinal atrophy, impaired cardiac function, reproductive disturbance, neurological defects and skeletal lesions. Copper is essential for normal physiological function such as cellular respiration, free radical defence, synthesis of melanin, connective tissue, iron metabolism, regulation of gene expression, and normal function of the heart, brain and immune system.

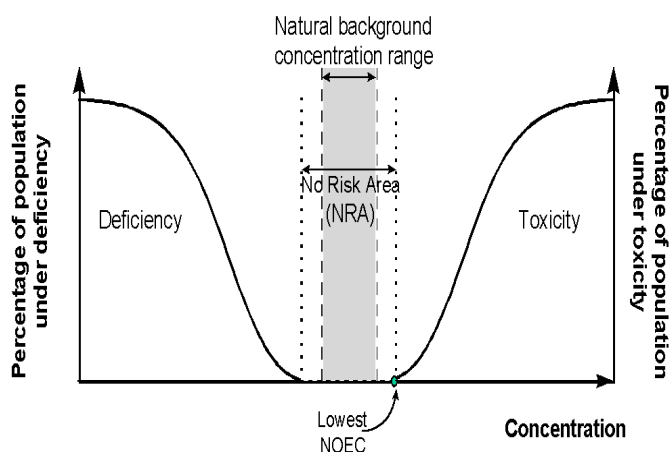


Figure 2.2-1: Dose-response curve for copper (adapted from Ralph and McArdle, 2001).

The central near-horizontal part of the 'U' curve represents homeostasis, where intake and excretion are balanced and copper level is in a normal range. The right-hand part of the 'U' represents toxicity or excess copper disease. Chronic copper toxicity is extremely rare, and the upper limit of homeostasis has never been strictly defined.

The active substance released from copper, granulated is the cupric ion.

Although a full guideline ADME study has not been performed for copper, the knowledge of copper in the human body at the level of the organism, organ, cell and gene is sufficient to meet the requirements of the Regulation. Extensive information is available relating to the toxicokinetics and toxicodynamics of the copper ion within the human body. The cupric ion is an inorganic charged species that cannot exist in an un-solvated, un-associated state and so cannot be prepared in a pure form. Submission of toxicology data for Cu^{2+} is therefore not possible or relevant. Under these circumstances, information relating to copper sulfate pentahydrate is provided instead and where data for the copper sulfate pentahydrate is not available, information has been supplied with other forms of copper which have been demonstrated to all produce cupric ion in a bioequivalence study.

2.2.1.1.1. Metabolism

Absorption

- **Oral administration**

The proportion absorbed in a clinical study over 90 days varied between 56 % for subjects

receiving 0.8 mg Cu/day, 36 % for individuals receiving 1.7 mg Cu/day and 12% for individuals receiving 7.5 mg Cu/day.

To determine the systemic NOAEL, as stated in the Technical Meetings (TM) IIII08, and consistently with the EU RAR⁴, the percentage of the administered copper sulfate pentahydrate retained to be available for absorption following administration in the diet for rats is 25 % whereas 36 % will be used as the oral absorption value in humans.

- **Dermal administration**

For the active substance, in order to harmonize BPR dossier and EU RAR, the dermal delivery of copper compound concentrate and in solution retained at TMIII08 was 5 %.

- **Inhalation administration**

No animal or human studies were available to supply an inhalation absorption level. Thus, the default absorption value of 100 % is used in the risk characterisation as worst-case value of copper salts penetration.

Distribution

Once absorbed by oral route, copper is bound to albumin and transcuprein and then rapidly transported to the liver where it is incorporated to ceruloplasmin, a transport protein that circulates in the organism and deliver the copper to other organs. It should be however noted that a minor fraction of the absorbed dose can directly be distributed to peripheral organs. In both humans and animals, copper is tightly regulated at a cellular level, involving metallothionein and metallochaperones. These regulating molecules prevent from the accumulation of potentially toxic, free copper ions within the cell. In addition to the liver, the brain is another organ which contains relatively high concentrations of copper.

Elimination

Biliary excretion, with subsequent elimination in the faeces, represents the main route of excretion for copper in animals (rats) and humans, with an excretion rate approximately of 1.7 mg Cu/day in humans.

Available data show that copper is excreted in the bile in a relatively inabsorbable form. Consequently, little enterohepatic absorption takes place. Biliary excretion of copper and elimination in the faeces is recognised to be essential to the homeostatic regulation of copper in animals and humans.

A small amount of copper is also excreted in urine and sweat.

2.2.1.1.2. Acute toxicity

No acute toxicity was realised with copper, granulated. The acute toxicity of biocidal copper, granulated is based on coated copper flake studies.

A study proposed under REACH dossier by applicants shows that when the particle size and surface area are taken into account, the toxicity can differ by different release rate of cupric ion.

⁴ Voluntary risk assessment reports (VRAR) submitted to ECHA based on industry initiative to follow the risk assessment procedures of Existing Substance Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 June 2008.

The surface of coated copper flake was measured as 2.9 m²/g whereas a typical powder was measured as 0.024 m²/g. A much higher reactivity and solubility of coated copper flake than copper, granulated can therefore be anticipated (more close to powder criteria). Relative bioaccessibility in gastric fluids of 0.1 and 1% were noted for copper massive and copper powder, respectively, compared to 42-71% for coated copper flake and 100% for copper sulphate.

Evidence for the absence of concerns related to "acute oral toxicity" of copper in granulate and massive forms can be obtained from the toxicity data, expressed as "biosoluble" copper for respectively copper flakes, and CuSO₄. The biosoluble effects levels are calculated as the LD₅₀ (mg substance/kg bw) x % Cu x % biosoluble.

Acute toxicity of copper compounds, expressed as external doses of substance and calculated as internal dose, using the biosolubility data.

| Source Material Tested | Administered LD ₅₀ (mg substance/kg bw) | Cu Biosolubility (%) | LD ₅₀ as biosoluble Cu (mg Cu/kg bw) |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| Cu flakes; 98% Cu | 300 – 500 (5 µm) | 42 – 71 (8.5 µm) | 231 (121 – 341) (5 µm) |
| CuSO ₄ ; 25.4% Cu | 481 | 100 | 123 |
| CuCl; 63.78% Cu | 336 | 67 – 94 | 144 - 201 |

Finally, in comparing the submitted data on the particle size and surface area of copper, granulated with the copper massive and powder data, this confirms that the copper, granulated would not be classified by the oral route.

Oral:

A linear relationship was observed between the surface area and the copper biosolubility in gastric fluids. Linear extrapolation demonstrates that a relative Cu biosolubility of 6 to <17% is needed to be outside of the criteria for an oral classification entry. Indeed, considering the limit maximum of 2000 mg/kg/d to not classify an active substance, a release between 6 and 17% are necessary to obtain the range of LD₅₀ as biosoluble Cu of 123-341 mg Cu/kg bw, which lead to a classification. The relative biosolubilities of copper powder is 1% , further confirming that for copper granulates, there is no need for an acute oral classification entry.

Based on the results of the acute oral toxicity study, coated copper flake is classified as Acute Tox 4 – H302 according to the classification criteria as given in CLP regulation (LD₅₀ = 300-500 mg/kg bw for males and females). Comparing the submitted data on the particle size and surface area of copper, granulated with the copper massive and powder data above, this indicates that the copper, granulated would also not be classified by the oral route.

Inhalation:

There is no acute inhalation toxicity study available. Indeed, copper, granulated is not available as inhalable particles compared to coated copper flake which is classified Acute Tox 3. For coated copper flake, the particle size is small with a high surface area meaning that the substance can enter into respiratory tract and induces local but also systemic toxicity.

In conclusion, the classification of the coated copper flake cannot be extrapolated to copper,

granulated; no classification is guaranteed for copper, granulated.

Dermal:

Coated copper flake is not classified by dermal route. In this context, considering all the data mentioned above and that none of the assessed copper compounds is classified for skin, no toxicity for copper, granulated is suspected.

2.2.1.1.3. Skin and eye irritation

Coated copper flake is not classified as skin irritant but classified as eye irritant. Considering the local effects, this classification for coated copper flakes is considered as a worst case for copper, granulated.

Consequently, the same classification is proposed for copper, granulated: No classified for skin irritation and eye irritant category 2, H319.

2.2.1.1.4. Skin sensitization

Coated copper flake is not hazardous or classified as a skin sensitising.

Considering the relative high potential bio-solubility of coated copper flakes compared to copper, granulated and copper massive materials, it can be concluded that copper, granulated and massive forms (including copper, granulated), do not need to be classified for skin sensitisation.

For systemic effect after repeated exposure, the most toxic form of any copper salt is the Cu^{2+} ion and the copper compound which releases more Cu^{2+} is the most soluble salt: copper sulphate. In this context, to avoid assay in animals, it was decided at TM III 08 to extrapolate data from copper sulphate to the other copper compounds when no data is available.

For several compounds, toxicity of anion could be suspected. In this case, a specific assessment could be realized. However, for copper, granulated, there is none anion. Therefore, use the data of copper sulphate is conservative.

This read across between copper compounds and copper sulphate for repeated toxicity and CMR endpoints was adopted by TM for previous PT8 and PT2 copper dossiers. This approach was also presented in the CLH report for copper compounds.

2.2.1.1.5. Oral repeated toxicity

With regard to oral repeated dose toxicity, the 90-day dietary study was considered to be the pivotal study for Cu^{2+} presented as copper sulphate pentahydrate and should be considered also as the key study for copper, granulated risk assessment. Based on kidney damages, consisting in an increase of cytoplasmic protein droplets, a NOAEL of 1000 ppm in rats (16.3 and 17.3 mgCu/kg bw/day in male and female rats respectively) was determined. Other findings such as liver inflammation and lesions of the forestomach were also reported at 2000 ppm and above (corresponding to doses from 34 mgCu/kg bw/day). The NOAEL of 16.3 mg/kg bw/d was used for the risk characterisation.

Mice equally displayed forestomach lesions when exposed through diet to copper sulphate

for 92 days but this occurred at a much higher dose (4000 ppm, corresponding to 187 and 267 mgCu/kg bw/day in males and females, respectively). No other damage was observed in mice.

Subchronic and chronic studies in the dog can be waived, as the dog is an unsuitable animal model for studying copper toxicity in relation to man. Indeed, dogs have a different form of albumin compared to rats and humans, and cannot excrete copper in the bile as readily as most other species. The dog is not a good animal model for human risk assessment of copper.

2.2.1.1.6. Dermal repeated toxicity

There were no dermal repeated dose toxicity studies. However, these studies are not required considering the ability to read-across from the above oral study. Moreover, due to the lack of toxicity observed in the acute dermal toxicity and the weak rate of dermal penetration, a toxic effect is not expected.

2.2.1.1.7. Inhalation repeated toxicity

There were no inhalation repeated dose toxicity studies. No exposure of copper, granulated by this route is expected. During use of product, the inhalation exposure will be by exposure to ion Cu^{2+} . Indeed, in the representative product, all copper, granulated is dissolved into Cu^{2+} before used.

2.2.1.1.8. Genotoxicity

- *In vitro* tests

There was no evidence of mutagenic activity in *Salmonella typhimurium* strains in the presence or absence of the metabolic activation system when tested with copper sulphate pentahydrate.

Although limited, these *in vitro* data were deemed sufficient and no further *in vitro* assays were required, considering the results of the *in vivo* tests.

- *In vivo* tests

In vivo studies, conducted with copper sulphate pentahydrate, induced neither micronuclei in the polychromatic erythrocytes from the bone marrow of mice, nor DNA damage in a rat hepatocyte UDS assay.

Equivocal results of additional *in vivo* genotoxicity studies from the public domain [REDACTED] are observed, but these studies do not meet the higher reliability criteria (1 or 2) under the regulation. Copper is therefore considered as non genotoxic

2.2.1.1.9. Chronic toxicity and carcinogenicity

No carcinogenic potential of copper sulphate was detected in rats and mice. However, all available data are of limited value to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of copper compounds. Study durations are in particular too short (<2 years) and group sizes are small

for drawing formal conclusions. However, based on the available data, human data and due to the lack of genotoxicity there is no need to conduct new carcinogenicity studies.

2.2.1.1.10. Reproductive toxicity

Developmental toxicity

A developmental study in mice was submitted but suffers from major methodological deficiencies including no information on maternal toxicity and is neither adequate for classification and labelling nor for risk assessment.

A two generation study is also available. This study also gives valuable information on the teratogenicity potential of copper in the rat, notably, investigation of F1 and F2 litters showed no test substance related effects on the following parameters:

- pups survival, sex ratio, and survival indices during the lactation period, body weights and clinical observations during lactation,
- macroscopic examination of pups that died during the lactation period, of weanlings with external abnormalities or clinical signs and of randomly selected weanlings,
- microscopic observations of any gross findings and of liver and brain from randomly selected high-dose and control weanlings.

It is considered inappropriate to consider copper and copper compounds as potential teratogenic compounds due to the complex role of copper in regulating normal foetus development in humans at levels considered higher than would be expected to occur through the normal production and use of any copper compound.

Fertility

According to the two-generation oral reproduction study in rats administered with copper sulphate pentahydrate, the NOAEL for reproductive toxicity for parental males was 1500 ppm (the highest concentration tested corresponding to 23.6 mg/kg bw/d), the NOAEL for parental females was only 1000 ppm (15.2-35.2 mg/kg bw/d), based on the reduced spleen weight at 1500 ppm. This reduction also occurred in F1 and F2 generations at the same dose level in both males and females. However the reduced spleen weights were not considered a reproductive endpoint as it did not affect growth and fertility.

Therefore as the results of this study do not indicate specific reproductive toxicity at the highest dose level tested, it is proposed that copper sulphate and copper, granulated (by read across) should not be classified as reprotoxic compounds.

2.2.1.1.11. Neurotoxicity

From a neurotoxicological point of view, copper has been suspected to be involved in the pathogenesis of the Alzheimer's disease and other prion-mediated encephalopathies. Although no valid neurotoxicity study was submitted, no evidence of a neurotoxic potential of copper is suspected from the available studies in animals up to now. No further study was therefore deemed necessary.

2.2.1.2. Effects assessment

AEL DERIVATION

The key health effect to consider in the risk characterization is kidney and forestomach damages observed in the 90-day dietary study, which determined a NOAEL of 1000 ppm (16.3 and 17.3 mgCu/kg bw/day in male and female respectively) in rats. This NOAEL is considered to be the most appropriate in the risk characterization for short-term and chronic exposures (carcinogenicity studies considered unnecessary).

To determine the systemic NOAEL, as stated in TMIII08, consistently with the EU RAR, the percentage of the administered copper sulphate pentahydrate retained to be available for absorption following administration in the diet for rats is 25 %. Therefore, the systemic NOAEL, based on the NOAEL of 16.3 mgCu/Kg bw/d and the oral absorption of 25% for animals is:

$$NOAEL_{systemic} = NOAEL * 0.25 = 4.1 \text{ mgCu} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \text{ bw} / \text{d}$$

To derive the AEL from the NOAEL, the NOAEL is first converted to a systemic NOAEL then it is divided by the assessment factors taking into account uncertainties and extrapolations. The assessment factors were discussed during the TM IV08 and TMI09 for TP 8 copper substances. The same assessment factors will be used in this coated copper flake dossier..

- Acute-term AEL

The acute-term AEL is the NOAEL (16.3 mg Cu/kg bw/day) times 25%, the absorption factor, divided by the 50-fold safety factor, corresponding to the MOE_{ref} (5 for inter-species variation and 10 for intra-species variation). **An acute-term AEL of 0.082 mg Cu /kg/d** is proposed.

- Medium-term AEL

The medium-term AEL is the NOAEL (16.3 mg Cu/kg bw/day) times 25%, the absorption factor, divided by the 50-fold safety factor, corresponding to the MOE_{ref} (5 for inter-species variation and 10 for intra-species variation). **A medium-term AEL of 0.082 mg Cu /kg/d** is proposed.

- Long-term AEL

The long-term AEL is the NOAEL (16.3 mg Cu/kg bw/day) times 25%, the absorption factor, divided by the 100-fold safety factor, corresponding to the MOE_{ref} (5 for inter-species variation, 10 for intra-species variation and 2 for the duration of exposure from sub-chronic to chronic). **A long-term AEL of 0.041 mg Cu /kg/d** is proposed.

2.2.1.3. Exposure assessment

The representative product is a preventive, industrially applied wood preservative.

It is applied to timber in its diluted ready to use concentration in closed system industrial timber impregnation plant using vacuum pressure treatment cycles. These plants are

automatic in operation and the process begins once the door to the treatment vessel has been closed and locked.

After the treatment process is complete, the timber is held for a post-treatment conditioning period at the treatment plant before being moved into storage for stock or placed into the supply and distribution chains.

The treated timber can then be used either by professional or non-professional persons for a variety of end use applications.

The product "Amine Copper solution" chosen for exposure assessment is considered to be a representative product covering all copper/amine products on the EU market.

Copper concentration is typically 13% w/w in concentrate, which is diluted before impregnation to up to 0.57% w/v copper solution.

The concentration of the solution and the loading into the sapwood depend on the use classes. Hereafter are typical applied concentrations and loadings. The copper loadings are consistent with the efficient doses determined in Document IIIB 5.10.

| For a 9.5% Copper solution | Use Classes 1, 2 & 3 | Use Class 4 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Solution strength | 3.33% | 6% |
| Cu concentration in solution | 0.317% | 0.57% |
| Solution uptake (in sapwood) | 600 L /m ³ | 600 L /m ³ |
| Cu loading into sapwood | 1.9 kg/m ³ | 3.42 kg/m ³ |

| For a 13% copper solution | Use Classes 1, 2 & 3 | Use Class 4 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Solution strength | 2.44% | 4.38 % |
| Cu concentration in solution | 0.317% | 0.57% |
| Solution uptake | 600 L /m ³ | 600 L /m ³ |
| Cu loading into wood | 1.9 kg/m ³ | 3.42 kg/m ³ |

Therefore, 2 assessments is presented for primary exposure. For secondary exposure, as a worst case approach, only the highest dose is used.

The absorption coefficients used in the assessment exposure are presented in the following table.

| | Inhalation route | Oral route | Dermal route |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Rate of absorption | 100 % | 36 % for humans 25% for animals | Concentrated product: 100% Diluted solutions: 5 % |

A dermal absorption value of 100% is proposed for concentrate product, considering the corrosive property of product.

2.2.1.3.1. Primary exposure

In this context, 3 phases of potential exposure of industrial users (professional) exist :

- Mixing and loading phase
- Application phase
- Post- application phase.

However, the exposure during the mixing and loading operations is negligible in case of automated transfer/pumping dilution. The exposure during connecting lines would be very low or accidental. Moreover, the product is classified as corrosive. In this context, all the measures to avoid dermal contact will be taking at the industrial level.

The exposure during application is estimated by handling model1, available in TNsG on human exposure part 2 of 2002 and user guidance, considering three treatment cycles of 3 hours each daily.

The exposure during post-application (including maintenance, recycling and disposal) is considered as included in the indicative values from the model.

In tier 1, gloves (default value of model) and no coverall are considered.

In tier 2, coverall is added and the clothing penetration is reduced from 100% to 20% for used of coated coverall.

Values used for the exposure assessment of industrial professional during vacuum pressure treatment.

| Parameter | Value | | Reference |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|---|
| Concentration of Cu | 0.317% w/w | 0.57% w/w | |
| Task duration | 3 cycles of 180 min or 540 min | | TNsG, 2002 |
| Body weight | 60 kg | | HEEG opinion: default human factor values for use in exposure assessments for biocidal products, endorsed at TM II 2013 |
| Respiration rate | 1.25 m ³ /hour | | HEEG opinion: default human factor values for use in exposure assessments for biocidal products, endorsed at TM II 2013 |
| Dermal absorption | 5% | | Active substance data |
| Inhalation absorption | 100% | | Default value |
| Inhalation exposure | 1.9 mg/m ³ | | Handling model 1 of TNsG 2002 part 2 – page 160 and user guidance page 26 considering the product as water based. |
| Potential body exposure | 8570 mg/cycle | | |
| Actual hand exposure (inside gloves) | 1080 mg/cycle | | |
| PPE penetration factors | | | |
| Tier IIa: gloves and coated coverall | Gloves: see actual exposure Coated coverall: 10% | | HEEG opinion: default protection factors for protective clothing and gloves agreed in TMI 2010 |

The exposures are represented in the following table:

| Task | PPE | Concentration of Cu in solution of treatment | Inhalation systemic exposure mg Cu/kg/d | Dermal systemic exposure mg Cu/kg/d | Total systemic exposure mg Cu/kg/d |
|------|-----|--|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | | |

| | | | | | |
|--|--|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Treatment by industrial of wood by vacuum pressure | Tier I: gloves (included in the model) | 0.317% | 1.13 E-03 | 8.0 E-02 | 8.0 E-02 |
| | | 0.57% | 2.03 E-03 | 1.4 E-01 | 1.4 E-01 |
| | Tier IIa: gloves and coated coverall | 0.317% | 1.13 E-03 | 1.54 E-02 | 1.65 E-02 |
| | | 0.57% | 2.03 E-03 | 2.76 E-02 | 2.96 E-02 |

Intended uses are restricted to professional application, so non-professional primary exposure are not expected.

2.2.1.3.2. Secondary exposure

The secondary human exposure assessment considers the potential for the exposure of a person in which they may come into contact with copper treated timber. The scenarios used in this assessment are those contained in the TNsG on Human Exposure part 2 and User guidance. The following scenarios have been identified as being relevant for assessing the potential exposure of humans to amine copper treated timbers during and after their use:

- Adults (consumers) - Acute Handling, cutting and sanding treated timbers
- Infants - Acute Chewing preserved timber off-cuts
- Adults (workers) - Chronic Handling, cutting and sanding treated timbers
- Children - Chronic Playing on preserved timber playground equipment
- Infants - Chronic Playing on preserved timber playground equipment and mouth contacts with the treated timber surface

Because there are no volatilised copper residues from amine copper treated wood, exposure by inhalation is considered as negligible.

The scenario of children who lies down near a swimming pool is not assessed in this document. However, if this use is required at the product authorization step, a specific assessment should be realized.

In order to calculate the dermal exposure due to a transfer from wood surface to skin, it is necessary to know the concentration of copper at the surface of wood pieces which can be dislodged to skin by repeated contacts. Copper surface concentration was estimated following 2 methodologies, called Tier 1 and 2.

1) Tier 1

Tier 1 is based on the conservative assumption that all copper in the 1-cm outer layer is in the surface. Considering the copper loadings of 3.42 kg /m³, for HC 4 class, this leads to a surface concentration 3.42 mg/cm². HC 4 class will cover the exposure by HC 1, 2, 3 wood (considering the copper loadings of 1.9 kg/m³).

Then the default values proposed in TNsG, for notably release and transfer, will be used.

2) Tier 2

When a refinement is necessary a tier 2 is proposed. A dislodgeable surface concentration value of **2 µg Cu/cm²** value is used and is a figure considered representative of handling treated timber around 48 hours plus after treatment, and for timber that is in the supply chain up until the time that it has been installed in service.

This figure was chosen in a conservative approach on the basis of 3 references.

The results of the exposure assessment are reported in following tables:

| Scenario | Total exposure |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| | Systemic dose mg Cu as / kg bw/d |
| Acute exposure- Sanding treated timbers | 4.5 E-03 |
| Acute exposure- Infant chewing preserved timber off-cuts Tier 1 | 1.97 E-01 |
| Acute exposure- Infant chewing preserved timber off-cuts Tier 2 | 3.46 E-03 |
| Chronic exposure- Sanding treated timbers | 4.1 E-02 |
| Chronic exposure- Playing on playground structure outdoors | 9.89 E-03 |
| Chronic exposure- Playing on playground structure outdoors and mouthing Tier 1 | 6.18 |
| Chronic exposure- Playing on playground structure outdoors and mouthing Tier 2 | 4.00 E-03 |

2.2.1.4. Risk characterization

The human health risk characterisation is performed using the following AELs.

| | mg Cu /kg/d |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Acute-term AEL | 0.082 |
| Medium-term AEL | 0.082 |
| Long-term AEL | 0.041 |

ADI determination

As no food risk assessment was deemed necessary because of the negligible exposure through food, no ADI was derived.
An ADI value of 0.15 mgCu/kg bw/d is nevertheless available in the literature (EFSA, 2008).

2.2.1.4.1. Risk characterisation for primary exposure scenarios

Industrial professional users

The %AELs are reported in the table below.

Summary of Risk assessment for industrial professional users during short-term exposure.

| Task : Handling of wood and equipment during vacuum-pressure impregnation (including mixing and loading, and post-application) | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Users : | | Industrial workers | | | |
| Tier - PPE | Hazard Class | Exposure path | Systemic dose mgCu/kg bw/d | Acute Toxicity | |
| | | | | AEL long-term (mgCu/kg bw) | Expo as % AEL |
| Tier 1 : gloves, minimal clothing, no RPE | HC 1, 2 or 3 | Inhalation and dermal exposure | 8.0 E-02 | 0.041 | 189.3 |
| | HC 4 | Inhalation and dermal exposure | 1.4 E-01 | 0.041 | 340.3 |
| Tier 2a : gloves, coated coverall, no RPE | HC 1, 2 or 3 | Inhalation and dermal exposure | 1.65 E-02 | 0.041 | 40.2 |
| | HC 4 | Inhalation and dermal exposure | 2.96 E-02 | 0.041 | 72.3 |

NOAEL systemic = 4.1 mgCu/kg bw/d

For wood of class 1, 2, 3 and 4, the AEL is superior to 100% when only gloves are worn. The risk becomes acceptable when a coverall and gloves are worn.

The risks for industrial users under these conditions (with gloves and coated coverall) are then acceptable.

Non-professional users

The biocidal product is foreseen to be used by industrial professionals only. Thus, a risk characterisation for non-professionals is not relevant.

2.2.1.4.2. Risk characterisation for secondary (indirect) exposure scenarios

The %AELs were calculated for secondary exposure scenarios and reported in the tables below.

Summary of Risk assessment for secondary exposure / Use Class HC 4 (Copper loading: 3.42 kg/m³), considering a worst case

| Scenario | Exposure path | Total exposure (mgCu/kg bw/d) | AEL (mgCu/kg bw/d) | Expo as % AEL |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Acute exposure- Sanding treated timbers | Inhalation and dermal | 4.5 E-03 | 0.082 | 5.5 |
| Acute exposure- Infant chewing preserved timber off-cuts - Tier 1 | Oral | 1.97 E-01 | 0.082 | 240.2 |
| Acute exposure- Infant chewing preserved timber off-cuts - Tier 2 | Oral | 3.46 E-03 | 0.082 | 4.2 |
| Chronic exposure- Sanding treated timbers | Inhalation and dermal | 4.1 E-02 | 0.041 | 98.2 |
| Chronic exposure- Playing on playground structure outdoors | Dermal | 9.89 E-03 | 0.041 | 23.5 |
| Chronic exposure- Playing on playground structure outdoors and mouthing - Tier 1 | Oral and dermal | 6.18 | 0.041 | 14706 |
| Chronic exposure- Playing on playground structure outdoors and mouthing - Tier 2 | Oral and dermal | 4.00 E-03 | 0.041 | 9.5 |

The % of AEL on the "Infant playing on playground structure outdoors and mouthing" (Tier 1) is very largely >100. However, it is considered that the exposure value is based on an unrealistic estimate of the dislodgeable copper. By using the more realistic tier 2, it can be seen that the % of AEL is acceptable.

The % of AEL on the "Infant chewing preserved timber off-cuts" (Tier 1) is also above 100 %. However, it is considered that the model in the TNsG Human Exposure is unrealistic in that it is unlikely that an infant could chew a piece of timber 4cm x 4 cm x 1 cm and certainly would not be able to generate enough saliva to extract wood preservative from the inside the block of treated wood. It is proposed instead that the infant can remove the dislodgeable residues of copper from the surface of the wood and ingest this material. Treated wood is very hard and is highly likely to be distasteful for the infants. The infant would probably also expel unpleasant tasting materials from its mouth. By taking into account these elements in the more realistic Tier 2, it can be seen that the % AEL < 100, risk is then considered as acceptable.

For all other *scenarii*, % of AEL values are acceptable in Tier 1, the risks for professionals and consumers under the conditions specified above are then acceptable.

Secondary exposure via food contamination

As stated in the toxicological foreword, the case of copper is rather particular since this element is naturally present in the environment and also at stake and essential for many metabolic functions and reactions for both plants and animals. Copper is also used as fungicide in plants for phytopharmaceutical purposes and for veterinary purposes⁵. Copper is authorized as a feed additive under EU Reg. 479/2006⁶ in nutrition of livestock with range content of 15 to 170 mg/kg in the complete feedingstuffs. According to Directive 2002/46/EC⁷, copper is also used as a food supplement. Additionally, copper is already significantly involved for phytopharmaceutical purposes under EU Reg. 396/2005 with rather significant rates (in order of kg/ha/year) covered by MRLs under the EU regulation Reg. (EC) N°149/2008⁸ (in range of 2 to 1000 mg/kg). Furthermore, inasmuch no direct interaction of treated wood with food is supported in context of this application.

However, at the product authorisation stage, if use of the product results in transfert of residues to food, a dietary risk assessment (DRA) will be required.

Overall assessment of the risk for the use of the active substance in biocidal products

Application by vacuum impregnation of copper, granulated as an approx. 0.317 % aqueous solution (elemental copper) in preventive wood protection of classes 1, 2, 3 or an approx. 0.57 % aqueous solution (elemental copper) in preventive wood protection of class 4 leads to unacceptable risk for professional facility workers if only gloves are worn. However, risk becomes acceptable if gloves and coated coverall are worn.

Secondary (indirect) human exposures are considered to be devoid of unacceptable risk.

⁵ The European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products (EMA), Veterinary Medicines Evaluation Unit, EMA/MRL/431/98-Final, May 1998, Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products – Copper Chloride, Copper Gluconate, Copper Heptanoate, Copper Oxide, Copper Methionate, Copper Sulphate and Dicopper Oxyde – summary report, p.1-4 : http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Maximum_Residue_Limits_Report/2009/11/WC500013010.pdf

⁶ COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 479/2006 of 23 March 2006 as regards the authorization of certain additives belonging to the group compounds of trace elements, OJ L 86 24/03/2006, p. 4-7 :

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32006R0479&qid=1399886943661&from=EN>

⁷ DIRECTIVE 2002/46/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 10 June 2002 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to food supplements, OJ L 183, 12.7.2002, p. 1-16

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02002L0046-20111205&qid=1399993783567&from=EN>

⁸ Commission Regulation (EC) No 149/2008 of 29 January 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing Annexes II, III and IV setting maximum residue levels for products covered by Annex I thereto (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 58, 01/03/2008, p. 1-398 :

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32008R0149&qid=1399895764828&from=EN>

2.2.2. Environmental Risk Assessment

Copper is applied in wood preservatives in the form of aqueous solutions of copper salts. The environmentally relevant moiety and the active principle of copper, granulated is the cupric ion (Cu^{2+}), which may be released to the environment at a low rate. This section is extracted from the CAR of Copper carbonate PT8 included in the annex I of Directive 98/8/EC dated on 9/02/2012.

2.2.2.1. Fate and distribution in the environment

As a result of the unique fate of copper in water, soil, sediment and sludge, many of the data requirements listed in Section A7 of the Technical notes for Guidance are not applicable for inorganic compounds and metals in particular e.g. hydrolysis, photodegradation and sediment degradation. It is not applicable to discuss copper in terms of degradation half-lives or possible routes of degradation.

Copper as an inorganic moiety is not subjected to biological degradation in any environmental compartment. The substance is non-volatile, hydrolytically stable and not biodegradable. Phototransformation in water is not expected. The strong adsorbance to organic carbon, manganese and iron oxides increases in soil with increasing pH.

The most important parameters determining the distribution of copper in the aquatic and soil compartment is adsorption onto solid materials and therefore the copper partitioning coefficients.

Partition coefficient in suspended matter

$$K_{psusp} = 30\,246 \text{ L/kg} \quad (\log K_p (\text{pm/w}) = 4.48) \quad (50^{\text{th}} \text{ percentile})$$

Partition coefficient in sediment

$$K_{psed} = 24\,409 \text{ L/kg} \quad (\log K_p (\text{sed/w}) = 4.39) \quad (50^{\text{th}} \text{ percentile})$$

Partition coefficient in soil

$$K_{psoil} = 2\,120 \text{ L/kg} \quad (\log K_p (\text{soil/w}) = 3.33) \quad (50^{\text{th}} \text{ percentile})$$

As all metals, copper becomes complexed to organic and inorganic matter in waters, soil and sediments and this affects copper speciation, bioavailability and toxicity.

Because of the homeostasis of metals, BCF values are not indicative of the potential bioaccumulation. There is therefore limited evidence of accumulation and secondary poisoning of inorganic forms of metals, and biomagnification in food webs.

2.2.2.2. Effects assessment

The risk assessment is carried out on the basis of total concentrations of copper in the environment taking into account the background plus added amount of copper. It was stated that this approach may be more reliable. The PEC values, initially calculated as "added values" were corrected in order to integrate the background concentrations in copper. Total copper concentrations were calculated in taking into account of the natural/pristine or the regional copper background concentrations (as agreed under the Council Regulation (EEC) 793/93 on Existing Substances - EU-RAR) and during the review of Copper compounds used as biocidal active substance for PT8.

2.2.2.2.1. Freshwater compartment

For the freshwater pelagic compartment, 139 individual NOEC/EC10 values resulting in 27 different species-specific NOEC values, covering different trophic levels (fish, invertebrates and algae) were used for the PNEC derivation. The large intra-species variabilities in the reported single species NOECs were related to the influence of test media characteristics (e.g., pH, dissolved organic carbon, hardness) on the bioavailability and thus toxicity of copper. Species-specific NOECs were therefore calculated after normalizing the NOECs towards a series of realistic environmental conditions in Europe (typical EU scenario's, with well defined pH, hardness and DOC). Such normalization was done by using chronic copper bioavailability models (Biotic Ligand Models), developed and validated for three taxonomic groups (fish, invertebrates and algae) and additional demonstration of the applicability of the models to a range of other species. The species-specific BLM-normalized NOECs were used for the derivation of log-normal Species Sensitivity Distributions (SSD) and HC5-50 values (the median fifth percentile of the SSD), using statistical extrapolation methods.

The HC5-50 values of the typical EU scenarios ranged between 7.8 to 22.1 µg Cu/L. Additional BLM scenario calculations for a wide range of surface waters across Europe further demonstrated that the HC5-50 of 7.8 µg Cu/L, is unprotective for 10% of the EU surface waters. It was considered as a reasonable worst case for Europe in a generic context during the previous discussions on copper compound dossiers at the EU level.

Copper threshold values were also derived for three high quality mesocosm studies, representing lentic and lotic systems. The mesocosm studies included the assessment of direct and indirect effects to large variety of taxonomic group and integrate potential effects from uptake from water as well as from food.

BLM-calculated HC5-50 values (Assessment Factor (AF) =1) were used as reference value for the risk characterisation.

The AF=1 has been chosen due to the uncertainty concerning

- 1) the mechanism of action;
- 2) the overall evaluation of the database;
- 3) the robustness of the HC5-50 values;
- 4) corrections for bioavailability (reducing uncertainty);
- 5) the sensitivity analysis with regards to DOC and read-across assumptions;
- 6) the factor of conservatism "built in into" the data and assessment (such as no acclimation of the test organisms and no pre equilibration of test media);
- 7) results from multi-species mesocosm studies and
- 8) comparison with natural backgrounds and optimal concentration ranges for copper, an essential metal.

The choice of the AF of 1 has been challenged during the WG-IV 2015 and it was stated, with a slight majority of MSs, that the AF of 1 was kept to derive the PNEC_{water}. However, it was also concluded that the conditions for using an AF of 1 in general should be re-discussed in the frame of the revision of Vol. IV Part B. And therefore, this AF should be re-discussed at the renewal stage of the first copper substances (in PT8) in case the revision of the guidance or new data available show the need of a revised AF.

The HC5-50 of 7.8 µg Cu/l, with an AF=1, was used as a reference value for risk assessment for Europe in a generic context in absence of site-specific information on bioavailability parameters (pH, DOC, hardness).

2.2.2.2.2. Sediment compartment

The sediment PNEC included using a weight of evidence approach considering different sources and tiered approaches of information:

- (1) sediment ecotoxicity data,
- (2) pelagic ecotoxicity data in combination with Kd values derived through different approaches,
- (3) soil ecotoxicity data and soil bioavailability models and
- (4) mesocosm/field ecotoxicity.

High-quality chronic benthic NOECs for six benthic species, representing 62 NOEC values were retained for the PNEC derivation. NOEC values were related to sediment characteristics (e.g., Organic Carbon (OC) and Acid Volatile Sulphides (AVS)), influencing the bioavailability and thus toxicity of copper to benthic organisms. The derivation of the freshwater HC5-50 sediment for copper was therefore based on the OC-normalized dataset, containing only low-AVS sediments. Using the log-normal species sensitivity distribution a freshwater HC5-50 sediment of 1741 mg Cu/kg OC was derived through the statistical extrapolation method.

Using the equilibrium partitioning (EP) approach, the derived HC5-50 sediment (EP) values were comparable or higher than the HC5-50 derived from whole sediment tests. The comparison between the sensitivity of soil and benthic organisms added weight to the HC5-50 from whole sediment tests. The same did sediment threshold values and benthic NOECs that were obtained from four mesocosm studies and one field cohort study.

The AF of 1 has been chosen due to the uncertainty concerning:

- 1) weight of evidence provided;
- 2) the overall quality of the database;
- 3) the robustness of the HC5-50 values;
- 4) corrections for bioavailability (reducing uncertainty);
- 5) the conservative factor built into the system (no acclimation of the test organisms and only low AVS sediments retained);
- 6) validations from multi-species mesocosm studies and field studies and
- 7) comparison with natural backgrounds and optimal concentration ranges.

As for the PNEC_{water} derivation, the choice of the AF of 1 has been challenged during the WG-IV 2015 and it was stated, that the AF of 1 was kept to derive the PNEC_{sediment}. Therefore, this AF should be re-discussed at the renewal stage of the first copper substances (in PT8) in case the revision of the guidance or new data available show the need of a revised AF.

In case of natural sediments both the amount of AVS and organic carbon present in the sediment has dictated the observed effect levels for copper and were used for the risk characterisation. In absence of AVS data, a default AVS value of 0.77 µmol/kg dry weight was used. This value corresponded to the 10th percentile of the AVS obtained from a wide Flemish monitoring database and additional AVS data from other European countries.

The HC5-50, with an AF=1, was used to estimate a PNEC_{sediment} of 1741 mg Cu/kg OC, for Europe in a generic context. This corresponding to 87 mg Cu/kg dry weight for a sediment with 5 % O.C.(TGD default value)

2.2.2.2.3. Terrestrial compartment

A high-quality dataset of 252 individual chronic NOEC/EC10 values from 28 different species and processes representing different trophic levels (i.e., decomposers, primary producers, primary consumers) has been retained for the PNEC derivation. The observed intra-species differences in toxicity data were related to differences in bioavailability, the latter related to differences in soil properties and to differences in ageing and application mode and rate. The soil property best explaining the variability in toxicity for most of the endpoints was the eCEC (effective Cation Exchange Capacity).

For the normalisation of the ecotoxicity data, the respective Cu background concentrations were added on all NOEC/EC10 values which were subsequently normalised to representative EU soils using the relevant regression (bio)availability models, generating soil-type specific HC5-50 values.

Species Sensitivity Distributions were constructed using the normalised NOEC/EC10 data. HC5-50 values from log-normal distributions ranging between 13.2 and 94.4 mg Cu/kg dry weight were obtained.

A total of eight single species studies were available in which the toxicity of Cu to microorganisms, invertebrates and plants in field-contaminated aged soils was investigated for a wide range of European soil types (peaty, sandy, clay).

A total of five multi-species studies were available, three of which studied the effects of copper in freshly spiked soils and 2 in field contaminated aged soils. Invertebrates, plants and micro-organisms were studied. Single species and multi-species field studies indicate that effects did not occur at an exposure level at the HC5-50-value.

Normalized HC5-50 values (AF=1) were used as $PNEC_{soil}$ for the risk characterisation.

The uncertainty analysis that provides arguments for the AF=1 was based on: 1) the overall quality of the database and the end-points covered; 2) the diversity and representativeness of the taxonomic groups covered by the database; 3) corrections for differences in bioavailability (soil properties); 4) the statistical uncertainties around the 5th percentile estimate; 5) NOEC values below the HC5-50 and 6) field and mesocosm studies and comparisons of their results with the HC5-50.

To account for the observed difference between lab-spiked soils and field-contaminated soils, a conservative leaching-ageing factor of 2 was agreed based on test data from the mechanistic research on ageing and ionic strength (leaching) effects.

For the PT08 biocidal product dossiers, unlikely to the VRA, a leaching ageing "L/A" factor of 2 was not used to derive the $PNEC_{soil}$ but it was taken into account in the assessment of the PEC soil (PEC divided by 2). Indeed it was stated that decrease of Cu toxicity with ageing has to be taken into account but rather in the exposure assessment than in the hazard assessment. Since this factor was determined over a period of 18 months, it can be applied for PEC calculation over the same amount of time (i.e. TIME 2 only in the PT08). The L/A factor of 2 was used in the PEC ($PEC/2$), while for VRA, the L/A factor was used in the PNEC ($PNEC*2$). In the VRA, the NOEC added were first multiplied by the L/A factor (2). The background concentrations from corresponding control soil were then added. All the individual aged $NOEC_{total}$ were then normalized and finally the HC5-50 was derived; The AF of 1 was applied on the HC5-50. More explanations are given in the environmental exposure assessment chapter.

As for the $PNEC_{water}$ derivation, the choice of the AF of 1 has been challenged during the WG-IV 2015 and it was stated, that the AF of 1 was kept to derive the $PNEC_{soil}$. Therefore, this AF should be re-discussed at the renewal stage of the first copper substances (in PT8) in case the revision of the guidance or new data available show the need of a revised AF.

The HC5-50, with an AF=1, was used to derive a PNEC_{soil} of 45.6 mg Cu/kg dry weight for Europe in absence of site-specific information on soil properties.

2.2.2.2.4. STP compartment

For the STP compartment, high-quality NOECs from respiration or nitrification inhibition studies, relevant to the functioning of a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), resulted from biodegradation/removal studies and NOECs for ciliated protozoa were used to derive the PNEC for STP micro-organisms.

The lowest reliable observed NOEC value was noted for the inhibition of respiration (AF=1) of 0.23 mg/l expressed as dissolved copper and carried forward as PNEC_{STP} to the risk characterisation.

2.2.2.2.5. Summary of PNECS

| Compartment | PNEC | Unit |
|-------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| STP | 0.23 | [mg.L ⁻¹] |
| Freshwater | 7.8 | [µg.L ⁻¹] |
| Sediment | 87 | [mg.kg _{dwt} ⁻¹] |
| | 18.9 | [mg.kg _{wwt} ⁻¹] |
| Soil | 45.6 | [mg.kg _{dwt} ⁻¹] |
| | 40.35 | [mg.kg _{wwt} ⁻¹] |

2.2.2.3. PBT and POP assessment

Copper, granulated as inorganic metal is excluded from the PBT assessment taking into account the Annex XIII of Reach regulation 1272/2008.

The POP criteria is not relevant as copper, granulated is an inorganic compound.

2.2.2.4. Exposure assessment

The concentrations of copper in the environment were estimated following the recommendations given in the currently available guidance documents. The wood life stages considered for the exposure assessment were: industrial wood treatment, storage of treated wood and wood in-service for Use Class 3 and Use Class 4. No exposure assessment has been performed for the life cycle stage "service life of the treated wood" intended for Use Classes 1 and 2 (indoor use) assuming negligible emissions to the environment.

As copper is a natural endogenous compound, the releases linked to its use as wood preservative have been added to the background environmental concentrations. In a first step, the predicted added concentrations of copper were calculated, in line with the equation

given by the ESD⁹. In a second step, the added values were corrected in order to integrate the natural/pristine or the regional background concentrations in copper (as agreed under the Council Regulation (EEC) 793/93 on Existing Substances - EU-RAR):

- Natural/pristine background Cu concentrations in water, sediment and soil were taken from the FOREGS Geochemical Baseline Programme (FGBP) database published in March 2004 (<http://www.gsf.fi/foregs/geochem/>),
- Regional background Cu concentrations in water, sediment and soil were taken from the EU Existing Chemical Regulation.

| Compartment | Natural/pristine background concentration | Regional background concentration | Unit |
|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Surface water | 0.88 | 2.9 | [$\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$] |
| Ground water | 0.88 | 2.9 | [$\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$] |
| Soil | 12 | 24.4 | [$\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}_{\text{dwt}}^{-1}$] |
| | 10.6 | 21.6 | [$\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}_{\text{wwt}}^{-1}$] |
| Sediment | 21 | 67.5 | [$\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}_{\text{dwt}}^{-1}$] |
| | 4.56 | 14.7 | [$\text{mg}\cdot\text{kg}_{\text{wwt}}^{-1}$] |

In the specific case of copper release to soil, the applicant presented studies on copper toxicity in aged contaminated soils. Results from these studies have been reviewed. They show that, after 18 months ageing, the NOEC values increased for plants and invertebrates corresponding to a decrease of the copper toxicity threshold. For micro-organisms, the NOEC values also increased but this is probably linked to an adaptation phenomenon to copper. The 18 months ageing tests were however not long enough to show a total removal of copper toxicity.

The applicant used these data to derive a lab to field factor reflecting the decrease in bioavailability of copper after 18 months, and proposed to apply this factor for the PNEC derivation. Possible underlying mechanisms were detailed by the applicant and this decrease in copper toxicity with ageing has been taken into account, but for the exposure assessment and not for the hazard assessment. Since this factor was determined over a period of 18 months, it can be applied for PEC calculations over the same amount of time or higher (*i.e.* TIME 2 of the ESD only).

Therefore, an ageing factor of 2 was applied on the total copper concentrations in soil for the values calculated in TIME 2, in order to consider the phenomenon of copper ageing. This strategy was validated at TMIII08.

Intended uses

The intended use of the representative biocidal product is an industrial treatment of wood by vacuum pressure impregnation for the Use Classes 1 to 4.

Leaching rates evaluation

The emissions to the environment for the stages of storage and wood in-service were calculated on the basis of leaching test results. Nevertheless, none of the studies submitted by the applicant for the determination of the leaching rates completely complies with the current requirements for this type of test. As a first Tier, calculations were also made

⁹ OECD Revised Emission Scenario Document for wood preservatives' (ESD), 2013.

assuming a worst case assumption of 100% copper leaching from treated wood over the service life of wood treated by vacuum pressure impregnation (20 years).

2.2.2.5. Risk characterization

2.2.2.5.1. Aquatic compartment (including sediment)

Vacuum pressure impregnation

| SCENARIO | | | PEC/HC ₅₋₅₀ Natural background | | PEC/ HC ₅₋₅₀ Regional background | |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|
| | | | Surface water | Sedime nt | Surface water | Sedime nt |
| vacuum pressure application | Application | - | 2.00 | 5.36 | 2.26 | 5.90 |
| vacuum pressure application | Storage | - | 1.68 | 4.48 | 1.94 | 5.02 |
| Service life of treated wood | Noise barrier (Use Class 3) | Time 1 | 0.18 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.97 |
| | | Time 2 ¹ | 0.11 | 0.24 | 0.37 | 0.78 |
| | Bridge over a pond (Use Class 3) ² | Time 1 | 0.13 | 4.23 | 0.39 | 4.77 |
| | | Time 2 ¹ | 0.12 | 6.56 | 0.38 | 7.10 |
| | Jetty in a lake (Use Class 4b) ² | Time 1 | 0.12 | 1.14 | 0.38 | 1.68 |
| | | Time 2 ¹ | 0.12 | 2.72 | 0.38 | 3.25 |
| | Sheet piling (Use Class 4b) ² | Time 1 | 61.06 | 332.32 | 61.32 | 332.86 |
| | | Time 2 ¹ | 1.04 | 5.29 | 1.30 | 5.83 |

¹ Time 2 considering leaching data

² For surface water, removal processes were taken into account (adsorption onto suspended matter and sediment, and time weighted average concentrations)

Estimated risks from **industrial treatment by vacuum pressure impregnation** indicate unacceptable risks to surface water and sediment when results are expressed as total concentration, either considering a natural or a regional background concentration. Therefore, during the application process, the product must be re-cycled within the facility or collected and disposed of according to local authority regulations in order to minimise the release to the environment.

Estimated risks from **storage** of wood treated by vacuum pressure impregnation indicate unacceptable risks to the aquatic environment whatever the background considered. All timbers treated by industrial process will have to be stored on impermeable hard standing to prevent direct losses surface water and to allow losses to be collected for disposal.

Concerning the **wood-in-service phase**, the relevant scenarios tested for Use Classes 3 and 4b indicate acceptable risks for surface water and sediment when releases from wood

treated by vacuum pressure impregnation are directed to a sewage treatment plant (Noise barrier scenario – Use Class 3) but show unacceptable risks when the treated wood is located above or in a water body (Bridge over a pond scenario – Use Class 3, Jetty in a lake and Sheet piling scenario – Use Class 4b) even when removal processes are considered (adsorption onto suspended matter and sediment and time-weighted averaging of concentrations). Since unacceptable risks are identified where direct losses to water are foreseen, there should be a labelling for Use Class 3 against the use of treated wood where direct losses to water are possible. The uses in Class 4b should not be allowed.

2.2.2.5.2. Sewage treatment plant organism

| SCENARIO | | | PEC/PNEC |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|
| vacuum pressure application | Application | - | 0.93 |
| Service life of treated wood | Noise barrier (Use Class 3) | Time 1 | 0.04 |
| | | Time 2 | 2.30E-04 |

Considering the representative product, PEC/PNEC ratios indicate acceptable risks to sewage treatment plant either from industrial treatments, or from wood-in-service releases (Noise barrier scenario).

2.2.2.5.3. Atmosphere

Considering the representative product, there would be no exposure from copper-treated wood via the atmosphere due to the very low vapour pressure of copper. Therefore, copper-treated wood would not pose an unacceptable risk to the air compartment.

2.2.2.5.4. Terrestrial compartment

vacuum pressure impregnation

| | | | PEC/PNEC Natural background | PEC/PNEC Regional background |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| vacuum pressure application | Application | - | 0.81 | 0.95 |
| vacuum pressure application | Storage | - | 64.81 | 64.95 |
| Service life of treated wood | Noise barrier – Direct releases (Use Class 3) | Time 1 | 0.35 | 0.62 |
| | | Time 2 ¹ | 0.20 | 0.34 |
| | Noise barrier – Indirect releases via the STP (Use Class 3) | Time 1 | 0.31 | 0.59 |
| | | Time 2 ¹ | 0.13 | 0.27 |
| | House (Use Class 3) | Time 1 | 0.50 | 0.77 |
| | | Time 2 ¹ | 0.32 | 0.45 |
| | Transmission pole (Use Class 4a) | Time 1 | 0.38 | 0.65 |
| | | Time 2 ¹ | 0.35 | 0.48 |
| | Fence post (Use Class 4a) | Time 1 | 0.30 | 0.58 |
| | | Time 2 ¹ | 0.21 | 0.34 |

¹ Time 2 considering leaching data

The **vacuum pressure impregnation application** scenario considers the exposure of the terrestrial compartment via the application of contaminated STP sludge to soil. No risk to terrestrial organisms is expected. However, due to the risk identified for sediment in this scenario (considering a natural or a regional background concentration), releases via STP during industrial application should not be allowed.

The outdoor **storage** of treated wood on bare soil following the industrial vacuum pressure impregnation is expected to pose a risk to soil organisms, even in considering an ageing factor of 2. Storage on bare soil should not be allowed. The emissions from treated wood to soil should be substantially reduced by covering the storage area with protective roof or covering the soil with impermeable coating e.g. concrete. Leachates should be collected and treated appropriately (e.g. incineration).

Concerning the Use Classes 3 and 4a, the PEC/PNEC ratios calculated for **wood in service** treated by industrial vacuum pressure impregnation are below 1 for all the corresponding scenarios (House, Noise barrier, Fence post and Transmission pole) considering a natural or a regional background concentration and a Tier 2 approach with more realistic leaching rates from studies. The wood treated by vacuum pressure impregnation can be allowed for a use in Class 3 and 4a.

2.2.2.5.5. Ground water

Considering the representative product, copper is strongly absorbed and immobile in soil. Therefore, no copper is expected to reach groundwater. Copper as wood preservative is not

expected to pose a risk for groundwater contamination following the use of the representative product.

2.2.2.5.6. Secondary poisoning

Copper is an essential micronutrient, needed for optimal growth and development of micro-organisms, plants, animals and humans. Copper acts as an active cofactor in over 20 enzymes and proteins. To ensure appropriate copper tissue levels without causing toxicity from copper excess, internal copper levels are homeostatically regulated by all living organisms. Homeostatic regulation of copper allows organisms, within certain limits, to maintain their total body copper level and to maintain physiologically required levels of copper in their various tissues, both at low and high copper intakes.

In the aquatic environment, homeostatic regulation of invertebrates and fish resulted in an inverse relationship between copper BCFs and concentrations in the water. The importance of such homeostasis regulation was recognised in the regulatory framework of aquatic hazard classification (OECD, 2001). Similarly, in terrestrial plants, copper BCFs were inversely related to copper levels in soils.

The molecular mechanism of copper homeostasis is related to 2 key elements: P-type ATPases that can pump copper across biological membranes in either direction and copper chaperones, important for the intracellular copper homeostasis. This cellular copper homeostasis mechanism is considered as being universal as the sequences of copper chaperones are highly conserved between species.

Besides these active regulation mechanisms, some groups of organisms have developed additional internal regulation mechanism (molecular binding and sequestration) as a strategy to cope against copper excess.

In higher organisms, dietary copper exposure studies in mammals and humans have shown that the intestinal adsorption / biliary excretion of copper is regulated with varying dietary intakes. Research indeed demonstrated that copper adsorption in humans can vary between 11 and 75 %, depending on the dietary intake. Similarly, mammals and birds, can rely on intestinal adsorption and biliary excretion to maintain internal copper levels with large variation in dietary intakes.

Based on the above information, bioaccumulation and biomagnification phenomena are considered as not applicable for copper.

2.2.3. Assessment of endocrine disruptor properties

The active substance is not considered to have endocrine disrupting properties.

2.3. Overall conclusions

The outcome of the assessment for copper, granulated in product-type 8 is specified in the BPC opinion following discussions at the 13rd meeting of the Biocidal Products Committee (BPC). The BPC opinion is available from the ECHA web-site.

| SCENARIO | | Human primary exposure | | Human secondary exposure | | Aquatic compartment | STP | Terrestrial compartment | Ground water | Air | Secondary poisoning |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----|---------------------|
| | | Industrial professional | Non professional | Worker | Consumer | | | | | | |
| INDUSTRIAL APPLICATION : VACUUM PRESSURE IMPREGNATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Application | | Acceptable* | NR | Acceptable | Acceptable | Not acceptable | Acceptable | Acceptable | NR | NR | NR |
| Storage | | | | | | Not acceptable | NR | Not acceptable | NR | NR | NR |
| Wood in-service | Classes 1-2 | NR | NR | Acceptable | Acceptable | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| | Class 3 without direct release to water | | | | | Acceptable | Acceptable | Acceptable | NR | NR | NR |
| | Class 3 with direct release to water | | | | | Not acceptable | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| | Class 4a | | | | | NR | NR | Acceptable | NR | NR | NR |
| | Class 4b | | | | | Not acceptable | NR | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Overall conclusions: Vacuum pressure impregnation process does not lead to unacceptable risk for uses in class 1 to 4-1 with the following mitigation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During industrial treatments, collective protective equipment shall be ensured when appropriate, and the operators must wear the appropriate personal protective equipments. • During industrial application the emissions to surface water have to be forbidden. Appropriate mitigation measures such as waste recycling or incineration have to be performed. • All timbers treated by industrial process will have to be stored on impermeable hard standing or under a protective roof to prevent direct losses to soil and surface water and to allow losses to be collected and treated appropriately (e.g. incineration) • Pre-treated timber must not be in contact with or above surface water. A use in class 3 with direct release to water or in class 4b should not be allowed unless additional data or appropriate mitigation measures lead to an acceptable risk | | | | | | | | | | | |

NR: Non relevant

* Considering the wearing of PPE

2.4. Requirement for further information related to the product

Further data on products containing copper, granulated shall be required as detailed below:

- a dermal absorption study on the product ;
- A clarification about the active substance content in the product (a range is not acceptable), a validated analytical method for the determination of copper in the product, the surface tension, the persistent foaming of the product and compatibility with other product must be provided at the product authorization stage.

2.5. List of endpoints

The most important endpoints, as identified during the evaluation process, are listed in [Appendix I](#).

Appendix I: List of endpoints

Chapter 1: Identity, Physical and Chemical Properties, Details of Uses, Further Information, and Proposed Classification and Labelling

Active substance (ISO Common Name)

Copper

Function (e.g. fungicide)

Fungicide/Insecticide

Rapporteur Member State

France.

Identity (Annex IIA, point II.)

Chemical name (IUPAC)

Copper

Chemical name (CA)

Copper

CAS No

7440-50-8

EC No

231-159-6

Other substance No.

CIPAC n°44

Minimum purity of the active substance as manufactured (g/kg or g/l)

990 g/kg as copper in form of granulated copper

Identity of relevant impurities and additives (substances of concern) in the active substance as manufactured (g/kg)

Lead : <0.008g/kg
Cadmium : <0.001g/kg
Arsenic : <0.005g/kg
Nickel : <0.01g/kg

Molecular formula

Cu

Molecular mass

63.55

Structural formula

Cu

Physical and chemical properties (Annex IIA, point III., unless otherwise indicated)

| | |
|---|--|
| Melting point (state purity) | 1059 – 1069 °C Purity: 99.7% |
| Boiling point (state purity) | Not required for substances that melt at temperatures in excess of 360°C. |
| Temperature of decomposition | Thermally stable up to 1000°C. |
| Appearance (state purity) | Course, granular red brown solid with a cylindrical shape (the length ranges between 0.9 and 6.0 mm with a mean at 2.1mm and the width ranges between 0.494 and 0.949mm with a mean at 0.706mm). Purity>99.0% |
| Relative density (state purity) | 8.78 Purity: 99.7% |
| Surface tension | Not applicable for substances with a water solubility of < 1 mg l ⁻¹ |
| Vapour pressure (in Pa, state temperature) | It is not required to test for vapour pressure as the melting point is above 300°C. |
| Henry's law constant (Pa m ³ mol ⁻¹) | Cannot be determined. |
| Solubility in water (g/l or mg/l, state temperature) | pH 6.34-7.56, 20°C Samples shaken 14-16 days Average concentration=1.0mg l ⁻¹ |
| Solubility in organic solvents (in g/l or mg/l, state temperature) (Annex IIIA, point III.1) | Soluble in aqueous monoethanolamine but is practically insoluble in organic solvents. ----- |
| Stability in organic solvents used in biocidal products including relevant breakdown products (IIIA, point III.2) | Not required. The active substance as manufactured does not include any organic solvents. If biocidal products are formulated with organic solvents, the compatibility between copper, granulated and solvents and the stability of the products will be studied in document III B ----- |
| Partition coefficient (log P _{OW}) (state temperature) | Not relevant for the ecotoxicological risk assesment, due to the specific absorption mechanism of copper. |
| Hydrolytic stability (DT ₅₀) (state pH and temperature) (point VII.7.6.2.1) | pH_____ ----- pH_____ ----- pH_____ Not applicable for metal compounds. |
| Dissociation constant (not stated in | Not relevant, metallic copper cannot |

Annex IIA or IIIA; additional data requirement from TNSG)

dissociate in water, due to its structure. Copper, granulated is slightly soluble in water and the solubilisation results of oxidation-reduction reaction of the copper metal into ionic copper. Any addition of acid would result in reaction with the copper

UV/VIS absorption (max.) (if absorption > 290 nm state ϵ at wavelength)

Determination of UV spectra is not applicable to metals

Photostability (DT₅₀) (aqueous, sunlight, state pH) (point VII.7.6.2.2)

Not applicable.

Quantum yield of direct phototransformation in water at $\Sigma > 290$ nm (point VII.7.6.2.2)

Not applicable.

Flammability

Not flammable.

Explosive properties

Not explosive

Classification and proposed labelling (Annex IIA, point IX.)

According to GHS

with regard to physical/chemical data

with regard to toxicological data

with regard to fate and behaviour data

Eye Irrit. 2 / H319 - Causes serious eye irritation
Aquatic Chronic 1
H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

with regard to ecotoxicological data

Aquatic Acute 1 (M-Factor acute 1).
H400: Very toxic to aquatic life.

Chapter 2: Methods of Analysis

Analytical methods for the active substance

Technical active substance (principle of method) (Annex IIA, point 4.1)

Titration with EDTA. The method uses nitric acid digestion to dissolve the copper into solution. The method is not specific to copper metal. However this is acceptable as an XRD shows no other form of copper than Copper (0).

Impurities in technical active substance (principle of method) (Annex IIA, point 4.1)

Trace metals of toxicological significance can be determined by ICP-MS. Before analysis, the samples are dissolved in an acid nitric mixture. The provided analytical method is validated.

Analytical methods for residues

Soil (principle of method and LOQ)

Flame Atomic Absorption (EPA 7210, 220.1)

| | |
|---|---|
| (Annex IIA, point 4.2) | Residues of copper may be determined in soils using ICP-AES methods (e.g. AOAC official method 990.8). The estimated instrumental limit of detection (LOD) is 6 µg Cu/l. (LOQ not determined). Another suitable method is AAS (e.g. US EPA method 7210), with an LOQ of 0.2 mg/L. For both methods of analysis, the sample must first be digested. |
| Air (principle of method and LOQ) (Annex IIA, point 4.2) | Residues of copper may be determined in air using Flame-AAS or ICP-AES methods (e.g. NIOSH methods 7029 or 7300 respectively). The estimated instrumental limits of determination (LOD) are 0.05 and 0.07 µg Cu/filter (LOQ not determined). |
| Water (principle of method and LOQ) (Annex IIA, point 4.2) | Furnace Atomic Absorption (EPA 220.2, 7211) In water, trace elements may be determined by Inductively Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-MS) (e.g. US EPA method 220.7). The LOD for this method was estimated at 3 µg Cu/l and the LOQ was determined at 20 µg Cu/l. Other suitable methods include AAS with direct aspiration (LOD 20 µg/l, LOQ 200 µg/l) (e.g. US EPA method 220.1) and AAS with graphite furnace (LOD 1 µg/l, LOQ 5 µg/l) (e.g. US EPA method 220.2). For all three methods of analysis, the sample must first be digested. |
| Body fluids and tissues (principle of method and LOQ) (Annex IIA, point 4.2) | ICP-AES may also be used for analysing elements in body fluids and tissues following acid digestion of the sample. LOQs are 10 µg/100 g blood, 2 µg/g tissue (e.g. NIOSH method 8005) and 0.25 µ/sample of urine (NIOSH method 8310). |
| Food/feed of plant origin (principle of method and LOQ for methods for monitoring purposes) (Annex IIIA, point IV.1) | Not applicable |
| Food/feed of animal origin (principle of method and LOQ for methods for monitoring purposes) (Annex IIIA, point IV.1) | Not applicable |

Chapter 3: Impact on Human Health

Absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion in mammals (Annex IIA, point 6.2)

| | |
|---|--|
| Rate and extent of oral absorption: | It was agreed during the TMIII09 that an oral absorption of 36% for humans and 25% for animals have to be used. |
| Rate and extent of dermal absorption: | It was agreed during the TMIII08 that a dermal absorption of 5% has to be used for copper compound. |
| Rate and extent of Inhalative absorption: | 100% |
| Distribution: | Once absorbed by oral route, copper is bound to albumin and transcuprein and then rapidly transported to the liver where it is incorporated to ceruloplasmin, a transport protein that circulates in the organism and deliver the copper to other organs. The liver is the main organ involved in copper distribution and plays a crucial role in copper homeostasis by regulating its release. It should be however noted that a minor fraction of the absorbed dose can directly be distributed to peripheral organs. In both humans and animals, copper is tightly regulated at a cellular level, involving metallothionein and metallochaperones. These regulating molecules prevent from the accumulation of potentially toxic, free copper ions within the cell. In addition to the liver, the brain is another organ which contains relatively high concentrations of copper. |
| Potential for accumulation: | All mammals have metabolic mechanisms that maintain homeostasis (a balance between metabolic requirements and prevention against toxic accumulation). Because of this regulation of body copper, indices of copper status remain stable except under extreme dietary conditions. This stability was demonstrated in a study in which human volunteers received a diet containing total copper in the range 0.8 to 7.5 mg/d. Under these conditions, there were no significant changes in commonly used indices of copper status, including plasma copper, ceruloplasmin, erythrocyte superoxide dismutase and urinary copper. |
| Rate and extent of excretion: | Biliary excretion is quantitatively the most important route, with a mean copper excretion estimated to be in the order of 1.7 mg Cu/day ($24.6 \pm 12.8 \mu\text{g Cu/kg}$ bodyweight). A small amount of copper is also lost in urine and in sweat. Excretion of |

| | |
|--|--|
| | endogenous copper is influenced by dietary copper intake. When the copper intake is low, turnover is slow and little endogenous copper is excreted and vice versa. Faecal copper losses reflect dietary copper intake with some delay as intake changes and copper balance is achieved. Urinary losses do not contribute to the regulation of copper stores and contribute very little to the overall balance. |
| Toxicologically significant metabolite | None |

Acute toxicity (Annex IIA, point 6.1)Rat LD₅₀ oral

Not classified

Rat LD₅₀ dermal

> 2000 mg/kg bw, not classified

Rat LC₅₀ inhalation

No data. However, at the product authorization, if an application by spraying is realised, this point should be assessed. Moreover, the product is often applied in solution and not in form of copper, granulated, and the properties are not the same.

Remark: a classification for this endpoint was proposed for coated copper flake.

Skin irritation

Not classified as irritating

Eye irritation

Classified as eye irritant cat 2: H319

Skin sensitization (test method used and result)

Not classified as a skin sensitiser

Repeated dose toxicity (Annex IIA, point 6.3)

Species/ target / critical effect

The test substance used the following study was copper (II) sulphate.

Rat/ liver/ inflammation
Rat/ kidney/ cytoplasmic droplets
Rat, mouse/ forestomach/ minimal to moderate hyperplasia of the squamous mucosa

Lowest relevant oral NOAEL / LOAEL

16.3 mgCu/mg kg/d

Lowest relevant dermal NOAEL / LOAEL

Not available

Lowest relevant inhalation NOAEL / LOAEL

Not available

Genotoxicity (Annex IIA, point 6.6)

The test substance used in each of the following studies was copper (II) sulphate

pentahydrate.

1. Ames test in *Salmonella typhimurium* - negative in both the presence and absence of S9 mix.

2. Bone marrow micronucleus study in the mouse – negative at a dose of 447 mg/kg bw.

3. *In vivo/in vitro* unscheduled DNA synthesis study in the livers of orally dosed male rats – negative, following treatment with doses of 632.5 or 2000 mg/kg bw.

These studies demonstrate that copper is not mutagenic in the *in vitro* and *in vivo* test systems used.

Carcinogenicity (Annex IIA, point 6.4)

Species/type of tumour

Available studies of the carcinogenicity of copper compounds in rats and mice, although not fully reliable, have given no indication that copper salts are carcinogenic.

lowest dose with tumours

Not applicable.

Reproductive toxicity (Annex IIA, point 6.8)

Species/ Reproduction target / critical effect

The test substance used in the following study was copper (II) sulphate pentahydrate.

Rat/Two-generation study/No evidence of effects on the fertility potential of either male or female rats.

Lowest relevant reproductive NOAEL / LOAEL

Copper sulphate cannot be regarded as having adverse effects on fertility in the animals tested.

1500 ppm NOAEL in rat two-generation study = 23.6-43.8 mgCu/kg bw/d (maximal dose tested)

Species/Developmental target / critical effect

Mouse/ Developmental toxicity/ malformations (study with major methodological deficiencies)

Lowest relevant developmental NOAEL / LOAEL

NOAEL= 106 mg Cu/kg/d

No information on maternal toxicity

However rat two-generation study with copper sulphate pentahydrate does not raise any particular teratogenic concern.

Neurotoxicity / Delayed neurotoxicity (Annex IIIA, point VI.1)

Species/ target/critical effect

Lowest relevant developmental NOAEL / LOAEL.

No evidence for neurotoxic potential from other studies

Other toxicological studies (Annex IIIA, VI/XI).....
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None

Medical data (Annex IIA, point 6.9)

Direct observation, eg clinical cases, poisoning incidents if available; data point 6.12.2.

Acute symptoms resulted in metallic taste, salivation, epigastric pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Anatomico-pathological examinations after self-poisoning (ingestion varying between 1 and 100 g of copper dissolved in water) revealed ulcerations of gastro-intestinal mucosa, hepatic damages (dilatation of central vein, cell necrosis and bile thrombi) and kidney lesions (congestion of glomeruli, swelling or necrosis of tubular cells and sometimes haemoglobin casts).

Chronic symptoms, occurred in a voluntary intoxication by daily ingestion of 30 mg of copper for 2 years and 60 mg during the third year, were malaise, jaundice, hepatomegaly and splenomegaly. Liver examination revealed micronodular cirrhosis. In the particular case of vineyard sprayers' intoxication by the Bordeaux mixture (unknown doses), lung lesions with focal distribution were observed: alveoli filled with desquamated macrophages, granuloma in the alveoli septa and fibro-hyaline nodules.

Summary (Annex IIA, point 6.10)

ADI (if residues in food or feed)

AEL acute and medium term

AEL long-term

Drinking water limit

ARfD (acute reference dose)

| Value | Study | Safety factor |
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| 0.15 mgCu/kg bw/day | EFSA (2008) | Not applicable. |
| 0.082 mg/kg bw/d | 90d in rats | MOE ref = 50 |
| 0.041 mg/kg bw/d | 90d in rats | MOE ref = 100 |
| No data reported | | |
| Not applicable | | |

Acceptable exposure scenarios (including method of calculation)

Professional users

Non-professional users

Indirect exposure as a result of use

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| ../.. Dietary risk assessment : concerning secondary exposure via food contamination, available knowledge about the natural occurrence of copper, physiological needs, physico-chemical properties and regulations already in force constitute appreciable information to consider as not relevant its influence for the consumer. Furthermore, inasmuch no direct interaction of treated wood with food is supported in context of this application. However, at the product authorisation stage, if use of the product induces contact with food and/or feed, a dietary risk assessment (DRA) will be required. |

Chapter 4: Fate and Behaviour in the Environment**Route and rate of degradation in water** (Annex IIA, point 7.6, IIIA, point XII.2.1, 2.2)

Hydrolysis of active substance and relevant metabolites (DT₅₀) (state pH and temperature)

Not applicable to metals.

Photolytic / photo-oxidative degradation of active substance and resulting relevant metabolites

Not applicable to metals.

Readily biodegradable (yes/no)

Not applicable to metals.

Biodegradation in seawater

Not applicable to metals.

Non-extractable residues

Not applicable to metals.

Distribution in water / sediment systems (active substance)

The distribution of metals between aqueous phase and soil/sediment/suspended matter should preferentially be described on the basis of measured soil/water, sediment/water and suspended matter/water equilibrium distribution coefficient (TECHNICAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT on Risk Assessment Part II Appendix VIII, 2003; TECHNICAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT Annex 4-VIII Environmental risk assessment for metals and metal compounds (RIP 3.2-2). From the literature overview, the following partitioning coefficients have thus been derived for Cu metal and Cu compounds:
Partition coefficient in suspended matter
 $K_{psusp} = 30,246 \text{ l/kg}$ ($\log K_p (\text{pm/w}) = 4.48$) (50th percentile) (Heijerick et al, 2005)

Partition coefficient in sediment
 $K_{psed} = 24,409 \text{ l/kg}$ ($\log K_p(\text{sed/w}) = 4.39$) (50th percentile) (Heijerick et al., 2005)

Distribution in water / sediment systems (metabolites)

Not applicable to metals.

Route and rate of degradation in soil (Annex IIIA, point VII.4, XII.1.1, XII.1.4; Annex VI, para. 85)

Mineralization (aerobic)

Not Relevant for the nature of the active substance which an inorganic metal salt

Laboratory studies (range or median, with number of measurements, with regression coefficient)

DT_{50lab} (20°C, aerobic): Not applicable to metals.

DT_{90lab} (20°C, aerobic): Not applicable to metals.

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| | DT _{50lab} (10°C, aerobic): Not applicable to metals. |
| | DT _{50lab} (20°C, anaerobic): Not applicable to metals. |
| Field studies (state location, range or median with number of measurements) | DT _{50f} : Not applicable to metals. |
| | DT _{90f} : Not applicable to metals. |
| Anaerobic degradation | Not applicable to metals. |
| Soil photolysis | Not applicable to metals. |
| Non-extractable residues | Not applicable to metals. |
| Relevant metabolites - name and/or code, % of applied a.i. (range and maximum) | Not applicable to metals. |
| Soil accumulation and plateau concentration | Although unable to degrade, the affect of ageing on the distribution of copper in soil results in increased immobilisation by long term adsorption and complexation reactions in the soil. |

Adsorption/desorption (Annex IIA, point XII.7.7; Annex IIIA, point XII.1.2)

Ka , Kd

Ka_{oc} , Kd_{oc}

pH dependence (yes / no) (if yes type of dependence)

The distribution of metals between aqueous phase and soil/sediment/suspended matter should preferentially be described on the basis of measured soil/water, sediment/water and suspended matter/water equilibrium distribution coefficient (TECHNICAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT on Risk Assessment Part II Appendix VIII, 2003; TECHNICAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT Annex 4-VIII Environmental risk assessment for metals and metal compounds (RIP 3.2-2). From the literature overview, the following partitioning coefficients have thus been derived for Cu metal and Cu compounds:

Partition coefficient in soil
Kd = 2120 l/kg (log Kp = 3.33) (50th percentile)

Fate and behaviour in air (Annex IIIA, point VII.3, VII.5)

Direct photolysis in air

Not relevant for metals

Quantum yield of direct photolysis

Not relevant for metals

Photo-oxidative degradation in air

Not relevant for metals

Volatilization

Not relevant for metals

Monitoring data, if available (Annex VI, para. 44)

Soil (indicate location and type of study)

No data submitted nor required

Surface water (indicate location and type of study)

No data submitted nor required

Ground water (indicate location and type of study)

No data submitted nor required

Air (indicate location and type of study)

No data submitted nor required

Chapter 5: Effects on Non-target Species

Toxicity data for aquatic species (most sensitive species of each group)
(Annex IIA, Point 8.2, Annex IIIA, Point 10.2)

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| Acute toxicity to aquatic organisms | No acute toxicity data are presented as the toxicity was evaluated using a SSD based on chronic toxicity data. |
| Chronic toxicity to aquatic organisms in the FRESHWATER COMPARTMENT | <p>SSD result from 139 individual NOEC/EC10 values: HC5-50 = 7.8 µg Cu / l as reasonable worst case</p> <p>Freshwater algae and higher plants: Lowest NOEC used in the SSD = 15.7 µg Cu /L (growth of <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i>) Highest NOEC used in the SSD = 510.2 µg Cu /L (growth of <i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>)</p> <p>Freshwater Invertebrates: Lowest NOEC used in the SSD = 4 µg Cu /L (mortality and reproduction of <i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i>) Highest NOEC used in the SSD = 181 µg Cu /L (reproduction of <i>Daphnia magna</i>)</p> <p>Freshwater Fishes: Lowest NOEC used in the SSD = 2.2 µg Cu /L (growth of <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>) Highest NOEC used in the SSD = 188 µg Cu /L (mortality of <i>Perca fluviatilis</i>)</p> |
| Chronic toxicity to aquatic organisms in the SEDIMENT COMPARTMENT | <p>SSD result from 62 individual NOEC values: HC5-50 = 1741 mg Cu/kg OC, corresponding to 87 mg Cu/kg dry weight for a sediment with 5 % O.C. (TGD default value)</p> <p>Sediment organisms: Lowest NOEC used in the SSD = 18.3 mg Cu /kg d.w. (growth and reproduction of <i>Tubifex tubifex</i>) Highest NOEC used in the SSD = 580.9 mg Cu /kg d.w. (survival of <i>Tubifex tubifex</i>)</p> |
| Chronic toxicity to Sewage microorganisms | The lowest reliable observed NOEC value was noted for the inhibition of respiration = 0.23 mg/l |

Effects on earthworms or other soil non-target organisms

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| Acute toxicity to soil organisms (Annex IIIA, point XIII.3.2) | No acute toxicity data are presented as the toxicity was evaluated using a SSD based on chronic toxicity data. |
| Chronic toxicity to soil organisms in the TERRESTRIAL COMPARTMENT | SSD result from 252 individual chronic NOEC/EC10 values: HC5-50 = 45.6 mg Cu/kg dry weight was used as reasonable worst case value for Europe in absence of site- |

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| | <p>specific information on soil properties.</p> <p>Terrestrial higher plants: Lowest NOEC used in the SSD = 18 mg Cu /kg d.w. (<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>) Highest NOEC used in the SSD = 698 mg Cu /kg d.w. (<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>)</p> <p>Terrestrial Invertebrates: Lowest NOEC used in the SSD = 8.4 mg Cu /kg d.w. (cocoon production of <i>Eisenia andrei</i>) Highest NOEC used in the SSD = 1460 mg Cu /kg d.w. (reproduction of <i>Falsomia candida</i>)</p> <p>Soil micro-organisms: Lowest NOEC used in the SSD = 30 mg Cu /kg d.w. (glucose respiration) Highest NOEC used in the SSD = 2402 mg Cu /kg d.w. (maize respiration)</p> |
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Effects on terrestrial vertebrates

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| Acute toxicity to mammals (Annex IIIA, point XIII.3.3) | No data |
| Acute toxicity to birds (Annex IIIA, point XIII.1.1) | No data |
| Dietary toxicity to birds (Annex IIIA, point XIII.1.2) | No data |
| Reproductive toxicity to birds (Annex IIIA, point XIII.1.3) | No data |

Effects on honeybees (Annex IIIA, Point XIII.3.1)

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| Acute oral toxicity | No data |
| Acute contact toxicity | No data |

Effects on other beneficial arthropods (Annex IIIA, Point XIII.3.1)

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| Laboratory studies | No data |
| Semi-field studies | No data |
| Field studies | No data |

Bioconcentration (Annex IIA, Point 7.5)

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| Bioconcentration factor (BCF) | For the naturally occurring substances such as essential metals as copper, bioaccumulation is complex, and many processes are available to modulate both accumulation and potential toxic impact. Biota regulates their internal concentrations of essential metals through homeostatic control mechanisms (i.e. active regulation, storage). As a result of these processes, at low metal |
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| | <p>concentrations, organisms accumulate essential metals more actively in order to meet their metabolic requirements than when they are being exposed at higher metal concentrations.</p> <p>As a consequence of homeostatic processes, and unlike many organic substances, the BCF/BAF is not independent of exposure concentrations for metals and it is inversely related to exposure concentrations. Thus, the use of ratios C_{biota}/C_{water} or $C_{biota}/C_{sediments}$ as an overall approach for estimating copper bioconcentration factors is thus not appropriate.</p> |
| Depuration time (DT₅₀) (DT₉₀) | Not applicable for metals |
| Level of metabolites (%) in organisms accounting for > 10 % of residues | Not applicable for metals |

Chapter 6: Other End Points

None required

Appendix II: List of Intended Uses

| Object and/or situation (a) | Member State or Country | Product name | Organisms controlled (c) | Formulation | | Application | | | Applied amount treatment per | | | Remarks: (m) |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Type (d-f) | Conc. of as (i) | method kind (f-h) | number min max (k) | interval between applications (min) | g as/L min max | water L/m ² min max | g as/m ² min max | |
| Fungi and insects Use Class (UC) 1, 2, 3, 4 | All | ACQ-C2D | Fungi and insects | SL (Soluble concentrate) | 13 % | vacuum/pressure impregnation | one | Not applicable | See remarks | See remarks | See remarks | (1) |

(1) Typical concentration of product in working solution:

3.33 % for use classes 1, 2 and 3 with Cu loadings of 1.9 kg/m³.

6 % for use class 4 with Cu loadings of 3.42 kg/m³.

The concentrate product may contain above 9.5%w/w copper, as long as the product is suitably diluted to give the stated copper concentrations in the treatment solution.

(a) *e.g.* biting and suckling insects, fungi, molds; (b) *e.g.* wettable powder (WP), emulsifiable concentrate (EC), granule (GR)

(c) GCPF Codes - GIFAP Technical Monograph No 2, 1989 ISBN 3-8263-3152-4); (d) All abbreviations used must be explained

(e) g/kg or g/l; (f) Method, *e.g.* high volume spraying, low volume spraying, spreading, dusting, drench;

(g) Kind, *e.g.* overall, broadcast, aerial spraying, row, bait, crack and crevice equipment used must be indicated;

(h) Indicate the minimum and maximum number of application possible under practical conditions of use;

(i) Remarks may include: Extent of use/economic importance/restrictions

Appendix III: List of studies

Data protection is claimed by the applicant in accordance with Article 60 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012.

| Section No / Reference No ¹⁰ | Author(s) ¹¹ | Year | Title ¹² Source (where different from company) Company Report No. GLP (where relevant) (Un)Published | Data Protection Claimed (Yes/No) | Owner |
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| A3.1.3 | Jussi Liipo, Maija-Leena Metsärinta, Päivi Kinnunen, Kirsi Virta, Elina Wiik, Matti Santala, and Säte Harle | 2010 | Characterization of copper powder, Outotec Research Oy, Report No. 10113-ORC-T, unpublished | Yes | European Copper Institute |

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¹² **Title, Source (where different from company), Company, Report No., GLP (where relevant), (Un)Published** should contain information relevant to each item (ideally on separate lines within the table cell for clarity). If useful, the name of the electronic file containing the specific study/reference could be added in brackets.

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| A3.7 | Hughes, K (a) | 2013 | Dissolution of Copper Granules, Report No. TSR 13 02, unpublished | Yes | Arch Timber Protection |
| A3.7 | Hughes, K (b) | 2013 | Analysis of solids isolated from a copper amine solution. Arch Timber Protection. Report No. TSR 13 03, unpublished | Yes | Arch Timber Protection |
| A 4.1 | Anonymous | 2003 | Determination of iron, lead and zinc in copper carbonate. Not GLP, unpublished. | Yes | Adchem (Australia) Pty. Limited |
| A 4.1 | Anonymous | 2004 a | Determination of Copper in Copper Oxide and Basic Copper Carbonate. Not GLP, unpublished. | Yes | Alchemia Limited |
| A 4.1 | Anonymous | 2004 b | Determination of lead and cadmium in copper oxide and copper carbonate using atomic absorption spectroscopy. Not GLP, unpublished. | Yes | Alchemia Limited |
| A 4.1 | CIPAC | - | CIPAC method for total copper 44/TC/M/3.2. Volumetric thiosulphate method. CIPAC E, Page 44. Not GLP, published. | No | Public domain |

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| A 4.1 | CIPAC | - | CIPAC method for total copper 44/TC/M/3.1. Electrolytic method (Referee method). CIPAC E, Page 42. Not GLP, published. | No | Public domain |
| A 4.1 | Credland, D.R. | 2000 | Analysis of contaminated land for toxic and heavy metals by inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy. ASUS metod 577, Version 1. Not GLP, unpublished. | Yes | Alchemia Limited |
| A 4.1 | O'Connor, B.J. and Mullee, D.M. | 2001 | Copper Carbonate (Wet Dense): Preliminary Analysis. Safepharm Laboratories Limited, Project ID: 453/021. GLP, Unpublished. | Yes | William Blythe Limited |
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| A 4.2 | NIOSH | 1987 | Method 8005. NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods, Fourth Edition, 8/15/94. Not GLP, published. | No | Public domain |
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| A 5 | Cockcroft, R. | 1981 | Wood Destroying Basidomycetest Vol. 1. IRG 81/1121 | No | Public domain |

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| A 5 | Connell M, Cornfield J A and Williams G R | 1993 | A New Timber Preservative. Rec of the Annual Convention of the British Wood Preserving and Damp- proofing Association pp 28- 36 | No | Public domain |
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| A 5 | Greaves H | 1977 | Potential toxicants for controlling soft rot in hardwoods 1. Laboratory screening tests using a filter paper technique Material und Organismen 12 Bd 1997 Heft | No | Public domain |
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| A 5 | Price E.A.S and Watson, R.W. | 1962 | Review of water-borne preservatives Rec. of 12th Annual Convention of the British Wood Preserving and Damp-proofing Association, London | No | Public domain |
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