

Event: Workshop on Exposure Scenario Short Titles
Date/location: 12 September 2013 at Cefic, Brussels, Belgium
Reference: CSR/ES Roadmap action 4.2

Objectives

Exposure scenario (ES) short titles for communication are meant to form the basis for the Table of Contents to be inserted at the beginning of the annex to the safety data sheet (SDS) to assist downstream users in quickly identifying the exposure scenario(s) relevant to them. The aim of the workshop was to confirm a set of principles for building and structuring ES Short Titles, to work out solutions on a number of open issues and to agree on the next steps towards presenting the output of the workshop to the fifth meeting of the Exchange Network on Exposure Scenarios (ENES5) in November 2013.

Participants

Seventeen representatives from Cefic, DUCC, AISE, FEICA, Fecc, CEPE, FEA, IT providers and ECHA attended the meeting.

Conclusions

The following points were agreed among the participants at the workshop:

- The ES Short Title should unambiguously label the content of the ES (1:1 relationship between the short title and ES). Short titles should be short and they are meant for the human reader only.
- ES Short Titles should be based on information that already exists in the ES e.g. use description or exposure assessment. Automated building of short titles based on IT rules is desirable. (Manual adding of identifiers to the short title will only be possible for a limited time, while the rules are improving.)
- Short Titles should be constructed from the standard phrases that are available in the ESCom catalogue.
- The principle of 3 types of identifiers was confirmed:
 - 1st identifier: life cycle stage (obligatory; select one entry).
 - 2nd identifier: market/sector information corresponding to sectors of use (SU), product categories (PC) or article categories (AC) (obligatory; multiple selection possible).
 - 3rd identifier: additional information such as substance function, process characteristics, level of containment, physical form (optional).
- Mechanisms are to be worked out for amending the list of available categories/phrases for the 2nd identifier (e.g. shorten the existing category names, add categories if needed to build an informative short title).
- The types of information potentially relevant for the 3rd identifier need to be further scoped out, the picklists developed and tested.
- Generic Exposure Scenario (GES) names can and should be converted into the standardised short title system.

Next steps

- Build and test different sets of rules for 2nd identifier based on new example of SDS with ES annex.
- Arrange two conference calls in September and October to exchange experience from testing.
- Prepare a background document for ENES5 and presentations.