

## **CLH report**

### **Proposal for Harmonised Classification and Labelling**

**Based on Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP Regulation),  
Annex VI, Part 2**

**Substance Name: Reaction mass 5-chloro-2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (3:1) ; C(M)IT/MIT**

**EC Number: no EC number for the mixture**

**CAS Number: 55965-84-9 for the mixture**

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# Part A.

## 1 PROPOSAL FOR HARMONISED CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING

### 1.1 Substance

**Table 1: Substance identity**

<b>Substance name:</b>	Reaction mass 5-chloro-2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (3:1) ; C(M)IT/MIT
<b>CAS number:</b>	55965-84-9 for the mixture C(M)IT/MIT (3:1)
<b>Annex VI Index number:</b>	613-167-00-5
<b>Degree of purity:</b>	Min 57.9% for C(M)IT/MIT in dry weight (for the lower source)
<b>Impurities:</b>	Confidential data

### 1.2 Harmonised classification and labelling proposal

**Table 2: The current Annex VI entry and the proposed harmonised classification**

	<b>CLP Regulation</b>
<b>Current entry in Annex VI, CLP Regulation</b>	<p>Acute Tox 3*/H301: Toxic if swallowed</p> <p>Acute Tox 3*/H311: Toxic in contact with skin</p> <p>Acute Tox3*/H331 : Toxic if inhaled</p> <p>Skin Corr 1B/H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage</p> <p>Skin Sens 1/H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction</p> <p>Aquatic Acute 1/H400: Very toxic to aquatic life</p> <p>Aquatic chronic 1/H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.</p>

	<p>Skin Corr. 1B; H314: <math>C \geq 0.6\%</math>  Skin Irrit. 2; H315: <math>0.06\% \leq C &lt; 0.6\%</math>  Eye Irrit. 2; H319: <math>0.06\% \leq C &lt; 0.6\%</math>  Skin Sens. 1; H317: <math>C \geq 0.0015\%</math></p>
<b>Current proposal for consideration by RAC</b>	<p>Acute Tox.3/H301: Toxic if swallowed  Acute Tox.2/H330: Fatal if inhaled  Acute Tox.2/H310: Fatal in contact with skin  Skin Corr 1C/H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage  Skin Sens 1A/H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction  Skin Corr. 1C; H314: <math>C \geq 0.5\%</math>  Skin Sens. 1A; H317: <math>C \geq 0.0015\%</math>  Aquatic Acute 1/H400: Very toxic to aquatic life (M-factor = 100)  Aquatic chronic 1/H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting (M-factor = 100)</p>
<b>Resulting harmonised classification (future entry in Annex VI, CLP Regulation)</b>	<p>Acute Tox.2/H330: Fatal if inhaled  Acute Tox.2/H310: Fatal in contact with skin  Acute Tox 3/H301: Toxic if swallowed  Skin Corr 1C/H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage: <math>C \geq 0.5\%</math>  Skin Sens 1A/H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction <math>C \geq 0.0015\%</math>  ;  Skin Irrit. 2; H315: <math>0.06\% \leq C &lt; 0.6\%</math>  Eye Irrit. 2; H319: <math>0.06\% \leq C &lt; 0.6\%</math>  Aquatic Acute 1/H400: Very toxic to aquatic life (M-factor = 100)  Aquatic chronic 1/H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting (M-factor = 100)</p>

\* Minimum classification

### 1.3 Proposed harmonised classification and labelling based on CLP Regulation

**Table 3: Proposed classification according to the CLP Regulation**

CLP Annex I ref	Hazard class	Proposed classification	Proposed SCLs and/or M-factors	Current classification <sup>1)</sup>	Reason for no classification <sup>2)</sup>
2.1.	Explosives	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.2.	Flammable gases	No classification			Not relevant
2.3.	Flammable aerosols	No classification			Not relevant
2.4.	Oxidising gases	No classification			Not relevant
2.5.	Gases under pressure	No classification			Not relevant
2.6.	Flammable liquids	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.7.	Flammable solids	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.8.	Self-reactive substances and mixtures	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.9.	Pyrophoric liquids	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.10.	Pyrophoric solids	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.11.	Self-heating substances and mixtures	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.12.	Substances and mixtures which in contact with water emit flammable gases	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.13.	Oxidising liquids	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.14.	Oxidising solids	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.15.	Organic peroxides	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
2.16.	Substance and mixtures corrosive to metals	No classification			conclusive but not sufficient for classification
3.1.	Acute toxicity - oral	Acute Tox 3/H301	-	Acute Tox 3*/H301	
	Acute toxicity -	Acute	-		

CLP Annex I ref	Hazard class	Proposed classification	Proposed SCLs and/or M-factors	Current classification <sup>1)</sup>	Reason for no classification <sup>2)</sup>
	dermal	Tox.2/H310		Acute Tox 3*/H311	
	Acute toxicity - inhalation	Acute Tox.2/H330	-	Acute Tox3*/H331	
3.2.	Skin corrosion / irritation	Skin Corr 1C/H314	Skin Corr. 1C; H314: C ≥ 0.6% Skin Irrit. 2; H315: 0.06% ≤ C < 0.6% Eye Irrit. 2; H319: 0.06% ≤ C < 0.6%	Skin Corr 1B/H314	
3.3.	Serious eye damage / eye irritation	No classification	-	No classification	Covered by classification Skin Corr 1C.
3.4.	Respiratory sensitisation	No classification	-	No classification	Data lacking
3.4.	Skin sensitisation	Skin Sens 1A/H317: C ≥ 0.0015%	Skin Sens. 1A; H317: C ≥ 0.0015%	Skin Sens 1/H317	
3.5.	Germ cell mutagenicity	Not considered	-	No classification	Conclusive but not sufficient for classification
3.6.	Carcinogenicity	Not considered	-	No classification	Conclusive but not sufficient for classification
3.7.	Reproductive toxicity	Not considered	-	No classification	Conclusive but not sufficient for classification
3.8.	Specific target organ toxicity –single exposure	Not considered	-	No classification	Conclusive but not sufficient for classification
3.9.	Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure	Not considered	-	No classification	Conclusive but not sufficient for classification
3.10.	Aspiration hazard	Not considered	-	No classification	Conclusive but not sufficient for classification
4.1.	Hazardous to the aquatic environment	Aquatic Acute 1/H400: Very toxic to	Acute M-factor = 100) Chronic	Aquatic Acute 1/H400: Very toxic to aquatic life	

CLP Annex I ref	Hazard class	Proposed classification	Proposed SCLs and/or M-factors	Current classification <sup>1)</sup>	Reason for no classification <sup>2)</sup>
		aquatic life  Aquatic chronic 1/H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting	M-factor = 100	Aquatic chronic 1/H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.	
<b>5.1.</b>	Hazardous to the ozone layer				

<sup>1)</sup> Including specific concentration limits (SCLs) and M-factors

<sup>2)</sup> Data lacking, inconclusive, or conclusive but not sufficient for classification

**Labelling:** Signal word: Danger

Hazard statements: H400, H410, H317, H319, H314, H315, H311, H301, H331

**Proposed notes assigned to an entry:**



## 2 BACKGROUND TO THE CLH PROPOSAL

### 2.1 History of the previous classification and labelling





C(M)IT/MIT has previously been discussed in TC C&L in 1999-2001. It appears that numerous discussions have taken place regarding limits to use for sensitisation.

### 2.2 Short summary of the scientific justification for the CLH proposal

The data presented below justify the modifications proposed of the existing entry.

### 2.3 Current harmonised classification and labelling in Annex VI, Table 3.1 in the CLP Regulation

The classification of C(M)IT/MIT is harmonised in Annex VI of CLP under the index number *613-167-00-5* as follows:

Classification		Labelling	Specific Concentration limits, M-Factors
Hazard Class and Category Code(s)	Hazard Stat. Code(s)	Picto, Signal Word Code(s)	
Acute Tox. 3 *	H301	GHS06 GHS09 GHS05 Dgr	Skin Irrit. 2; H315: 0.06% ≤ C < 0.6% Eye Irrit. 2; H319: 0.06% ≤ C < 0.6% Skin Sens. 1; H317: C ≥ 0.0015% Skin Corr. 1B; H314: C ≥ 0.6%
Acute Tox. 3 *	H311		
Skin Corr. 1B	H314		
Skin Sens. 1	H317		
Acute Tox. 3 *	H331		
Aquatic Acute 1	H400		
Aquatic Chronic 1	H410		
<b>Signal Words</b>			
Danger		   Skull and crossbones      Environment      Corrosion	
		 Environment	

## 2.4 Current self-classification and labelling based on the CLP Regulation criteria

There are 33 aggregated notifications grouping 1459 notifiers that apply the following self-classification:

<b>Hazard Class and Category Code(s)</b>	<b>Hazard Statement</b>	<b>Nb of notifiers applying the Hazard Class/ code/ statement</b>
Acute Tox. 2	H310	115
Acute Tox. 2	H330	149
Acute Tox. 3	H331	1305
Acute Tox. 3	H301	1454
Acute Tox. 3	H311	1454
Aquatic Acute 1	H400	1453
Aquatic Chronic 1	H410	1431
Aquatic Chronic 4	H413	18
Eye Dam. 1	H318	607
Eye Irrit. 2	H319	1
Skin Corr. 1B	H314	1454
Skin Sens. 1	H317	1454
STOT SE 3	H335 (Respiratory sys...)	50
Met. Corr. 1	H290	1

## 3 JUSTIFICATION THAT ACTION IS NEEDED AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

C(M)IT/MIT is an active Biocide substance in the meaning of Regulation EC 528/2012. In accordance with Article 36(2) of the CLP Regulation, C(M)IT/MIT shall be subjected to harmonized classification and labeling for all endpoints.

## Part B.

### SCIENTIFIC EVALUATION OF THE DATA

#### 1 IDENTITY OF THE SUBSTANCE

##### 1.1 Name and other identifiers of the substance

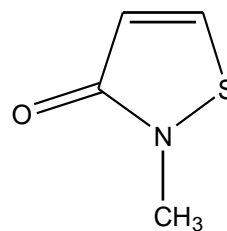
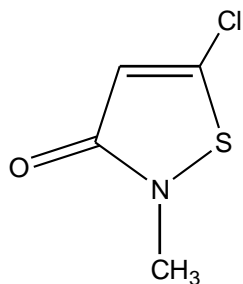
**Table 5: Substance identity**

<b>CAS number:</b>	55965-84-9 for the mixture C(M)IT/MIT (3:1)
<b>CAS name:</b>	3(2H)-isothiazolone, 5-chloro-2-methyl- mixt. with 2-methyl-4-isothiazolone
<b>IUPAC name:</b>	Reaction mass 5-chloro-2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (3:1)
<b>CLP Annex VI Index number:</b>	613-167-00-5
<b>Molecular formula:</b>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ClNOS for C(M)IT C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NOS for MIT
<b>Molecular weight range:</b>	149.6 g/mol for C(M)IT 115.2 g/mol for MIT

**Structural formula:**

C(M)IT

MIT



## 1.2 Composition of the substance

**Table 6: Constituents (non-confidential information)**

Constituent	Typical concentration	Concentration range	Remarks
<i>Reaction mass 5-chloro-2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one and 2-methyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one (3:1) Reaction mass 5-chloro-2-methylisothiazol-3(2H)-one and 2-methylisothiazol-3(2H)-one (3:1)</i> 55965-84-9		Min 57.9% in dry weight (TC)	Mixture of C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) The active substance is manufactured as a TK. It is in a solution with solvents and stabilizers. Different solvents and stabilizers exist.
<i>5-chloro-2-methylisothiazol-3(2H)-one</i> 26172-55-4		Min 45.7% in dry weight	
<i>2-methylisothiazol-3(2H)-one</i> 2682-20-4		Min 12.2% in dry weight	

TC: technical material, pure C(M)IT/MIT with its impurities whose composition is theoretically calculated based on the composition of the solution

TK: technical concentrate, solution with the substance in solvents with stabilizers in order to have a stabilized product

See the confidential annex for further information.

Current Annex VI entry:

The following harmonised classification applies:

According to table 3.2	According to table 3.1	
T; R23/24/25	Acute Tox. 3 *	H301
C; R34	Acute Tox. 3 *	H311
R43	Skin Corr. 1B	H314
N; R50-53	Skin Sens. 1	H317
$C \geq 0,6\%$ C; R34	Acute Tox. 3 *	H331
$0,06\% \leq C < 0,6\%$ Xi;	Aquatic Acute 1	H400
$C < 0,6\%$ R36/38		
$C \geq 0,0015\%$ R43	Aquatic Chronic 1	H410
		Skin Corr. 1B; H314: $C \geq 0.6\%$ Skin Irrit. 2; H315: $0.06\% \leq C < 0.6\%$ Eye Irrit. 2; H319: $0.06\% \leq C < 0.6\%$ Skin Sens. 1; H317: $C \geq 0.0015\%$

**Table 7: Impurities (non-confidential information)**

See the confidential annex for further information

**Table 8: Additives (non-confidential information)**

Additive	Function	Typical C.	Conc. range	Remarks: Self Classification
Magnesium nitrate 10377-60-3			Max 21.78%	Acute Tox. 4 H302
				Ox. Liq. 1 H271
				Ox. Liq. 3 H272
				Ox. Sol. 1 H271
				Ox. Sol. 2 H272
				Ox. Sol. 3 H272
				Skin Irrit. 2 H315
				STOT SE 3 H335(Respiratory
				Skin Irrit. 2 H315
				STOT SE 3 H335(Respiratory
Magnesium chloride 7786-30-3			Max 10.9%	Eye Irrit. 2 H319
				Met. Corr. 1 H290
				Skin Irrit. 2 H315
				Skin Sens. 1 H317
				STOT SE 2 H371(unknown)
				STOT SE 3 H335(respiratory tra...)

### **1.2.1 Composition of test material**

C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) is very reactive with some substances and should be stabilized in the product. That's why C(M)IT/MIT is produced in a continuous process directly at the product stage. Therefore the active substance is manufactured as a TK, in a solution with solvents and stabilizers. Different solvents and stabilizers exist. Most of the (eco)toxicological studies and all the physico-chemical properties have been performed with a solution of C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) at 14% in water with magnesium salts which is the product mostly on the market.

C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) has been isolated just before being formulated only to be tested for physico-chemical properties. The purity is 95-99%. It is named "pure CMIT/MIT (3:1)" in paragraphs 1.3 and 3. It is different from the TC (see paragraph 1.2 under table 6 for the definition) which is theoretically calculated based on the composition of the product.

### **1.3 Physico-chemical properties**

#### **Table 9: Summary of physico - chemical properties**

Property	Value	Reference	Comment (e.g. measured or estimated)
State of the substance at 20°C and 101,3 kPa	<u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> Solid pale yellow at yellow, weakly sweet and pungent at 20-25°C	Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company	Visual observation Purity :95-99%
	<u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> Clear liquid colourless to pale yellow with a mild odour at 20°C	Petigara R.B. (2001), Rohm and Haas Company MSDS Acticide 14	Visual observation
Melting/freezing point	<u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> Onset at 22.2°C with peak at 35.1°C	Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company	Measured Purity : 95-99%, EC A1, DSC
	<u>Pure C(M)IT:</u> Onset at 51.3°C with peak at 54.9°C	Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company	Measured Purity :99.86%
	Onset at 46.6°C and peak at 48.9°C	Hoffmann (2000)	Purified,
	<u>Pure MIT:</u> 46.7-48.3°C	Betteley, J.; Petigara, R. (2001), Rohm and Haas Company	Measured Purity : 99.7%
	Onset at 44.2°C and peak at 47.7°C	Hoffmann (2000)	About 100%
	<u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> Less than -25°C at atmospheric pressure	Petigara R.B. (2001), Rohm and Haas Company	Measured EC A1
	-23°C	Lander (2007)	DSC
Boiling point	<u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> No boiling point, decomposition from 97.3°C	Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company	Measured Purity : 95-99%, EC A2, DSC
	<u>Pure C(M)IT:</u> No boiling point, decomposition from	Tognucci (2002)	Measured Purity : >98%, DSC

	<p>167°C</p> <p><u>Pure MIT (&gt;99%):</u> No boiling point, decomposition from 236°C</p> <p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> 100.1°C</p> <p>106.5°C</p>	<p>Tognucci (2002)</p> <p>Petigara R.B. (2001), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Massmann and Werle (1992)</p>	<p>Measured Purity : &gt;99%, DSC</p> <p>Measured Simplified dynamic method</p> <p>Siwoloboff method</p>
Relative density	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> 1.396 at 38°C molten phase</p> <p>1.420 at 25°C solid phase</p> <p><u>Pure C(M)IT:</u> 1.6 at 20.8°C</p> <p><u>Pure MIT:</u> 1.39 at 20°C</p> <p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> 1.296 at 25°C</p> <p>1.256 at 20°C</p>	<p>Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company Broughton, H.S. (1992) Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Tognucci (1992)</p> <p>Tognucci (1992)</p> <p>Petigara R.B. (2001), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Massmann and Werle (1992)</p>	<p>Measured Purity : 95-99%, pycnometer</p> <p>Measured Purity : &gt;98%, gas comparison pycnometer</p> <p>Measured Purity : &gt;99%, gas comparison pycnometer</p> <p>Measured Pycnometer</p> <p>Pycnometer</p>
Vapour pressure	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> 2.2Pa at 20°C and 3.8Pa at 25°C</p> <p><u>Pure C(M)IT:</u> 0.9Pa at 20°C and 1.3 at 25°C</p> <p>1.6Pa at 20°C and 2.8Pa at 25°C</p>	<p>Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Betteley, J.; Petigara, R. (2001), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Badt-Tognucci (2007)</p>	<p>Measured Purity : 95-99%, Knudsen effusion method</p> <p>Measured Purity : 99.86%, Knudsen effusion method</p> <p>Purity : 98.4%, gas saturation method</p>



	<p><u>Pure MIT:</u> 2.1Pa at 33°C, 0.4 at 20°C and 0.7Pa at 25°C</p> <p>0.99Pa at 20°C and 1.6Pa at 25°C</p> <p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> 2080Pa at 20°C and 2726Pa at 25°C 20.8hPa</p>	<p>Betteley, J.; Petigara, R. (2001), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Weissenfeld (2006)</p> <p>Petigara R.B. (2001), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Werle (1994)</p>	<p>Measured Purity : 99.7%, vapour pressure balance</p> <p>Purity : 98.5%, gas saturation method</p> <p>Measured</p> <p>Static method</p>
Henry's law constant	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> &lt; 10<sup>-4</sup> Pa.m<sup>3</sup>/mol</p> <p><u>Pure C(M)IT:</u> &lt;4.26x10<sup>-4</sup> Pa.m<sup>3</sup>/mol at 20°C and &lt;7.07x10<sup>-4</sup> Pa.m<sup>3</sup>/mol at 25°C</p> <p><u>Pure MIT:</u> &lt;2.72x10<sup>-5</sup> Pa.m<sup>3</sup>/mol at 20°C and &lt;4.39x10<sup>-5</sup> Pa.m<sup>3</sup>/mol at 25°C</p>	<p>Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Badt-Tognucci (2007)</p> <p>Weissenfeld (2006)</p>	<p>Calculated Purity : 95-99%</p> <p>Calculated Purity : 98.4%</p> <p>Calculated Purity : 98.5%</p>
Surface tension	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> 72.3mN/m at 20°C</p> <p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> 73.0mN/m at 19.5°C</p> <p>72.6mN/m</p>	<p>Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Petigara R.B. (2001), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Lander (2007)</p>	<p>Measured Purity : &gt;99%, EC A5</p> <p>Measured EC A5</p>
Water solubility	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> &gt;3000g/L</p> <p><u>Pure C(M)IT:</u> 1g/mL</p> <p><u>Pure MIT:</u> 4g/mL</p>	<p>Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Tognucci (2002)</p>	<p>Measured Purity : 95-99%, shake flask method</p> <p>Measured Shake Flask Method</p> <p>Measured</p>

	<p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> Not relevant for aqueous solution</p>		Shake Flask Method
Partition coefficient n-octanol/water	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT:</u> 0.401 at 24°C <u>Pure MIT:</u> -0.486 at 24°C</p> <p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> C(M)IT: 0.75 MIT: -0.71</p>	<p>Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Bates ML, 1993</p>	<p>Measured Purity : 97.8%</p> <p>Purity : 98.1%</p> <p>Measured HPLC</p>
Flash point	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> No flash point up to 110°C</p> <p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> No ignition up to 110°C</p>	<p>Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Lander (2007)</p>	<p>Measured Purity : 95-99%, closed cup method</p> <p>Measured EC A9</p>
Flammability	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> Not highly flammable</p> <p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> Not highly flammable</p>	<p>Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Schied (2003)</p>	<p>Measured Purity : 95-99%, EC A10</p> <p>Theoretical statement</p>
Explosive properties	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> Not explosive</p> <p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> Not explosive</p>	<p>Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Hanstveit (2007)</p>	<p>Measured Purity : 95-99%, fall hammer test and Koenen steel tube test</p> <p>Theoretical statement</p>
Self-ignition temperature	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> The auto-ignition temperature was found to be 395°C at atmospheric pressure (99.7 kPa)</p>	<p>Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company</p>	<p>Measured Purity : 95-99%, EC A15</p>
Oxidising properties	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> Not oxidising</p> <p><u>Pure C(M)IT:</u> Not oxidising</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Hanstveit (2007)</p>	<p>Theoretical statement</p>

	<p><u>Pure MIT:</u> Not oxidising</p> <p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> Not oxidising</p>	<p>Hanstveit (2007)</p> <p>Hanstveit (2007)</p>	
Granulometry	<u>Not relevant</u>	-	-
Stability in organic solvents and identity of relevant degradation products	<u>Not applicable</u>	-	-
Dissociation constant	<p>Considered as not relevant since CMIT and MIT are covalent molecules that do not dissociate into ionic species.</p> <p>With respect to the molecular structures of CIT and MIT the chemical represents weak bases. Estimated pK<sub>b</sub> (QSAR): CIT&gt;15, MIT&gt;13.</p> <p>The weak acid properties of CIT and MIT sample in water in the course of the studies are probably due to acidic impurities from the preparation process.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Werle (1995) Werle (1997) Werle (1997) Verhaar (2007)</p>	-
Viscosity	<p><u>Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1):</u> Not required, solid</p> <p><u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u> 11.4mPa.s at 25.7°C 8.4mPa.s at 44.6°C</p> <p>Dynamic viscosity: 4.8 mPa.s at 20°C, Kinematic viscosity: 3.8 mm<sup>2</sup>/s at 20°C 2.3 mm<sup>2</sup>/s at 40°C</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Petigara R.B. (2001), Rohm and Haas Company</p> <p>Werle (1993)</p>	<p>Measured</p> <p>rotational viscometer</p> <p>Capillary viscometer</p>
pH	<u>Solution at 14% with magnesium salts:</u>		Measured CIPAC MT 75

	<p>Solution at 1% of the test material, at 20°C pH =3.43</p> <p>At 1% of the test material, pH=2.5-3.0</p> <p>Acidity due to hydrogen chloride in solution <u>and acetic acid</u></p>	<p>Bates (2003) Rohm and Haas</p> <p>Hanstveit, Verhaar (2007)</p>	<p>Measured</p> <p>In house method</p>
Acidity/Alcalinity	<p>0.342% as H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in the 14% solution</p> <p>Or 2.41% as H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in the active ingredients</p> <p>The acidity is due to acidic impurities, not to the active ingredients</p>	<p>Bates (2003) Rohm and Haas</p>	<p>Measured</p> <p>CIPAC MT 31</p>

## 2 MANUFACTURE AND USES

### 2.1 Manufacture

### 2.2 Identified uses

C(M)IT/MIT 14% is used as a biocidal product.

## 3 CLASSIFICATION FOR PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Table 10: Summary table for relevant physico-chemical studies**

Method	Results	Remarks	Reference
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EC A9 Closed cup method	No flash point up to 110°C	Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) 95-99%	Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company
EC A9	No ignition up to 110°C	Solution at 14% with magnesium salts	Lander (2007)
EC A10	The test substance melted to form a red-brown liquid that only ignited in the presence of the test flame. Not highly flammable	Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) 95-99%	Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company
EC A15	The auto-ignition temperature was found to be 395°C at atmospheric pressure (99.7 kPa)	Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) 95-99%	Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company
Theoretical statement	Not highly flammable	Solution at 14% with magnesium salts	Schied (2003)
EC A14 Fall hammer test and Koenen steel tube test	Not explosive	Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) 95-99%	Petigara R.B. (2003), Rohm and Haas Company
Theoretical statement	Not explosive	Solution at 14% with magnesium salts	Hanstveit (2007)
Theoretical statement	Not oxidising There are no functional groups present, in either of the two component materials, which are capable of being significantly oxidising.	Pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1)	-
Theoretical statement	Not oxidising	Pure C(M)IT	Hanstveit (2007)
Theoretical statement	Not oxidising	Pure MIT	Hanstveit (2007)
Theoretical statement	Not oxidising	Solution at 14% with magnesium salts	Hanstveit (2007)

### 3.1 Explosive property

A test with the method EC A.14 has been performed and shows that pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) is not explosive.

The solution of C(M)IT/MIT contains 60% of water and no constituents with explosive properties therefore it is considered that the test would give a negative result.

### **3.2 Inflammability**

A test with the method EC A.9 has been performed and shows that pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) has no flash point up to 110°C. The same test gives the same result for the solution at 14%.

Moreover a test with the method EC A.10 has been performed and shows that pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) is not highly flammable.

The auto-ignition temperature of pure C(M)IT/MIT (3:1) was found to be 395°C at atmospheric pressure.

### **3.3 Oxidizing potential**

There are no functional groups present, in either of the two component materials, which are capable of being significantly oxidising. Based on the chemical composition, it is considered that the test would give a negative result.

## **4 HUMAN HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

C(M)IT/MIT is a mixture. It is normally supplied as an aqueous solution of 14% C(M)IT/MIT (Kathon<sup>TM</sup>886F or ACTICIDE 14). According to the definition of a “substance” under REACH, the proposed entry is referring to the “pure” C(M)IT/MIT with a purity expressed in dry weight also referred as active ingredient (a.i) in the document.

### **4.1 Toxicokinetics (absorption, metabolism, distribution and elimination)**

Not considered in this dossier.

## 4.2 Acute toxicity

**Table 4.2-1 Summary table of relevant acute toxicity studies**

Method	Results	Remarks	Reference
Acute toxicity study (No guideline available in 1977)  Oral route	LD <sub>50</sub> males = 457 mg Kathon™886/kg bw  LD <sub>50</sub> males = 64 mg a.i/kg bw	Charles River CD males rats  n = 10/group  Gavage  Test substance: aqueous solutions of C(M)IT/MIT 14% and 13.3%	Craig, 1993
Acute toxicity study GLP, OECD 401 EPA 81-1  Oral route	LD <sub>50</sub> combined = 472 mg ACTICIDE 14/kg bw  LD <sub>50</sub> combined = 66 mg a.i/kg bw	Sprague Dawley male and female rats  n = 5/sex/group  Gavage  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%	Mercier, 1994
Acute toxicity study GLP, OECD 403 / US EPA 81-3  Inhalation route	LC <sub>50</sub> combined = 2.36 mg Kathon™886F / L <sub>air</sub> /4h  LC <sub>50</sub> combined = 0.33 mg a.i / L <sub>air</sub> /4h	CrI:CD@BR male and female rats  n = 6/sex/group Nose-only  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%	Wanner, 1991
Acute toxicity study GLP, OECD 403  Inhalation route	LC <sub>50</sub> combined = 1.23 mg ACTICIDE 14 /L <sub>air</sub> /4h  LC <sub>50</sub> combined = 0.171 mg a.i / L <sub>air</sub> /4h	Sprague-Dawley male and female rats  n = 5/sex/group  Nose-only  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%	Jackson, 1997
Acute toxicity study GLP, OECD 402/US EPA 81-2  Dermal route	LD <sub>50</sub> combined > 10008 mg ACTICIDE 14/kg bw  LD <sub>50</sub> combined > 141 mg a.i/kg bw  Total mortality: 30%	Sprague-Dawley male and female rats  n = 5/sex/group  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT	Mercier, 1994



		14%	
Acute toxicity study (No guideline available in 1976)  Dermal route	LD <sub>50</sub> combined = 660 mg Kathon™886/kg bw  LD <sub>50</sub> combined = 87.12 mg a.i/kg bw	Albino male rabbits  n = 5/sex/group  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%	Craig, 1993

## 4.2.1 Non-human information

### 4.2.1.1 Acute toxicity: oral

Two acute oral toxicity studies provide relevant information to evaluate the acute toxicity of C(M)IT/MIT by oral route. One of these studies was performed according the OECD guideline 401.

Charles River CD male rats (10/group) were exposed by gavage to concentrations of 221, 313, 442, 625 and 883 mg /kg of Kathon™ 886F (corresponding to 14% C(M)IT/MIT in aqueous solution for Lot 76/0445 and 13.3% for Lot 0098) (Craig, 1993)<sup>(1)</sup>. The test article was administered as a single dose, followed by clinical observations at 0 and 6h after dosing and daily thereafter for 14 days.

#### Clinical signs

Clinical signs were observed in all dose levels of this study.

In Lot 76/0445, salivation, lethargy, ptosis, piloerection, lacrimation, ataxia, prostration, nasal discharge and diarrhea were observed. In Lot 0098, the same clinical signs were observed except salivation.

#### Necropsy

Necropsy of the decedents and survivors revealed gross changes in all dose levels.

In decedent animals of Lot 76/0445, reddening and irritation of the stomach and intestines and sloughing of the stomach mucosa were observed. In survivors, scar tissue of the stomach and reddening of the intestines were noted.

In decedent animals of Lot 0098, reddened intestines, reddening and edema of the stomach, sloughing of the stomach mucosa and gas distention of the intestines were reported. In survivors, scar tissue of the stomach and reddening of the stomach and intestines were observed.

Mortality is summarized in the table below:

**Table 4.2-2: Table for Acute Oral Toxicity in Rats**

Dose (mg Kathon™ 886F/kg)	Number of dead / number of investigated		Time of death (range)	
	Lot 76/0445	Lot 0098	Lot 76/0445	Lot 0098
221	1/10	0/10	day 6	no deaths
313	0/10	0/10	no deaths	no deaths
442	4/10	2/10	4 at 0-6 h	2 at 0-6 h
625	9/10	6/10	9 at 0-6 h	4 at 0-6 h; 1 at 24h ; 1 at 8-14 days
883	no animals dosed	10/10	no animals	8 at 0-6 h 2 at 24h

On the basis of this study, the acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> in male rats is determined to be 457 mg Kathon™ 886F/kg (corresponding to 64 mg a.i./kg).

In another study, Sprague Dawley rats (5/sex/group) were exposed by gavage to concentrations of 0, 365, 504 and 718 mg/kg of ACTICIDE 17 (14% C(M)IT/MIT in aqueous solution) (Mercier, 1994)<sup>(2)</sup>. The test article was administered as a single dose and followed by a clinical observation period of 14 days.

#### Clinical signs

Mortality occurred from 1 hour after administration of the test article to day 2:

Prostration and subdued behaviour were observed from 15 minutes to 4 hours after administration of the test article in the treated groups.

#### Necropsy

Most animals dying during the observation period showed stomach distended by a greenish liquid, congested mucosa of glandular stomach. Thymus, lungs or intestines were slightly or markedly congested in some animals.

No macroscopically detectable abnormality was noted in animals euthanatized on study termination (Day 15).

Mortality is summarized in the table below:

**Table 4.2-3: Table for oral toxicity ACTICIDE 14 to rats**

Dose [mg ACTICIDE 14/kg]	Number of dead / number of investigated	Duration of clinical signs	Time of death (Days after dosing)
0	0 / 10		
365	Male: 1/5 Female: 0/5	1 – 4 h	1 after 4 hours at day 1
504	Male: 3/5 Female: 2/5	1 – 4 h	Male: 1 after 4 h at day 1, 2 at day 2 Female: 1 after 1 h at day 1, 1 at day 2
718	Male: 5/5 Female: 5/5	1 – 4 h	Male: 2 after 1 h and 1 after 2 h at day 1, 2 at day 2 Female: 3 after 1 h and 2 after 2 h at day 1

On the basis of this study, the combined male and female LD<sub>50</sub> is determined to be 472 mg ACTICIDE 14/kg (corresponding to 66 mg a.i./kg).

#### 4.2.1.2 Acute toxicity: inhalation

Two acute inhalation toxicity studies provide relevant information to evaluate the acute toxicity of C(M)IT/MIT by respiratory route. These studies were performed according the OECD guideline 403.

CrI:CD®BR rats (6/sex/group) were exposed snout-only to atmospheres containing respirable particles of C(M)IT/MIT (prepared from a solution of Kathon™886F; the particle size distribution gave a MMD of  $2.7 \pm 0.9 \mu\text{m}$  and a mean respirable fraction ( $< 7 \mu\text{m}$ ) of  $57 \pm 9\%$ ) at concentrations of 0.19, 0.32, 0.5, 1.26, 2.24 and 3.02 mg Kathon™886F/L (14 % C(M)IT/MIT in aqueous solution) (corresponding to 0.027, 0.045, 0.07, 0.176, 0.314 and 0.422 mg a.i./L or group 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) for 4 hours (**Wanner, 1991**)<sup>(3)</sup>. Clinical observations were reported during exposure period and twice per day for 14 days after exposure.

##### Clinical signs

Death occurred during exposure period in rats exposed to Kathon™886F at 0.32, 1.26, 2.24 and 3.02 mg/L.

Signs of respiratory irritation, including gasping, rales, hyperpnea, dyspnea and vocalization, were seen in some animals in all groups immediately post-exposure. The number of animals showing these signs and the severity of the respiratory irritation correlated with the concentration of the test material to which the animals were exposed in the report. The signs of respiratory irritation disappeared in all surviving animals, taking from two to twelve days. Small red droplets were seen on the drop sheets in groups 3, 4, 5, and 6 (corresponding to 0.5, 1.26, 2.24 and 3.02 mg/L). This sign disappeared in all surviving animals taking from 6 to 12 days. This was judged

to be expired nasal exudates and the result of nasal irritation due to exposure of the test substance. Other treatment related signs, including scant feces, thriftlessness and black or crusty material on the muzzle were also seen in several of the groups. The crusty material on the muzzle was judged to be the result of direct contact with the test material. These and all other signs disappeared in all surviving animals by Day 12.

Necropsy

Animals in groups 4, 5 and 6 (corresponding to 1.26, 2.24 and 3.02 mg/L) showed stomachs and/or intestines filled with gas which correlated with the concentration of the test material to which the animals were exposed, the greater response was seen in animals exposed to the greater concentration of the test material. This was judged to be the result of swallowing air in an attempt to breathe. No other treatment-related necropsy observations were seen in any animal.

Mortality is summarised in the table below.

**Table 4.2-4: Acute Toxicity Inhalation LC<sub>50</sub> Rats**

Dose (mg/L)	Number of dead / number of investigated	Time of death (range)
Group 1 0.19	0/12	No deaths
Group 2 0.32	1/12	1 died within 3 h after removal from chamber
Group 3 0.50	0/12	No deaths
Group 4 1.26	3/12	1 died within 3 h after removal from chamber, 2 died within 24 h
Group 5 2.24	4/12	3 died within 3 h after removal from chamber, 1 died within 24 h
Group 6 3.02	9/12	8 died within 3 h after removal from chamber, 1 died within 24 h

On the basis of this study, the combined male and female LC<sub>50</sub> was determined to be 2.36 mg Kathon™886F/L air, corresponding to 0.33 mg a.i/L/4h.

Sprague-Dawley rats (5/sex/group) were exposed snout-only to atmospheres containing respirable particles of C(M)IT/MIT (prepared from a solution of ACTICIDE 14 (14% C(M)IT/MIT in aqueous solution); the particle size distribution gave a MMD of 2.1 – 3.2 µm and a mean respirable fraction (< 7µm) of 85 – 95.7%) at concentrations of 0.344, 0.366, 0.443, 1.16, 1.79 and 2.75 mg ACTICIDE 14/L (corresponding to 0.048, 0.051, 0.062, 0.16, 0.25 and 0.39 mg

a.i/L or group 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7) for 4 hours (**Jackson, 1997**)<sup>(5)</sup>. Clinical observations were reported during exposure period and twice per day for 14 days after exposure.

#### Clinical signs

Death occurred during exposure period in rats exposed to ACTICIDE 14 at 0.366, 1.16 mg/l, 1.79 mg/l or 2.75 mg/L.

Signs in all test groups during exposure were exaggerated respiratory movements indicative of an effect on the respiratory tract, and soiling of the fur with excreta. The soiling was attributed to the method of restraint. Gasping or exaggerated respiratory movements were apparent in all surviving tests rats following exposure. Other signs were seen following exposure to ACTICIDE 14 included lethargy, staining of the body fur and whole body tremors.

Some of the signs persisted for several days following exposure but all rats that survived exposure to ACTICIDE 14 were normal in appearance and behaviour within 5 days of exposure.

Examination of the mortality data for ACTICIDE 14 indicates that the mortality for female rats of Group 3 (ACTICIDE 14; 0.366 mg/L; 0.051 mg a.i/L) was not consistent with mortality seen in other groups exposed to ACTICIDE 14. Exposure of females at higher levels produced lower mortality and repeat exposures at 0.344 mg/L (0.048 mg/L) or 0.443 mg/L (0.062 mg/L) did not confirm the high mortality seen for female rats of Group 3. Furthermore, examination of the bodyweight data indicated that some female rats in Group 3 were losing weight at the days just before exposure. The mortality data for Group 3 had therefore been excluded from the LC<sub>50</sub> calculations.

#### Necropsy

Congested lungs were seen in most decedent rats from all exposure groups.

External macroscopic findings for decedent rats included wet fur and/or brown staining around the snout and jaws and matted fur.

The lung to bodyweight ratio of decedent rats was generally higher than that of control rats.

Mortality is summarized in the table below.

**Table 4.2-5: Table of inhalation toxicity**

Dose a.i. [mg/L]	Nb of dead animals/ Nb of animals with toxic signs/ nb of investigated animals	Time of death (no. per day)	Observations
<b>MALES</b>			
Group 1: Air control	0/0/5	---	---
Group 2: 0.048	0/5/5	---	During exposition and post- exposure: – fur soiled with excreta – gasping – exaggerated respiratory movement
Group 3 :0.051	1/5/5	Day 1 during post exposure	
Group 4: 0.062	0/5/5	---	
Group 5: 0.16	2/5/5	3 <sup>rd</sup> hour of exposure, Day 1	
Group 6: 0.25	3/5/5	3 <sup>rd</sup> hour of exposure, Day 1, Day 2 during post exposure	
Group 7: 0.39	5/5/5	2 <sup>nd</sup> hour of exposure - Day 2	

Dose a.i. [mg/L]	Number of dead animals/ Number of animals with toxic signs/ number of investigated animals	Time of death (no. per day)	Observations
<b>FEMALES</b>			
Group 1 Air control	0/0/5	---	---
Group 2 0.048	0/5/5	---	During exposition and post-exposure: – fur soiled with excreta – gasping – exaggerated respiratory movement
Group 3 0.051	4/5/5	Day 1 during post exposure	
Group 4 0.062	1/5/5	Day 1 during post exposure	
Group 5 0.16	2/5/5	3 <sup>rd</sup> hour of exposure, Day 1	
Group 6 0.25	1/5/5	Day 1 during post exposure	
Group 7 0.39	5/5/5	3 <sup>nd</sup> hour of exposure - Day 2	

On the basis of this study, the male LC<sub>50</sub> was determined to be 1.21 mg ACTICIDE 14/L air (corresponding to 0.169 mg a.i./L) and females LC<sub>50</sub> was determined to be 1.38 mg ACTICIDE 14/L air, corresponding to 0.193 mg a.i./L/4h. The combined LC<sub>50</sub> was determined to be 1.23 mg ACTICIDE 14/L air, corresponding to 0.171 mg a.i./L/4h.

#### 4.2.1.3 Acute toxicity: dermal

Two acute dermal toxicity studies provide relevant information to evaluate the acute toxicity of C(M)IT/MIT by dermal route. One of these study was performed according the OAEC guideline 402. No guideline was available at the time the second study was conducted (1976).

SD rats (5/sex/group) were exposed by dermal route to 0.8 mL of ACTICIDE 14 (corresponding to 14% C(M)IT/MIT in aqueous solution) for 24h (Mercier, 1994)<sup>(6)</sup>. The test article was applied once only at the dose level of 1008 mg/kg (i.e. 141 mg a.i./kg) followed by a post exposure period of 14 days.

#### Clinical signs

Three animals showed subdued behaviour on day 2: Two males died on day 2 and one female on day 3.

Eight animals on day 2 and seven animals on day 3 showed a moderate oedema (less than 1mm thick). The seven surviving animals showed a slight oedema on day 4 and superficial eschars from day 5 to 15.

#### Necropsy

Three animals which died during the observation period showed an oedema of the subcutaneous tissue and one showed marked congested lungs. No macroscopically detectable abnormality was noted in animals euthanized on study termination.

A total mortality of 30% was calculated at the tested dose level, no LD<sub>50</sub> was determined.

Mortality is summarized in the table below:

**Table 4.2-6 : Table of dermal toxicity**

Dose [mg/kg]	Number of dead / number of investigated	Time of death (range)
1008	2/5 males 1/5 female	Day 2 Day 3

On the basis of this study, the combined male and female LD<sub>50</sub> is higher than 1 008 mg ACTICIDE 14/kg (corr. to 141 mg a.i/kg).

In another study, albino rabbit male (5/group) were exposed by dermal route to undiluted KathonTM886 (14% C(M)IT/MIT in aqueous solution) at doses of 313, 625, 1250 and 2500 mg/kg bw/d for 24h followed by a post exposure period of 14 days (Craig, 1993)<sup>(7)</sup>.

#### Clinical signs

Clinical signs were observed in dose levels up to and including 1250 mg/kg. However, rabbits in the 2500 mg/kg dose group appeared to have died prior to the recording of the first clinical observations. Clinical signs observed included: lethargy, prostration, ataxia, dilation of pupils, hypothermia, slow respiration and poor food consumption.

#### Necropsy

Necropsy of the decedents and survivors revealed only subcutaneous tissue damage at the application site.

Skin irritation consisted of severe erythema and edema followed by eschar formation.

Mortality is summarized in the table below:



Dose (mg Kathon™886/kg)	Number of dead /number of investigated	Time of death (range)
313	0/5	no deaths
625	2/5	2 at 24 h
1250	5/5	4 at 24 h; 1 at 48 h
2500	5/5	5 at 24 h

On the basis of this study, LD<sub>50</sub> was determined to be 660 mg Kathon™ 886/kg (with 95% confidence limits of 370 and 1210 mg/kg). This corresponds to LD<sub>50</sub> = 87.12 mg a.i./kg.

#### 4.2.1.4 Acute toxicity: other routes

Not considered in this dossier.

#### 4.2.2 Human information

No data.

#### 4.2.3 Summary and discussion of acute toxicity

C(M)IT/MIT is toxic/highly toxic by the oral, dermal and inhalation routes.

After acute oral, inhalation or dermal exposure, it induces effects in relation with its corrosive properties.

The acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> of C(M)IT/MIT in rats ranges from 457 to 472 mg/kg (corresponding to 64 and 66 mg a.i./kg).

The 4-hr nose-only acute inhalation LC<sub>50</sub> of C(M)IT/MIT in rats ranges from 1.21 to 2.36 mg/L air (corr. to 0.169 to 0.33 mg a.i./L air). The effects observed are consistent with the clinical signs of respiratory irritation.

The acute dermal LD<sub>50</sub> of C(M)IT/MIT in rats is higher than 1 008 mg ACTICIDE 14/kg bw/d (corr. to 141 mg a.i./kg). In rabbits, the LD<sub>50</sub> was determined to be 660 mg Kathon™ 886/kg (corr. to LD<sub>50</sub> = 87.12 mg a.i./kg).

#### 4.2.4 Comparison with criteria

For C(M)IT/MIT, the acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> ranges from 64 to 66 mg a.i./kg. These values lie within the range (50-300 mg/kg) for classification as Acute Tox.3 (H301: Toxic if swallowed) under regulation (EC) 1272/2008.

The LC<sub>50</sub> in rats ranges from 0.169 to 0.33 mg a.i./L air. These values lie within the range (0.05-0.5 mg/L) for classification as Acute Tox.2 (H330: Fatal if inhaled) under regulation (EC) 1272/2008.

The acute dermal LD<sub>50</sub> is equal to 87.12 mg a.i./kg. This value lies within the range (50-200 mg/kg) for classification as Acute Tox 2 (H310: Fatal by contact with skin) under regulation (EC) 1272/2008.

#### **4.2.5 Conclusions on classification and labelling**

Based on the results of the acute oral, dermal and inhalation toxicity studies, a classification **Acute Tox.3-- H301; Acute Tox.2-H330 and Acute Tox.2-H310** is proposed for C(M)IT/MIT.

#### **4.3 Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure (STOT SE)**

Not considered in this dossier.

#### **4.4 Irritation**

Not considered in this dossier.

## 4.5 Corrosivity

**Table 4.5-1: Summary table of relevant dermal irritation studies**

Method	Results	Remarks	Reference
Acute dermal irritation or corrosion study OECD 404	Severely irritant.  One animal presented a clear edema and a slight eschar. Erythema: Score: 2.5 (mean of 24, 48 and 72 h) Edema Score: 2.1 (mean of 24, 48 and 72 h)	New Zeland White Rabbit  n = 3/group (male)  Reversibility on day 11 for erythema, and on day 8 for edema  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%	Roubier, 1986
Acute dermal irritation or corrosion study OECD 404	Moderately irritating at 0.25% a.i. Severely irritating at 0.5% a.i. Corrosive at 0.75% and 1% a.i.  Erythema (4h exposure) Mean score value at 24, 48 and 72h: 2.1 (0.25 % a.i.), 2.5 (0.50 % a.i.), 3.1 (0.75 % a.i.), 3.2 (1.0 % a.i.)  Edema (4h exposure) Mean value at 24, 48, 72h: 2.5 (0.25 % a.i.), 3.3 (0.50 % a.i.), 3.1 (0.75 % a.i.), 3.7 (1.0 % a.i.)	New Zeland White Rabbit  n = 3/group (male)  Reversibility: - at 0.25 % ai 7-14 days after application - at 0.5 % ai 14-21 days after application - No at 0.75 and 1.0 % ai  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 1.5%	Morrisson, 1985
Acute dermal irritation or corrosion study OECD 404	Corrosive (irreversible burnt appearance) Erythema (4h exposure) Mean score value at 24, 48 and 72h: 4  Edema (4h exposure): Mean score value at 24, 48 and 72h: 3.7	New Zeland White Rabbit  n = 1 (male) due to severe reaction  No reversibility  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT	Mercier, 1994

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Three dermal studies provide relevant information to evaluate corrosion of C(M)IT/MIT by dermal route. These studies were performed according the OECD guideline 404.

Six NZW rabbits were exposed *via* dermal route to 0.5 mL of C(M)IT/MIT (14% in water) as delivered for 1 hour (3 rabbits) and 4 hours (3 rabbits) (**Roubier, 1986**)<sup>(8)</sup>. Animals were examined 60 minutes after removal of gauze and then once daily for 12 days. Body weights were recorded prior to study initiation, on day 1 of the study and weekly during the study. No post-mortem examinations were conducted.

A severe edema (score = 4) was observed in five animals and one animal had a moderate edema (score = 3) one hour after patch removal. This edema was raised more than 2 mm and extended beyond the area of exposure. By day 3, this irritation reversed such that only 3 animals had a slight edema. There was total recovery after 8 days. One animal had a well-defined erythema with slight eschar formations. A reversal was observed after 72 h with total recovery after 11 days.

C(M)IT/MIT is a severe irritant.

The study results are as follow:

**Table 4.5-2: Table for skin irritation study – 1 h exposure**

score (average animals investigated)	time	Erythema	Edema
<b>average score Draize scores (0 to maximum 4)</b>	60 min	2.7	4.0
	24 h	2.3	2.3
	48 h	2.0	1.3
	72 h	0.7	0.3
<b>other times</b>	96 h (4 days)	0.7	0.3
	120 h (5 days)	0.7	0.3
	144 h (6 days)	0.7	0.3
	168 h (7 days)	1.0	0.3
	192 h (8 days)	1.0	0.3
	216 h (9 days)	0.3	0.0
	240 h (10 days)	0.3	0.0
	264 h (11 days)	0.0	0.0
<b>reversibility: *</b>		c	c
<b>average time for reversibility</b>		after 240 h	after 192 h

\*c : completely reversible; n c : not completely reversible; n : not reversible.

**Table 4.5-3: Table for skin irritation study – 4 h exposure**

score (average animals investigated)	time	Erythema	Edema
<b>average score Draize scores (0 to maximum 4)</b>	60 min	3.7	3.7
	24 h	3.0	3.7
	48 h	2.7	2.0
	72 h	1.7	0.7
<b>other times</b>	96 h (4 days)	1.7	0.7
	120 h (5 days)	2.0	0.7
	144 h (6 days)	2.0	0.7
	168 h (7 days)	2.0	0.7
	192 h (8 days)	1.7	0.0
	216 h (9 days)	1.7	0.0
	240 h (10 days)	0.7	0.0
	264 h (11 days)	0.3	0.0
<b>reversibility: *</b>		c	c
<b>average time for reversibility</b>		after 264 h	after 168 h
*c : completely reversible; n c : not completely reversible; n : not reversible			

Three male New Zealand White rabbits were exposed *via* dermal route to concentrations of C(M)IT/MIT of 0.25%, 0.5%, 0.75% and 1.0% a.i for 4 hours. Animals were examined during a post exposure period of 21 days (Morrisson, 1985)<sup>(9)</sup>.

Erythema were observed at 72h with a mean score value of 1.3 at 0.25%, 3.0 at 0.5%, 3.3 at 0.75% and 3.0 at 1.0%. For edema, a mean score value of 1.7 at 0.25%, 2.3 at 0.5%, 2.7 at 0.75% and 3.3 at 1.0% were observed at 72h.

Based on the results, C(M)IT/MIT is moderately irritating to the skin of rabbits at a concentration of 0.25 % a.i., severely irritating to the skin of rabbits at a concentration of 0.50 % a.i. and 0.75 % a.i. and corrosive to the skin of rabbits at a concentration of 0.75% and 1.0 % a.i. Indeed, no reversibility is observed at 14 days post-treatment.

The study results were as follow:

**Table 4.5-4: Table for Acute Dermal Irritation – 0.25% active ingredient**

Score (average animals investigated)	Time	Erythema	Edema
<b>Average score Draize scores (0 to maximum 4)</b>	60 min	3.3	4.0
	24 h	2.7	3.7
	48 h	2.3	2.0
	72 h	1.3	1.7
	7 days	1.3	0.7
	14 days	0.0	0.3
	21 days	0.0	0.0
<b>72 h mean irritation</b>	72 h	3.0	3.0
<b>Reversibility: *</b>		C	C
<b>Average time for reversibility</b>		7-14 days	7-14 days
*c : completely reversible; n c : not completely reversible; n : not reversible			

**Table 4.5-5: Table for Acute Dermal Irritation – 0.50% active ingredient**

Score (average animals investigated)	Time	Erythema	Edema
<b>Average score Draize scores (0 to maximum 4)</b>	60 min	4.0	4.0
	24 h	2.3	4.0
	48 h	2.3	3.7
	72 h	3.0	2.3
	7 days	2.7	1.3
	14 days	1.3	0.0
	21 days	0.0	0.0
<b>72 h mean irritation</b>	72 h	5.3	5.3
<b>Reversibility: *</b>		C	C
<b>Average time for reversibility</b>		14-21 days	14-21 days
* c : completely reversible; n c : not completely reversible; n : not reversible.			

**Table 4.5-6: Table for Acute Dermal Irritation – 0.75% active ingredient**

Score (average animals investigated)	Time	Erythema	Edema
<b>Average score Draize scores (0 to maximum 4)</b>	60 min	2.7	4.0
	24 h	2.3	4.0
	48 h	3.3	2.7
	72 h	3.3	2.7
	7 days	3.3	3.0
	14 days	2.3	2.0
<b>72 h mean irritation</b>	72 h	6.0	6.0
<b>Reversibility: *</b>		n	n
<b>Average time for reversibility</b>		---	---
* c : completely reversible; n c : not completely reversible; n : not reversible.			

**Table 4.5-7: Table for Acute Dermal Irritation – 1.0% active ingredient**

Score (average animals investigated)	Time	Erythema	Edema
<b>Average score Draize scores (0 to maximum 4)</b>	60 min	4.0	4.0
	24 h	3.3	4.0
	48 h	3.3	3.7
	72 h	3.0	3.3
	7 days	4.0	2.7
	14 days	2.3	0.3
	21 days	1.7	0.0
<b>72 h mean irritation</b>	72 h	corrosive	corrosive
<b>Reversibility: *</b>		N	N
<b>Average time for reversibility</b>		---	---
* c : completely reversible; n c : not completely reversible; n : not reversible.			

NZW rabbit was exposed *via* dermal route to 0.5 mL of C(M)IT/MIT (14% in water) as supplied for 4 hours. The cutaneous examinations were performed, for erythema and edema, after removal of the bandage. Besides, these readings were continued on day 7 and 14 (Mercier, 1994)<sup>(10)</sup>.

Severe skin reactions were observed with a mean score value of 4 at 72 h for erythema and 3.7 for edema. However, only one animal was tested.

Based on these results, C(M)IT/MIT is corrosive to skin.

The study results are as follow:

**Table 4.5-8: Table for skin irritation study – mean scores for one rabbit**

Assessment	Time	Erythema	Edema
Draize scores (0 to maximum 4)		<b>0-4</b>	<b>0-4</b>
	<b>Average score (one rabbit)</b>		
	1 hour	3	4
	24 hours	4	4
	48 hours	4	4
	72 hours	4	3
Average score		4	4
Reversibility*:		N	C
Time for reversibility to occur		NA	Day 7
*c : completely reversible; n c : not completely reversible; n : not reversible, NA: not applicable			

#### 4.5.1 Summary and discussion of corrosivity

C(M)IT/MIT is corrosive to skin from a concentration of 0.75% a.i. After dermal exposure, it induces irreversible skin reactions in rabbits.

#### 4.5.2 Comparison with criteria

For C(M)IT/MIT, irreversible burnt are observed in animals after a 4-hour exposure period. No irreversible skin damage was observed in rabbits after a one-hour exposure period from 0.75% a.i. These results are consistent with the criteria for classification as Skin Corr. 1C (H314: Causes severe skin burns and eye damage) under regulation (EC) 1272/2008 with a specific concentration limit (SCL) at 0.5% a.i.



#### **4.5.3 Conclusions on classification and labelling**

Based on the results of the dermal irritation studies, a classification **Skin Corr. 1C, -H314 with a specific concentration limit: C > 0.5%, Skin Corr. 1C-H314** is proposed for C(M)IT/MIT.

## 4.6 Sensitisation

### 4.6.1 Skin sensitisation

**Table 4.6-1 Summary table of relevant skin sensitisation studies**

Method	Results	Remarks	Reference
Open epicutaneous test (No official guidelines)	Sensitizing  6/8 induced and challenged at 5% (7200 ppm a.i)  6/8 induced and challenged at 2.5% (3600 ppm a.i. )	Dunkin Hartley female guinea pigs  n = 8/group  <u>Induction</u> : 0.1 mL at 0.021%, 0.04%, 0.08%, 0.25%, 2.5% and 5% (corresponding to 30, 58, 115, 360, 3600 and 7200 ppm a.i.) <u>Challenge</u> : 0.025 mL at 0.021%, 0.04%, 0.08%, 0.25%, 2.5% and 5% (corresponding to 30, 58, 115, 360, 3600 and 7200 ppm a.i.)  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%	Wieman, 2001
Buehler test (9 induction doses) GLP	Sensitizing  After induction at 0.1% a.i (1 000ppm a.i), 4/5, 3/5, 3/15 and 0/20 individuals showed erythema response at 0.1, 0.05, 0.02 and 0.005% a.i (1000, 500, 200 and 50 ppm ai ) challenge concentration, respectively;  After induction at 0.05% a.i (500 ppm a.i), 10/10, 3/10 and 0/10 individuals with erythema response at 0.2, 0.05 and 0.01% a.i.(2000, 500 and 100 ppm ai) challenge concentration, respectively;  After induction at 0.01% a.i (100 ppm a.i), 9/15 and 1/15 individuals with erythema response at 0.2 and 0.01% a.i (2000 and 100 ppm ai) challenge concentration respectively.	Dunkin Hartley male and female guinea pigs  5-10/sex/group  <u>Induction</u> 0.1%; 0.05%; 0.01%; 0.005% and 0.0025% a.i (corr. to 1000, 500, 100, 50 or 25 ppm ai) <u>Challenge</u> : 0.2%; 0.1%; 0.05%; 0.025%; 0.02%; 0.01%; 0.005%; 0.0025% and 0.002% a.i (corr. to 2000, 1000, 500, 250, 200, 100, 50, 25 or 20 ppm a.i.)  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%	Chan, 1982
Maximization test	Not sensitizing	Dunkin Hartley female	Parno,

<p>(Magnusson and Klingman) GLP, OECD 406</p>	<p>Challenge: 0/19</p> <p>Re-challenge: 3/19 at 0.02% ai. at 24 h only (corr to 200 ppm a.i.)</p>	<p>guinea pigs</p> <p>20/group: C(M)IT/MIT groups dosed with 30 or 50 ppm a.i (groups 1 and 2),</p> <p>10/group: irritation control and positive control (groups 3 and 4),</p> <p>5/group: irritation control for positive control (group 5),</p> <p>4/group: irritation control (group 6).</p> <p><u>Induction</u> 30 and 50 ppm a.i. (or 0.003 and 0.005 % a.i)</p> <p><u>Challenge</u> 30 and 50 ppm a.i. (or 0.003 and 0.005 % a.i)</p> <p><u>Re-challenge</u> 50, 100 and 200 ppm a.i. (or 0.005, 0.01 and 0.02% a.i)</p> <p>Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%</p>	<p>2000</p>
<p>Maximization test (Magnusson and Klingman) GLP, OECD 406</p>	<p>Sensitising at 0.0036% a.i. (or 36 ppm a.i.) re-challenge</p> <p><u>Challenge</u> 3/10 control 10/10 at 1.42% a.i. 10/10 at 1.07% a.i. 5/10 at 0.71% a.i. 3/10 at 0.355% a.i.</p> <p><u>After re-challenge</u> 0/10 control 4/10 at 0.00355% a.i. 0/10 at 0.000355%</p>	<p>Dunkin Hartley male and female guinea pigs</p> <p>n = 10 /group</p> <p><u>Induction</u> Intradermal treatment: 0.71% a.i. Dermal induction exposure: 3.55% a.i.</p> <p><u>Challenge</u> 1.42, 1.07, 0.71, 0.355% a.i. (or 14 200; 10 700; 7 100 and 3 550 ppm a.i)</p> <p><u>Rechallenge</u> 0.00355, 0.000355% a.i. (or 36 and 3.6 ppm a.i)</p>	<p>Stahl, 2000</p>

		Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%	
LLNA (OECD 429)	Sensitising at all concentrations	CBA/J female mice  n = 5/group  <u>Induction</u> 0, 30, 50, 70, 90, 360, 1000 ppm a.i. or 0.003; 0.005; 0.007; 0.009; 0.036 and 0.1% a.i)  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%	House, 2000a
LLNA (OECD 429)	Sensitising $\geq$ 70 ppm a.i. (or 0.007% a.i)	CBA/J female mice  n = 5/group  <u>Induction</u> 0, 30, 50, 70, 90, 360, 1000 ppm a.i. (or 0.003; 0.005; 0.007; 0.009; 0.036 and 0.1% a.i)  Test substance: aqueous solution of C(M)IT/MIT 14%	House, 2000b

#### 4.6.1.1 Non-human information

Several studies provide relevant information to evaluate the sensitizing potential of C(M)IT/MIT by dermal route.

Female guinea pigs (8/group) were exposed topically to doses of 0.1 mL of 30, 58, 115, 360, 3600 and 7200 ppm a.i. diluted in ethanol/aqua bidest, corresponding to the induction phase of the open epicutaneous test (**Wiemann, 2001**)<sup>(11)</sup>. Five doses of the test substance were administered to animals during 4 consecutive weeks. During the challenge phase, animals were exposed at 0.025 mL of test substance at similar concentrations. The first challenge phase occurred 3 days after the 20th induction, the second, 14 days after the first challenge. After the 6 h exposure period the sites were washed with water.

During the induction phase the 5 % and 2.5 % test substance preparation caused discrete or patchy erythema to intense erythema, swelling, scaling to severe scaling and eczematoid skin change in animals of test groups 3 and 4 (5% and 2.5% ppm a.i respectively). In the 0.25% group, discrete or patchy erythema and scaling was observed. All other test group animals, 0.021% up to

0.08%, did not show any signs of skin irritation. Ethanol/aqua bidest applied as a vehicle control to control groups 1 and 2 did not cause any skin reactions.

During the first challenge, the treatment substance induced discrete or patchy erythema to intense erythema and swelling in animals of test groups 3-5 (5% and 0.25%). Test groups 6-8 (0.08% to 0.021%) and control groups 1 and 2 did not show any skin reactions.

The test substance induced discrete or patchy to intense erythema, swelling and scaling and severe scaling in animals of the test groups 3-7 (5% to 0.04%), during the second challenge. The animals of test group 8 and control groups 1 and 2 did not show any skin reactions.

Six out of eight animals were induced and challenged at 2.5% and 5% (corresponding to 3600 ppm a.i and 7200 ppm a.i). The test substance is considered to be a skin sensitizer that demonstrated a dose response relationship under the conditions of this test. All animals that showed inflammatory response at the first challenge responded also after the second challenge.

Results of skin sensitization test are summarized below:

**Table 4.6-2: Table of skin sensitization results**

First challenge		Number of animals with signs of allergic reactions at 24, 48 and/or 72 hours after the challenge application / number of animals in group						
Group	Induction	5 %	2.5 %	0.25 %	0.08 %	0.04 %	0.021 %	vehicle
Control group 1	Vehicle	0/8	0/8	-	0/8	-	0/8	-
Control group 2	Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	0/8
Test group 3	5 %	6/8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Test group 4	2.5 %	-	6/8	-	-	-	-	-
Test group 5	0.25 %	-	-	1/8	-	-	-	-
Test group 6	0.08 %	-	-	-	0/8	-	-	-
Test group 7	0.04 %	-	-	-	-	0/8	-	-
Test group 8	0.021 %	-	-	-	-	-	0/8	-

Second challenge		Number of animals with signs of allergic reactions at 24, 48 and/or 72 hours after the challenge application / number of animals in group						
Group	Induction	5 %	2.5 %	0.25 %	0.08 %	0.04 %	0.021 %	
Control group 1	Vehicle	0/8	0/8	-	0/8	-	0/8	
Control group 2	Vehicle	0/8	0/8	-	0/8	-	0/8	
Test group 3	5 %	7/8	7/8	5/8	1/8	-	-	
Test group 4	2.5 %	8/8	8/8	7/8	3/8	-	-	
Test group 5	0.25 %	6/8	5/8	3/8	1/8	-	-	
Test group 6	0.08 %	2/8	2/8	2/8	1/8	-	-	
Test group 7	0.04 %	2/8	1/8	0/8	-	0/8	-	
Test group 8	0.021 %	0/8	0/8	0/8	-	-	0/8	

Hartley male and female guinea pigs (5-10/sex/group) were topically exposed to 9 induction doses, 0.4 mL each, of C(M)IT/MIT (prepared from a solution of Kathon™ 886) for three 6 hour periods per week for three consecutive weeks (Chan, 1982)<sup>(12)</sup>. Concentrations of test substance used for induction are 0.1, 0.05, 0.01, 0.005 and 0.0025 % a.i (corresponding to 1000, 500, 10, 50 and 25 ppm a.i).

After a 2-week rest period following the last induction application or 1-week rest period following the last challenge application, the guinea pigs in the treated and control groups were challenged or re-challenged with various dilutions of Kathon™ 886. Concentrations used for challenge are 0.2, 0.1, 0.05, 0.025, 0.02, 0.01, 0.005, 0.0025 and 0.0020% a.i. (corresponding to 2000, 1000, 500, 250, 200, 100, 50, 25 or 20 ppm a.i.). After the 6 hour exposure period, the patch was discarded and the exposure sites were washed with a water soaked paper towel and dried.

At 0.1% a.i (1000 ppm a.i.) induction, the incidence of erythema response was 4/5, 3/5, 3/15 and 0/20 individuals at 0.1, 0.05, 0.02 and 0.005 % a.i (1000, 500, 200 and 50 ppm a.i.) challenge concentration, respectively.

At 0.05% a.i (500 ppm a.i.) induction, the incidence of erythema response was 10/10, 3/10 and 0/10 individuals at 0.2, 0.05 and 0.01% a.i (2000, 500 and 100 ppm a.i.) challenge concentration, respectively.

At 0.01% a.i (100 ppm a.i.) induction, the incidence of erythema response was 9/15, and 1/15 individuals at 0.2 and 0.01 % a.i (2000 and 100 ppm a.i.) challenge concentration, respectively.

At 0.005% a.i (50 ppm a.i.) induction, the incidence of erythema response was 2/15, 1/15, 0/15 and 0/15 individuals at 0.2, 0.02, 0.01 and 0.005 % a.i (2000, 200, 100 and 50 ppm a.i.) challenge concentration, respectively.

At 0.0025% a.i (25 ppm a.i. induction), the incidence of erythema response was 1/20, 0/20, 0/20 and 0/20 individuals at 0.2, 0.02, 0.01 and 0.0025 % a.i (2000, 200, 100 and 25 ppm a.i.) challenge concentration, respectively.

No erythema reaction was observed in the non-induced individuals challenged at 0.2, 0.02, 0.005 and 0.0025% a.i (2000, 200, 50 or 25 ppm a.i.).

Under the conditions of this study, Kathon™ 886 is considered a skin sensitizer.

The results of skins sensitization test are summarized below:

**Table 4.6-3: Table of skin sensitization results**

	Incidence of erythema response/number of animals in group									
<b>Induction Treatment</b>	Induction concentration (ppm a.i.) in water	2000 ppm a.i. #	1000 ppm a.i. #	500 ppm a.i. #	250 ppm a.i. #	200 ppm a.i. #	100 ppm a.i. #	50 ppm a.i. #	25 ppm a.i. #	20 ppm a.i. #
<b>Phase I</b>										
<b>non-induced (challenge control)</b>	0	--	--	--	--	0/10	--	0/10	--	--
<b>non-induced (re-challenge control)</b>	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	0/10	--	--
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	1000	--	4/5	3/5	--	3/15	--	0/20	--	--
<b>Phase II</b>										
<b>non-induced</b>	0	0/10	--	0/10	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	500	10/10	--	3/10	--	--	0/10	--	--	--
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	100	9/15	--	--	--	--	1/15	--	--	--
<b>Phase III</b>										
<b>non-induced</b>	0	0/10	--	--	--	--	--	0/10	0/10	--
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	50	2/15	--	--	--	1/15	0/15	0/15	--	--
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	25	1/20	--	--	--	0/20	0/20		0/20	--
<b>non-induced</b>	0	0/20	--	0/10	--	0/10	--	0/30	0/10	--
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	2000	20/20 (2/2) <sup>a</sup>	2/2 <sup>a</sup>	1/2 <sup>a</sup>	1/2 <sup>a</sup>	2/10 <sup>a</sup>	--	--	--	0/10
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	1000	--	4/5	3/5	--	3/15	--	0/20	--	--
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	500	10/10	--	3/10	--	--	0/10	--	--	--
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	100	9/15	--	--	--	--	1/15	--	--	--
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	50	2/15	--	--	--	1/15	0/15	0/15	--	--
<b>Kathon™ 886</b>	25	1/20	--	--	--	0/20	0/20	--	0/20	--



# = challenge concentration; <sup>a</sup> Re-challenged guinea pigs; Non-induced = challenge or re-challenge controls; -- = not applicable

*Incidence of erythema was calculated. Incidence = number of animals with erythema of grade 1 or greater at either 24 or 48 h divided by the number of animals challenged.*

The third assay (Magnusson & Kligman) was intended to evaluate the potential of sensitization of C(M)IT/MIT at concentrations relevant for human exposure (Parno, 2000)<sup>(13)</sup>. Hartley female guinea pigs received six intradermal injections (0.1 mL) of C(M)IT/MIT at 30 ppm and 50 ppm, followed, one week later, by one 24h topical doses, for induction phase. Two weeks after the topical induction application, topical challenge applications are realized at concentration of 30 and 50 ppm a.i. A re-challenge was realized with concentrations of 50, 100 and 200 ppm a.i.

On Day 10, one animal in Group 1 died and one animal with a prolapsed rectum in Group 2 was euthanized. Gross necropsies indicated that neither animal's death/condition was related to treatment with 30 or 50 ppm C(M)IT/MIT, respectively.

After challenge:

- Group 1 (induction 30 ppm): 1/19 animals exhibited a dermal reaction, grade 1 at 24 hours only to the challenge application of 30 ppm C(M)IT/MIT;
- Group 2 (induction 50 ppm): 0/19, no reaction (50 ppm C(M)IT/MIT);

After re-challenge:

- Group 1: 1/19 animals exhibited a dermal reaction, to the re-challenge application of 50 ppm, 1/19 at 100 ppm, 1/19 at 200 ppm and 1/19 responded to both 100 and 200 ppm C(M)IT/MIT; all responses were grade 1 at 24 h only;
- Group 2: 0/19, no reaction (50 or 100 ppm C(M)IT/MIT); 3/19 animals exhibited a dermal reaction to 200 ppm C(M)IT/MIT; 1/19 animals responded to sterile saline; all responses were grade 1 at 24 h only;

Results of the skin sensitization study are as follow:

**Table 4.6-4: Table of skin sensitization results**

Induction dose [ppm a.i.]	Challenge dose[ppm a.i.]		Re-challenge dose [ppm a.i.]		
	30	50	50	100	200
0	0/10	0/10	0/4	0/4	0/4
30	1/19	--	1/19	2/19	2/19
50	--	0/19	0/19	0/19	3/19

Number of animals with signs of allergic reactions / number of animals in group.

C(M)IT/MIT is not a sensitizer under the conditions of this study, since the incidence of erythema was less than 30 %.

In the fourth study, dunkin Hartley male and female guinea pigs (10 per group) were treated with intradermal injection at concentration of 0.71% a.i. (Magnusson & Kligman assay), one week later the test material was applied dermally on the same site (Stahl, 2000)<sup>(14)</sup>. The animals were challenged by dermal exposure two weeks later with concentration of 1.42%, 1.07%, 0.71 and 0.355% a.i.

After the challenge with test item (ACTICIDE® 14) the following reaction were found:

In dose group I. (1.42% a.i for challenge) positive response was seen in ten animals out of ten in the test group. Intense erythema, edema and necrosis, in two animals, moderate erythema were observed on the treated skin surface, 24 hours after the challenge treatment. The mean of the scores were 2.80 and 2.90 according to the 24th and 48th-hour results.

In dose group II. (1.07% a.i for challenge) positive response was seen in ten animals out of ten in the test group. In eight animals intense erythema, edema and necrosis, in two animals moderate erythema were observed on the treated skin surface. The mean of the scores was 2.8 according to the 24th and 48th-hour results.

In dose group III. (0.71% a.i for challenge) in five animals were observed intense erythema, edema and necrosis. In four cases moderate, and in one animal discrete erythema was found on the treated skin surface, 24 hours after the challenge treatment. The mean of the scores were 2.4 and 2.5 according to the 24th and 48th-hour results.

In dose group IV. (0.36% a.i for challenge) in three animals intense erythema, edema and necrosis were observed. In two cases moderate, and in five animals discrete erythema was found on the treated skin surface, 24 hours after the challenge treatment. The mean of the scores were 1.8 and 1.9 according to the 24th and 48th-hour results.

One week after the challenge a re-challenge treatment was performed with animals of dose groups III. and IV.

In dose group III (in concentration of 0.025%) positive response was seen in four animals out of ten in the test group. The mean of the scores were 0.6 and 0.70 according to the 24th and 48th-hour results. The dermal scores represented discrete and moderate erythema developed on the skin of sensitized guinea pigs.

In dose group IV (in concentration of 0.0025%) positive response was not observed on the animals. The mean of the scores was 0.00 according to the 24th and 48th-hour results.

Positive response was observed in 40% of the test animals after re-challenge with the test item in concentration of 0.025% (dose group III). In animals of dose group IV (in concentration 0.0025%) and in the new control group positive response could not be found. C(M)IT/MIT is classified as a skin sensitizer under the test conditions (lowest sensitisation dose: 36 ppm active ingredient; highest tested non sensitisation dose: 3.6 ppm active ingredient).

Results of skin sensitization study are as follow:

**Table 4.6-5: Table of skin sensitization results**

Inductions	GPMT		Observations/Remarks (Give information on irritation effects)
	Day of treatment	Application	

Intradermal	0	3.55% a.i. w/wo FCA	Slight to moderate erythema and slight edema
Topical	7	0.71% a.i.	Local irritation
Control group <sup>a</sup>	21	1.42 % a.i	Discrete and moderate erythema. Mean of the scores: 24 hours: 0.50 (3/10) 48 hours: 0.50 (3/10)
Challenge	21	0.36 % a.i	Slight to moderate erythema and slight edema 24 hours: 1.80 (10/10) 48 hours: 1.90 (10/10)
Challenge	21	0.71 % a.i	Moderate to intense erythema, edema, necrosis. Mean of the scores: 24 hours: 2.40 (10/10) 48 hours: 2.50 (10/10)
Challenge	21	1.07 % a/i	Intense erythema, edema, necrosis. Mean of the scores: 24 hours: 2.80 (10/10) 48 hours: 2.80 (10/10)
Challenge	21	1.42 % a.i	Intense erythema, edema, necrosis. Mean of the scores: 24 hours: 2.80 (10/10) 48 hours: 2.90 (10/10)
Rechallenge	28	36ppm a.i.	Discrete and moderate erythema. Mean of the scores: 24 hours: 0.60 (4/10) 48 hours: 0.70 (4/10)
Rechallenge	28	3.6ppm a.i	24 hours: 0 (0/10) 48 hours: 0 (0/10)
New control group	28	36ppm a.i.	24 hours: 0 (0/5) 48 hours: 0 (0/5)

a: group treated with the vehicle during the induction phase and 1.42 % a.i substance for the challenge. So as we are on concentrations have a significant skin reaction to the corrosive properties of the substance is observed.

The fifth study performed was a murine local lymph node assay (LLNA) conducted on CBA/J female mice in order to evaluate the sensitizing potential of C(M)IT/MIT (**House, 2000a**)<sup>(15)</sup>. A dose of 25µL of the test solution was applied to the dorsal aspect of each mouse ear (5 animals per group). The test system concentrations used for the induction phase are 0, 30, 50, 70, 90, 360 and 1000 ppm a.i (or 0, 0.003%, 0.005%, 0.009%, 0.036% and 0.1% a.i).

After the 3 days of test substance application, the animals were rested for 2 days. On Day 6, the animals were given an intravenous injection of <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine into a tail vein equivalent to a total dose of 20 µCi <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine/mouse. Approximately 5 hours after the <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine injection, the animals were sacrificed and the auricular lymph nodes were removed intact. All samples were analyzed for radioactivity in a liquid scintillation counter. The samples were counted and the results were recorded as disintegrations per minute (dpm). No test material-related clinical

observations were noted. No remarkable changes in body weights were noted during the course of the study.

A Stimulation Index (SI) was calculated for each induction concentration. All concentrations evaluated produced a SI greater than or equal to 3. The results of the study (OECD 429) indicate that the test material C(M)IT/MIT, exhibits a statistically significant, generally dose-related potential to induce contact hypersensitivity in mice.

Under the conditions of this study, C(M)IT/MIT was a sensitizer at concentrations greater than 30 ppm a.i..

Results of the skin sensitization study are as follow:

**Table 4.6-6: Table of LLNA results**

Treatment	Measured dose (ppm a.i)	DPM (mean)	SI (Test/control Ratio)	Results <sup>1</sup>
Untreated control	0 ppm	160	--	--
Acetone/olive oil (4:1 v/v)	0 ppm	225	1.0	negative
C(M)IT/MIT	30 ppm	776 *	3.4	positive
CMIT/MIT	50 ppm	1047 *	4.7	positive
C(M)IT/MIT	70 ppm	953 *	4.2	positive
C(M)IT/MIT	90 ppm	1507 *	6.7	positive
C(M)IT/MIT	360 ppm	4612 *	20.5	positive
C(M)IT/MIT	1000 ppm	10241 **	45.5	positive
Hexylcinnamaldehyde	20 %	1985 *	8.8	positive

<sup>1</sup>Test/control Ratio of 3.0 or greater represents a positive result.

\* Statistically significant difference compared to the vehicle control group (p<0.05).

\*\* Statistically significant difference compared to the vehicle control group (p<0.01).

-- Not applicable.

DPM = disintegrations per minute.

SI = stimulation index.

Finally, another LLNA was conducted on CBA/J female mice with the same conditions that the study presented above (same author, same induction concentrations...) (**House, 2000b**)<sup>(16)</sup>. No test material-related clinical observations were noted. No remarkable changes in body weights were noted during the course of the study.

In this study, a SI higher than 3 was observed for induction concentration from 70 ppm a.i up to 1000ppm a.i, leading to positive results for sensitizing properties. The results of the study (OECD429) indicate that the test material C(M)IT/MIT , exhibits a statistically significant, generally dose-related potential to induce contact hypersensitivity in mice.

Under the conditions of this study, C(M)IT/MIT was a sensitizer at concentrations ≥ 70 ppm a.i.

Results of the skin sensitization study are as follow:

**Table 4.6-7: Table of LLNA results**

Treatment	Measured dose (ppm a.i)	DPM (mean)	SI (Test/control Ratio)	Results <sup>1</sup>
Untreated control	0 ppm	6795	--	--
Acetone/olive oil (4:1 v/v)	0 ppm	8952	1.0	negative
C(M)IT/MIT	30 ppm	13807	1.5	negative
C(M)IT/MIT	50 ppm	17386 *	1.9	negative
C(M)IT/MIT	70 ppm	30204 *	3.4	<b>positive</b>
C(M)IT/MIT	90 ppm	29212 *	3.3	<b>positive</b>
C(M)IT/MIT	360 ppm	60330 *	6.7	<b>positive</b>
C(M)IT/MIT	1000 ppm	69146 *	7.7	<b>positive</b>
Hexylcinnamaldehyde	20 %	22528 *	2.5	<b>positive</b>

<sup>1</sup>Test/control Ratio of 3.0 or greater represents a positive result.  
\* Statistically significant difference compared to the vehicle control group (p<0.05).  
-- Not applicable  
DPM = disintegrations per minute  
SI = stimulation index

#### 4.6.1.2 Human information

In the dermatological literature, innumerable reports identified C(M)IT/MIT as a skin sensitizer.

At two time points the data was reviewed, in 1992 by the Cosmetic Ingredient Review Panel and in 1999 by Fewings and Menné. Both reports have been widely cited and were part of the main data considered during the Meeting of the Commission Working Group on the Classification and Labeling of Dangerous Substances of January 19-21, 2000<sup>(17)</sup>. This meeting took place to confirm the agreement of March 1999 to classify C(M)IT/MIT especially with R43 (May cause sensitization by skin contact) and a specific concentration limit:  $C \geq 0.0015\%$  (or 15 ppm); R43. During this meeting, the specific concentration limit of 0.0015% was challenged by industry, willing to increase the threshold to 0.003%.

Many discussion took place on the fact that the concentration limit of 15 ppm for classification and labeling of C(M)IT/MIT as a skin sensitizer is based on a large number of publications (animal data, patch-test results, epidemiological studies, case reports...). Moreover, in the safety assessment by the Cosmetic Ingredient Review Expert Panel<sup>(18)</sup> it was concluded from human repeat insult patch test that the lowest concentration of C(M)IT/MIT in a cosmetic formulation producing sensitization is 7.5 ppm. Indeed, the new RIPT sensitization test data included in the report and the new non clinical test data on formulation available at this time led the Expert Panel to the conclusion that C(M)IT/MIT may be safely used in “rinse-off” products at a concentration not exceeding 15 ppm and in “leave-on” cosmetic products at concentration not to exceed 7.5 ppm. However, raw data leading to these thresholds are not available.

In their update of the risk assessment for C(M)IT/MIT with focus on “rinse-off” product realized in 1999, **Fewings and Menné**<sup>(19)</sup> reported that “under normal use conditions (i.e., concentration of C(M)IT/MIT < 15 ppm) the risk of primary sensitization from the use of “rinse-off” products is negligible, and elicitation of allergic contact dermatitis in C(M)IT/MIT-sensitized people rare, after exposure to “rinse-off” products preserved with C(M)IT/MIT”. This report also referred to the permissible level of 15 ppm of C(M)IT/MIT in cosmetic products in the EU for “rinse-off” products and “leave-on” products (Appendix V of the Regulation (EC) 12231/2009). The same limit concentrations are recommended in the USA and Hungary, for “rinse-off” product and “leave-on” products. In Japan, a concentration of 15 mm of C(M)IT/MIT is approved for use in “rinse-off” products but no approval has been sought for use in “leave-on” products.

In 2012, **Mose et al.**<sup>(20)</sup>, identified the most common allergens associated with the occupational contact dermatitis observed in painters. Indeed, painters represent the occupational group that most commonly experienced occupational contact dermatitis. In this study, authors analyzed all the available data registered by the Danish Contact Dermatitis Group from 2001 to 2010. Three different isothiazolinones, including C(M)IT/MIT, were identified as the most frequent sensitizers among the tested allergens. Painters have an increased risk of developing hand eczema when they are exposed to paints containing C(M)IT/MIT.

C(M)IT/MIT is widely used since 1980s as a preservative in paints, glue, toiletries and many other products. Recently, different products, including paints, containing exclusively MIT (without C(M)IT) are used leading to various pattern of exposure and sensitization. In 2006, **Thyssen et al.**<sup>(21)</sup> described in their article a factory outbreak of allergic contact dermatitis. Four patients of 14 persons working at paint manufacturer developed dermatitis mainly following the introduction of MIT as additives. Patch test series containing various preservatives were realized on these patients. The tested preservatives were: methylchloroisothiazolinone/methylisothiazolinone (C(M)IT/MIT), methylisothiazolinone (MIT), benzisothiazolinone (BIT) and octylisothiazolinone (OIT) in aqueous solution. The results showed positive reaction for MIT and C(M)IT/MIT, with stronger reaction for MIT indicating a primary sensitization to MIT.

The potential pattern of cross-reactivity between different isothiazolinones has been investigated by **Isaksson et al.**<sup>(22)</sup> in 2014. Patients reacting to C(M)IT/MIT and/or MIT were additionally patch tested with several isothiazolinones in serial dilutions. In order to determine the primary sensitizer (C(M)IT or MIT), the following isothiazolinones were tested: C(M)IT/MIT, C(M)IT, MIT, OIT and 4,5-dichloro-2-n-octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (DCOIT). This study was conducted on nearly 3 years. According to the results, the authors described three groups of reactors. For one group, no reaction was observed with MIT; for another group, reaction with both C(M)IT and MIT was described but higher patch test reactivity to C(M)IT was reported (with concentrations at 37.5 and 150 ppm). For the last group, reaction with both C(M)IT and MIT was noted with similar reactivity but reacted more often to OIT and DCOIT. Cross-reactivities between isothiazolinones are therefore possible but some differences exist considering the primary sensitizer that is involved.

In this article, authors concluded that in patients reacting to both C(M)IT/MIT and MIT, two patterns can be drawn. First, C(M)IT is considered the primary sensitizer when high patch test reactivity to C(M)IT is observed with cross-reactivity to MIT. In that case, no cross-reactivity is expected with OIT. Second, MIT is considered the primary sensitizer when high patch test reactivity to MIT is observed with cross-reactivity to C(M)IT. However, in that case, cross-reactivity to OIT is also expected.

#### 4.6.1.3 Summary and discussion of skin sensitisation

C(M)IT/MIT is a potent skin sensitizer. After dermal exposure, it induces skin sensitization effects in animals (guinea pigs and mice) and humans.

According to the results obtained in the LLNA studies in mice, C(M)IT/MIT is sensitising at concentration  $\geq 30$  ppm a.i (or 0.003% a.i).

Several dilutions of C(M)IT/MIT have been tested to ascertain an appropriate diagnostic patch test concentration to include in patch test series (Maibach, 1985)<sup>(23)</sup>. The dilution of 100 ppm a.i induces low skin irritancy and is high enough to detect most cases of sensitization. It has been included in the European baseline patch test series since 1988. However, Sweden and some centres in Spain, in the United Kingdom and in Ireland used 200 ppm a.i in their baseline series (Bruze *et al.*, 2014)<sup>(24)</sup>. Considering the results of this multicentre study, 200 ppm a.i could be considered the optimal patch test concentration for C(M)IT/MIT since it is demonstrated that it diagnosed significantly more contact allergy than a concentration of 100 ppm a.i without inducing more adverse reactions.

Information leading to ascertain the most optimal concentration to detect cases of sensitization exists but no new information is available to challenge the classification threshold value of 0.0015% a.i (15 ppm a.i) set during the Commission Working Group on the Classification and Labeling of Dangerous Substances in 2000 in order to avoid the induction of skin sensitization during exposure with product containing C(M)IT/MIT. The most relevant data leading to a modification of this threshold value have already been reviewed during this meeting. A concentration of C(M)IT/MIT in product not exceeding 15 ppm do not lead to a risk of primary sensitization and elicitation is not expected at this concentration. The reasoning to retain 15 ppm instead of 7.5 ppm is unknown and cannot be challenged in this dossier.

However, a new concern is arising with the use of products containing other isothiazolinones, especially MIT (without C(M)IT) since a few years leading to various pattern of exposure and sensitization. An increase in the incidence of sensitization due to the use of isothiazolinones could be expected considering the potential pattern of cross-reactivity observed with these substances.

#### 4.6.1.4 Comparison with criteria

According to the results obtained in the LLNA studies on C(M)IT/MIT, the lowest Estimated Concentration that will induce a stimulation index (SI) of 3 after topical application (EC<sub>3</sub> value), is 30 ppm a.i (or 0.003% a.i.). This value is below the threshold value of 2% for classification as Skin Sens. 1A (H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction) under regulation (EC) 1272/2008.

#### 4.6.1.5 Conclusions on classification and labelling

Based on the results of the sensitization effect studies, a classification **Skin Sens. 1A, H317. The specific concentration limit: C < 0.0015%, Skin Sens. 1A-H317** is maintained due to unavailable data to challenge this value.

### 4.6.2 Respiratory sensitisation

Information from scientific literature is summarized here for information only in relation to the discussion on skin sensitization.

In 2003, Basketter *et al.*<sup>(25)</sup> compared the relative potency of four biocides using both LLNA and cytokine profiling to determine the induction capacity of these biocides for skin and/or respiratory allergy. The tested biocides were: formaldehyde, glutaraldehyde, C(M)IT/MIT and

MIT. The authors used LLNA as a primary screen for allergenicity, and then they examined the cytokine profile of each substance to identify whether it also may be a respiratory allergen. Skin and respiratory allergens result in characteristic cytokine profiles: enhanced expression of cytokines associated with activation of T helper 1 (Th1) subset, including interferon- $\gamma$  (IFN- $\gamma$ ) and interleukin 12 (IL-12) for skin allergen; activation of T helper 2 (Th2) subset, including enhanced expression of interleukin 4, 5, 10 and 13 (IL-4, IL-5, IL-10 and IL-13) for respiratory allergen.

In the two tested vehicle (Acetone Olive Oil (AOO) and Propylene Glycol (PG)), C(M)IT/MIT presented the lowest EC<sub>3</sub> values (the lowest Estimated Concentration that will induce a stimulation index (SI) of 3 after topical application) with 0.0082% in AOO and 0.063% in PG meaning that C(M)IT/MIT is the most potent skin allergen. Concerning the cytokine profile, C(M)IT/MIT induced production of low IL-10, IL-13, IL-5 and IL-4, and only low levels of IFN- $\gamma$  in this experiment leading to the conclusion that C(M)IT/MIT presents a Th1-type response consistent with its skin sensitization properties. However, it has no significant potency to induce sensitization of the respiratory tract.

#### **4.6.2.1 Summary and discussion of respiratory sensitisation**

Based on these data from scientific literature, C(M)IT/MIT does not warrant classification for respiratory sensitisation. However, due to lack of robust data, no conclusion can be drawn concerning the respiratory sensitisation properties of C(M)IT/MIT.

#### **4.6.2.2 Comparison with criteria**

Due to lack of robust data, no conclusion can be drawn concerning the respiratory sensitisation properties of C(M)IT/MIT. Therefore, comparison with the classification criteria is not relevant.

#### **4.6.2.3 Conclusions on classification and labelling**

Due to lack of robust data, no conclusion can be drawn concerning the respiratory sensitisation properties of C(M)IT/MIT. Therefore, no classification is proposed.

### **4.7 Repeated dose toxicity**

Not considered in this dossier.

### **4.8 Germ cell mutagenicity (Mutagenicity)**

The studies for mutagenicity in the rat were conducted with the test substance C(M)IT/MIT and do not modify the current classification. Therefore, they are not presented in this dossier.

### **4.9 Carcinogenicity**

The studies for carcinogenicity in the rat were conducted with the test substance C(M)IT/MIT and do not modify the current classification. Therefore, they are not presented in this dossier.



#### 4.10 Toxicity for reproduction

The studies for the toxicity for reproduction in the rat were conducted with the test substance C(M)IT/MIT and do not modify the current classification. Therefore, they are not presented in this dossier.

#### 4.11 Other effects

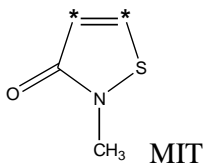
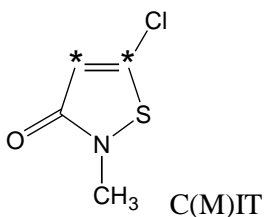
Not considered in this dossier.

### 5 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD ASSESSMENT

In the framework of the Biocidal Products Directive, two registrants (Dow and Thor) have provided complete data for the environmental section. These data have been gathered and compared, allowing to present below a comprehensive profile of environmental fate and aquatic ecotoxicity of C(M)IT/MIT.

#### 5.1 Degradation

For studies of both applicants, when radiolabelled, C(M)IT and MIT were labelled on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> carbon as described below:



\* site of <sup>14</sup>C label

**Table 5.1-1: Summary of relevant information on degradation**

Method	Results	Remarks	Reference / Owner

<b>BIOTIC DEGRADATION</b>			
Ready biodegradation OECD 301-B (CO <sub>2</sub> Evolution Test) EC method C.4-C Carried out on C(M)IT only	0.3 mg/L Day 28 – 38.8% 0.1 mg/L Day 28 – 55.3% 0.03 mg/L Day 28 – 62.0%	Inoculum is an activated sludge Wastewater treatment plant treating primarily domestic wastewater Not readily biodegradable	Bashir (1998 a) / Dow
Ready biodegradation OECD 301-B (CO <sub>2</sub> Evolution Test) EC method C.4-C Carried out on MIT only	0.1 mg/L Day 28 – 54.1% 0.03 mg/L Day 28 – 55.8% 0.01 mg/L Day 28 – 47.6%	Inoculum is an activated sludge Wastewater treatment plant treating primarily domestic wastewater Not readily biodegradable	Bashir (1998 b) / Dow
Ready biodegradation OECD 301-D (Closed Bottle) EC method C.4-E Carried out on C(M)IT /MIT	Day 7 - 76% Day 28 – 99%	Carried out with 4.2 mg C(M)IT/L and 1.4 MIT/L. Inoculum is an activated sludge from STP receiving both domestic wastewater and chemical waste. Therefore adaptation of the microorganism is not excluded Not readily biodegradable	Noack 2002 / Thor
Simulation test : Degradation in Two Water/Sediment Systems OECD 308 Carried out on C(M)IT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b> <b>1 Silt loam</b> Total system      0.38 (20°C)      0.72 (12°C)* calculated over the first 3 days, which has been considered as acceptable as more than 90% of dissipation was reached at 3 days <b>2 Loamy sand</b> Total system      1.3 (20°C) 2.47 (12°C)* <b>DT90 (days)</b> <b>1 Silt loam</b> Total system      1.3 <b>2 Loamy sand</b> Total system      4.2	Initial TS concentration : 1 mg/L  In the silt loam system, calculated over the first 3 days, which has been considered as acceptable as more than 90% of dissipation was reached at 3 days  In the loamy sand system, DT50 has been calculated over the first 7 days, which is considered as acceptable as more than 90% of dissipation was reached at 7 days	Schuck 2002a / Dow
Simulation test : Degradation in Two Water/Sediment Systems OECD 308 Carried out on C(M)IT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b> <b>1 Sand</b> Total system      2.04 (20°C)      3.86 (12°C)* <b>2 Sandy loam</b> Total system      1.86 (20°C) 3.53 (12°C)* <b>DT90 (days)</b> <b>1 Sand</b> Total system      6.78 <b>2 Sandy loam</b>	Initial TS concentration : 0.5 mg/L	Noorlo s 2007 a / Thor

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	Total system	6.17		
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<p>Simulation test : Degradation in Two Water/Sediment Systems OECD 308 Carried out on MIT only</p>	<p><b>DT50 (days)</b> <b>1 Silt loam</b> Total system 0.46 (20°C) 0.87 (12°C)* <b>2 Sandy loam</b> Total system 1.4 (20°C) 2.7 (12°C)*</p> <p><b>DT90 (days)</b> <b>1 Silt loam</b> Total system 1.5</p> <p><b>2 Sandy loam</b> Total system 3.3</p>	<p>Initial TS concentration: 1 mg/L</p> <p>In the silt loam system, calculated over the first 2 days, which has been considered as acceptable as more than 90% of dissipation was reached at 2 days</p> <p>In the sandy loam system, DT50 has been calculated over the first 7 days, which is considered as acceptable as more than 90% of dissipation was reached at 7 days</p>	<p>Schuck 2002b / Dow</p>
<p>Simulation test : Degradation in Two Water/Sediment Systems OECD 308 Carried out on MIT only</p>	<p><b>DT50 (days)</b> <b>1 Sand</b> Total system 1.28 (20°C) 2.43 (12°C)* <b>2 Loam</b> Total system 2.2 (20°C) 4.17 (12°C)*</p> <p><b>DT90 (days)</b> <b>1 Sand</b> Total system 4.26</p> <p><b>2 Loam</b> Total system 7.31</p>	<p>Initial TS concentration: 0.5 mg/L</p>	<p>Noorlo s 2007 b / Thor</p>
<p>Simulation test : Aerobic aquatic metabolism OECD 309 Carried out on C(M)IT only</p>	<p>Natural estuarine water <b>DT50 (days)</b> 22 µg/L 0.81 (20°C) 1.49 (12°C)* 115 µg/L 3.17 (20°C) 5.82 (12°C)*</p>	<p>Initial TS concentration :22 and 115 µg/L At 100 µg/L, Hockey-Stock model has been used to derive DT50, because of a lag phase**.</p>	<p>Guo et al., 2007a / Dow</p>
<p>Simulation test : Aerobic aquatic metabolism OECD 309 Carried out on C(M)IT only</p>	<p>Marine water <b>DT50 (days)</b> 10 µg/L 1.8 (20°C) 3.4 (12°C)* 4.3 (9°C)*** 100 µg/L 17.3 (20°C) 32.8 (12°C)* 41.7 (9°C)***</p>	<p>Initial TS concentration : 10 and 100 µg/L</p>	<p>Oteyza, 2008a / Dow</p>
<p>Simulation test : Aerobic aquatic metabolism OECD 309 Carried out on C(M)IT only</p>	<p>Marine water <b>DT50 (days)</b> &gt;2 - &lt;7 (15°C) &gt;2.8 - &lt;8.9 (12°C)* &gt;3.2 - &lt;11.3 (9°C)***</p>	<p>Initial TS concentration : 2 and 20 µg/L but no result was reported for the 2 µg/l tested concentration</p>	<p>Hamwi jk and Cremer s 2007a / Thor</p>
<p>Simulation test : Aerobic aquatic metabolism</p>	<p>Natural estuarine water <b>DT50 (days)</b></p>	<p>Initial TS concentration : 22 and 112 µg/L</p>	<p>Guo et al.,</p>

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OECD 309 Carried out on MIT only	22 µg/L 112 µg/L	1.38 (20°C) 2.63 (12°C)* 1.24 (20°C) 2.35 (12°C)*		2007b / Dow
Simulation test : Aerobic aquatic metabolism OECD 309 Carried out on MIT only	Marine water <b>DT50 (days)</b> 10 µg/L  100 µg/L	3.3 (20°C) 6.3 (12°C)* 8.0 (9°C)*** 12.3 (20°C) 23.3 (12°C)* 29.7 (9°C)***	Initial TS concentration : 10 and 100 µg/L  At 10 µg/L, FOMC model has been used to derive DT50**	Oteyza, 2008b / Dow
Simulation test : Aerobic aquatic metabolism OECD 309 Carried out on MIT only	Marine water <b>DT50 (days)</b>	3.6 (15°C) 4.6 (12°C)* 5.7 (9°C)***	Initial TS concentration : 1.5 and 87.5 µg/L but no result was reported for the 1.5 µg/l tested concentration	Hamwi jk and Cremer s 2007b / Thor
Simulation test Aerobic sewage treatment OECD 303 Carried out on C(M)IT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b>	0.27	Initial TS concentration: 100 µg/L  Activated sludge from an aeration tank of a domestic STP	Daniel and Roberts , 2007 / Dow
Simulation test Aerobic sewage treatment OECD 303 Carried out on MIT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b>	0.03-0.04	Initial TS concentration: 100 µg/L  Activated sludge from an aeration tank of a domestic STP	Oteyza et al., 2007 / Dow
Simulation test Aerobic sewage treatment OECD 303	<b>Degradation degree</b>	CMIT >95% MIT > 80%	Initial TS concentration: 100 µg/L  Activated sludge from a domestic STP	Fiebig, 2002 / Thor
Simulation test Aerobic degradation in soil OECD 307 Carried out on C(M)IT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b> <b>Silt loam</b>	0.11 (0.21 at 12°C*)	Initial TS concentration : 1 mg/kg DFOP model has been used to derive DT50**	Guo and Eisenc hmid, 2006 / Dow
Simulation test Aerobic degradation in soil OECD 307 Carried out on C(M)IT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b> <b>Sandy loam</b>	0.22 (0.63 at 12°C*)	Initial TS concentration : 1 mg/kg DFOP model has been used to derive DT50**	Wang, 1991 / Dow
Simulation test Aerobic degradation in soil OECD 307 Carried out on MIT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b> <b>Silt loam</b>	0.27 (0.51 at 12°C*)	Initial TS concentration : 1 mg/kg	Guo, 2006 / Dow
Simulation test	<b>DT50 (days)</b> <b>Sandy loam</b>	<0.08 (0.15 at 12°C*)	Initial TS concentration : 0.5	Olderse ma and

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Aerobic degradation in soil OECD 307 Carried out on MIT only		mg/kg	Salmon, 2007 / Thor
<b>ABIOTIC DEGRADATION</b>			
Hydrolysis OECD 111 Carried out on C(M)IT only	<b>DT50 at 25°C</b> pH 5 and 7 : not applicable / stable pH 9 : DT <sub>50</sub> = 22days  <b>DT50 at 12°C</b> pH 5 and 7 : not applicable / stable pH 9 : DT <sub>50</sub> = 62.2 days	Initial TS concentration : 11 mg/L	Jalali- Araghi and Shepler , 1993 / Dow
Hydrolysis OECD 111 Carried out on C(M)IT only	<b>DT50 at 25°C</b> pH 5 and 7 : not tested pH 9 : DT <sub>50</sub> = 16.9days  <b>DT50 at 12°C</b> pH 5 and 7 : not tested pH 9 : DT <sub>50</sub> = 47.8 days	Initial TS concentration : 1.1 mg/L	Mazza, 1998 / Dow
Hydrolysis OECD 111 Carried out on MIT only	pH 5, 7and 9 : not applicable / stable	Initial TS concentration : 10-13 mg/L	Marx et al., 1992 / Dow
Hydrolysis OECD 111 Carried out on C(M)IT/MIT	<b>C(M)IT</b> <b>DT50 at 20°C</b> pH 4 and 7 : not applicable / stable pH 9 : DT <sub>50</sub> = 63.6  <b>DT50 at 12°C</b> pH 5 and 7 : not applicable / stable pH 9 : DT <sub>50</sub> = 120.6 days  <b>MIT</b> pH 5, 7and 9 : not applicable / stable	Initial TS concentration : 20 mg C(M)IT/L and 8 mg MIT/L	Geffke, 2002a / Thor
Photolysis in water US EPA 161-2 Carried out on C(M)IT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b>  6.6	Initial TS concentration : 10 mg/L	Concha et al., 1994 / Dow
Photolysis in water US EPA 161-2 Carried out on C(M)IT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b>  6.3	Initial TS concentration : 2 mg/L	Purser, 1998 / Thor
Photolysis in water US EPA 161-2 Carried out on MIT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b>  11.1	Initial TS concentration : 11 mg/L	Shepler , 1995 / Dow
Photolysis in water US EPA 161-2 Carried out on MIT only	<b>DT50 (days)</b>  18.2	Initial TS concentration : 2 mg/L	Purser, 1998 / Thor

\* recalculated value to reflect an average EU outdoor temperature

\*\* See Generic guidance for estimating persistence and degradation kinetics from environmental fate studies on pesticides in EU registration, 2011

\*\*\* recalculated value to reflect an average EU marine water temperature

## 5.1.1. Stability

### 5.1.1.1 Hydrolysis

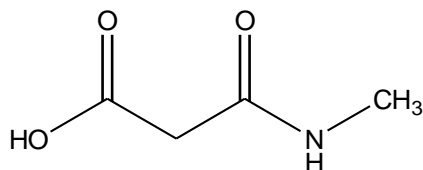
Dow provided separate hydrolysis studies which are performed following OECD guidelines 111 and U.S. EPA guidelines 40 CFR § 158 Subdivision N §161-1 for C(M)IT (Jalali-Araghi and Shepler, 1993; Mazza, 1998, Dow) and MIT (Marx et al., 1992, Dow). Thor provided a hydrolysis test on the biocidal product (C(M)IT/MIT 3:1, 14%); C(M)IT and MIT were dosed separately during the test performed following OECD guideline 111 (Geffke, 2002a, Thor).

For both applicants, aqueous solutions, buffered to pH 4, 5, 7 or 9 and stored at 25 °C (Dow) or 20°C and 30°C (Thor), are dosed with <sup>14</sup>C-C(M)IT and <sup>14</sup>C-MIT. MIT is stable at all pH. C(M)IT is stable at pH 5 and 7 while at pH 9 the half-lives normalised at 12°C are 62.24 and 47.81 days and 66.7 (test performed at 20°C) and 120.6 days (test performed at 30°C). In the environmental conditions (12 °C, pH7), C(M)IT and MIT are considered as stable.

#### Metabolites identification

##### *Dow*

Hydrolysis of C(M)IT involves cleavage of the isothiazolone ring leading to several transformation products: the major hydrolysis product is N-methyl malonamic acid (C(M)IT study, Mazza, 1998, 36.6% of applied radioactivity):



##### *Thor*

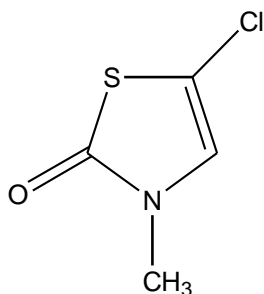
Several transformation products are formed due to hydrolysis, all more polar than the parent compound. However, only one minor hydrolytic transformation product could be identified in the hydrolysis test (carbone disulfide CS<sub>2</sub>) whereas identification of other transformation metabolites were not achieved. In general it is assumed that in pure aqueous solutions hydrolysis occurs by cleavage of the S-N bond, which is also occurring in presence of strong nucleophiles (which is the reason to minimize impurities in the C(M)IT/MIT solution (Paulus, 2005a,b, SSCNFP, 2003)). Also in a second study with radiolabelled test material (Lucas, 1996, Thor) identification of transformation products was unsuccessful due to technical difficulties associated with the chromatographic analysis of the metabolites formed and the lack of reference standards.

Considering that hydrolysis was observed only for C(M)IT and only at pH 9, and that even at pH 9 the hydrolysis rate is still lower than the photolysis or biodegradation in water/sediment system rates, hydrolysis is considered of minor importance for the risk assessment. For this reason, it was accepted that the identity of metabolite is not further investigated.

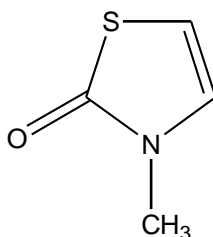
### 5.1.1.2 Photolysis

In the Dow studies, Glass tubes containing nominal 10 mg/L  $^{14}\text{C}$ -C(M)IT or  $^{14}\text{C}$ -MIT in a sterile pH 7 phosphate buffer are exposed to natural sunlight and samples taken periodically over 15 days for C(M)IT and over 30 days for MIT. Parent is quantitated by HPLC and the half-life in the presence of sunlight is 6.6 days and 11.1 days for C(M)IT and MIT respectively, when for dark control, 146.2 and 425 days respectively.

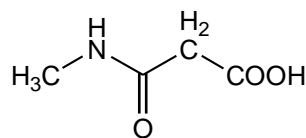
Metabolism involves cleavage of the isothiazolone ring. In addition to  $\text{CO}_2$ , the following photodegradates are identified and quantified above 10%: 5-chloro-3-methyl-4-thiazolin-2-one (C(M)IT study by Dow, 38% of applied radioactivity at 15 d), 3-methyl-4-thiazolin-2-one (MIT study by Dow, 40% of applied radioactivity at 30 d) and N-methyl malonamic acid (C(M)IT and MIT studies, 30.4 of applied radioactivity at 15 d and 37.5% of applied radioactivity at 30 d).



5-chloro-3-methyl-4-thiazolin-2-one



3-methyl-4-thiazolin-2-one



N-methyl malonamic acid

In the Thor study, optical dilute solutions of radiolabelled MIT and C(M)IT were tested separately, in flow through glass test systems with quartz lids, incubated in a Suntest apparatus. The irradiation was produced by a Xenon lamp. It was assumed that the behaviour of the two substances separately will be similar when tested as mixture. Identification of relevant metabolites was attempted by LC/MS.

$^{14}\text{C}$ -C(M)IT in aqueous buffer solution of pH 7 degraded when irradiated. Test duration was 13.9 d (sunlight equivalent). The half-life, extrapolated to natural sunlight, was 6.3 days. Two relevant transformation products were formed: UNK 2 (max 35%, 9.8 d), and UNK 3 (max 17%, 9.8 d). UNK 2 is less polar than C(M)IT and is assumed to be a rearrangement of C(M)IT. UNK 3 is more polar than C(M)IT. Approximately 10.8% of the applied radioactivity was recovered from the gas traps, of which 6.21 % can be related to  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  and almost 4% is trapped in the polyurethane foam. C(M)IT was stable in the dark control at pH 7, but not at pH 9. This is consistent with the hydrolysis study.

$^{14}\text{C}$ -MIT in aqueous buffer solution of pH 7 degraded when irradiated. Test duration was 23.5d (sunlight equivalent). The half-life, extrapolated to natural sunlight under the chosen conditions, was 18.2 days. Three relevant transformation products were formed: UNK 8 (max 27%, 25.3 d), UNK 4 (max 11%, 25.3 d) and UNK 10 (max 16%, 25.3 d). UNK 8 is slightly more apolar than MIT, the other compounds are assumed to be more polar. Less than 4% of the applied radioactivity was recovered from the gas traps. MIT was stable in the dark controls.



Three studies (Hamwijk, 2007 a, b, c) were performed in addition to the earlier photolysis test report (Purser, 1998) in order to elucidate the identity of three transformation products of MIT and two of C(M)IT formed by photolytic degradation. All studies were considered to be reliable, however, none of them resulted in a successful identification. Photolysis rates are higher than biodegradation rate in marine water, and photolysis degradates should be investigated for intended uses which induce releases in marine water. However no use with direct release in marine water is intended in the Thor dossier and because of fast degradation in surface water, no indirect release in marine water is expected. Additionally, biodegradation rate in estuarine water and water sediment studies are higher than those of photolysis and, further investigations were not performed.

In the two first studies, no reference products were used. In study by Hamwijk (2007 a, C(M)IT), it was shown that after an irradiation of 1 day, photolysis take place and the major metabolite formed is less polar than C(M)IT and has a molecular mass identical to that of C(M)IT. In study by Hamwijk (2007 b, MIT), it was shown that after an irradiation of 1 day, photolysis take place and the major metabolite formed is less polar than MIT and has a molecular mass identical to that of MIT. In the third study by Hamwijk (2007 c, C(M)IT, MIT) the following available polar reference compounds (of the proposed metabolites/ degradation products from Figure 5.1.3-1 and Figure 5.1.3-2) were analysed:

- Urea (MW = 60.1 g.mol/1),
- Malonic acid (MW = 104.1 g.mol/1),
- Malonamic acid (MW = 103.1 g.mol/1),
- Methylmalonic acid (MW = 118.1 g.mol/1)
- and Ethylene glycol (MW = 62.1 g.mol/1).

These were confirmed not to be the metabolites in the test samples. The test duration was 7 days. For C(M)IT:

Three major degradation products were detected:

- One transient degradation product: DegC2 (max. 13.75%, 1d), less polar than C(M)IT, and which is an isomer of C(M)IT. The estimated  $DT_{50}$  of DegC2 is < 1 day. This is consistent with the findings of study by Hamwijk(2007 a). Moreover, in study by Purser (1998), one metabolite, less polar than the parent was found.
- Two stable polar degradation products: DegC1 (max.  $\approx$ 17%, 7d) and DegC5 (max.  $\approx$  13%, 7d) were detected but not identified and there is no information on their degradability. The applicant indicates that extensive LC-MS work that has been conducted until now did not lead to any structural elucidation of Deg C1 and Deg C5. It is likely that these substances have a very low molecular mass and are therefore not detectable with MS-techniques.
- The other degradation products of C(M)IT were more polar than C(M)IT and did not occur in relevant amounts.

In this study, a  $DT_{50}$  < 1 day was estimated for C(M)IT.

For MIT

- The major degradation product (Deg M1, max.  $\approx$  40%, 1 d) that was less polar than the parent gave a protonated molecular ion with a mass trace of m/z 116, which is identical to the molecular mass of MIT. It was demonstrated that Deg M1 is different from the reference compound 2-methoxy-1,3-thiazole. Deg M1 was photolytically unstable. With Modelmanager a  $DT_{50}$  value of 4 days was calculated for DegM1. This is consistent with the finding of study by Hamwijk (2007 b) (major metabolite after 1 days, less polar, same

mass), and in a lesser extent with those from study Pursur (1998), since the main metabolite is also less polar than MIT, formed in the same amount, but appear more slowly.

- The other degradation products of MIT were more polar than MIT and did not occur in relevant amounts. This is consistent with study by Purser (1998) where polar metabolites become major metabolites only after a period of time > 7 days.

In this study, a  $DT_{50} = 0.4$  day was estimated for MIT.

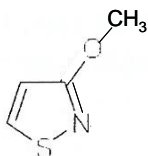
#### *Conclusion on photodegradation studies performed by Thor:*

##### Degradation rate:

Degradation rates in the studies available are inconsistent and range from < 1 day to  $DT_{50} = 6.3$  d for C(M)IT and  $DT_{50} = 18.2$  d for MIT. The later would be the most relevant for risk assessment purpose. In studies where  $DT_{50} < 1$  day were observed, the degradation product formed this first day was an isomer of the parent compound, which was found to be less polar than C(M)IT or MIT. Less polar isomeric structures of C(M)IT and MIT were also found in study by Purser (1998), but more slowly.

##### Photodegradation products:

Based on the available information, and common knowledge on the processes that might occur with structures such as of MIT and C(M)IT, the applicant postulated that the less polar compound with similar molecular weight as MIT or C(M)IT is a structure formed due to ring opening or the ether that is formed due to keto-enol tautomerization of C(M)IT and MIT, such as presented in Figure 5.1.1-1 for MIT.



**Figure 5.1.1-1: Methyl ether of isothiazole-3-one.**

This latter hypothesis seems more sensible, since the opening of the ring is more likely to form a more polar compound. Unfortunately, compounds such as methyl malonic acid, which would directly result from the opening of the ring were not tested.

Other photolysis products, more polar than the parent compounds were not identified.

The applicant indicated that technical difficulties would prevent further identification of the photolysis products.. Additionally:

- the less polar isomeric structures to C(M)IT and MIT were rapidly observed (< 1 day) in the systems and are likely to have been formed during the test on algae which is performed with light conditions and which is deemed relevant for PNEC derivation.

However, the extent in which they were formed cannot be firmly defined, since results varied from a photolysis study to another.

- the relevance of the identity of the more polar photolytic transformation products, which are formed latter on, is considered limited, because the phototransformation rate is slower than the biodegradation rate in fresh water where release are expected according to uses intended in the Thor dossier,. These are small compounds and the applicant suggested that transformation products of these active substances, formed after the opening of the ring are not persistent and can be considered as not dangerous for the environment. This remark is supported by literature see Figure 5.1.3-1 and Figure 5.1.3-2) which proposed routes of degradation for C(M)IT. It is assumed that the degradation path for MIT will be similar.

### **Conclusion on photolysis in water**

The worst case photolysis half lives are 6.6 days for C(M)IT and 18.2 days for MIT. Three photolytic transformation products were identified in the Dow dossier. Despite several tentatives, the identification of the transformation products in the Thor dossier was unsuccessful. However, photolysis rate are slower than those of biodegradation in water and, further investigation were therefore not asked to the applicant. Additionnally, transformation products identified in the Dow dossier were in good accordance with the litterature information dealing with C(M)IT metabolism provided in the Thor dossier.

## **5.1.2 Biodegradation**

### **5.1.2.1 Biodegradation estimation**

#### **5.1.2.2 Screening tests**

#### **C(M)IT/ MIT**

In the Dow dossier Bashir, 1998 a and b), the ready biodegradation of the active substance was studied in separate tests for C(M)IT and MIT at three concentrations (0.3; 0.1 and 0.03 mg/L for C(M)IT and 0.1; 0.03 and 0.01 mg/L for MIT). C(M)IT can be considered to be readily biodegradable with a failure of the 10-day window: C(M)IT does not biodegrade from 10 % to 60 % of the applied dose within 10 days. However, at a concentration of C(M)IT that demonstrated only a small inhibition of the microbial population (0.03 mg/L <sup>14</sup>C-C(M)IT) the average percent biodegradation of two replicates after 28 days is 62.0%. No toxicity control has been carried out in this study. At the end of the study, similar microbial population were counted in the control ( $9.5 \cdot 10^{10}$  CFU L<sup>-1</sup>) and the 0.03 mg/L item ( $8.5 \cdot 10^{10}$  CFU L<sup>-1</sup>), whereas lower microbial density were reported for the highest tested concentrations ( $1.2\text{-}1.7 \cdot 10^{10}$  CFU L<sup>-1</sup>), indicating that some toxicity occurred.

MIT rapidly biodegrades up to 48-56%, but based on current guidelines, it cannot be classified as ready biodegradable since it does not biodegrade to 60% and does not satisfy the 10-day window requirement. The three tested concentrations are moderately toxic to the inoculum, showing a 50% reduction of the microbial activity. The RMS considers that the test is an acceptable worst case. As for the C(M)IT study above, no toxicity control was carried out but the microbial population in the item exposed to MIT ( $5.4\text{-}7.0 \cdot 10^{10}$  CFU L<sup>-1</sup>) was below than in the control ( $1.3 \cdot 10^{11}$  CFU L<sup>-1</sup>), indicating some toxicity.

In the Thor dossier, C(M)IT and MIT were also studied in the biocidal product (C(M)IT/MIT 3:1, 14%, Noack, 2002a). The biocidal product was readily biodegradable, when tested in an OECD 301D ready biodegradability test method. High degradation rate (93% within 14 days) were observed in a toxicity test carried out with 20 mg C(M)IT/MIT /L, indicating that the tested concentration was not toxic to the used inoculum.

These results are in contradiction with the studies by Dow, despite a higher tested concentration of substance and a lower initial inoculum concentration in the Thor study. However, the activated sludge in the Thor study comes from a STP receiving both domestic wastewater and chemical waste the inoculum and it can therefore not be excluded that the inoculum of this study was adapted to C(M)IT MIT. Therefore, C(M)IT/MIT has to be considered as not readily biodegradable. Nevertheless, simulation studies below show that C(M)IT/MIT is rapidly biodegradable, with similar degradation rate in the STP than default values from the TGD. Moreover, the mechanisms of action of C(M)IT/MIT support a fast degradation, as it involved a rapid binding to protein thiols resulting of a cleavage of the ring through disulfide structure.

Because of the initial difference in the readily biodegradation results in the two dossiers, different approach has been developed by the two applicants. Relevant simulation studies have been provided by Dow with complete identification and quantification of relevant metabolites. Several simulation tests have also been provided by Thor and the resulting endpoint from the relevant study could be used in the risk assessment.

### Relevant metabolites

The ready biodegradation of metabolites has only been investigated in the Dow dossier (Seyfried, 2003 a, b, c). Indeed, in Thor dossier, as metabolites have not been identified, no study on the degradation of metabolites has been performed.

Ready biodegradation tests have also been performed on N-methyl malonamic acid (NMMA, major metabolites identified in the hydrolysis, photolysis and aerobic biodegradation in estuarine water study) and on malonamic acid (MA) or N-methyl acetamide (NMA). Although N -methyl acetamide (NMA) and malonamic acid (MA) are never been found above 10% of the applied radioactivity in any of the simulation tests, based on analogy with other compounds from the isothiazolinone family, these two substances are believed to be key in the metabolic pathway of the biodegradation of C(M)IT and MIT.

The studies on metabolites are performed following OECD Guideline 301B. An inoculum processed from activated sludge obtained from a wastewater treatment plant is dosed at 36 mg/L, 43 mg/L and 30.2 mg/L of N-methyl malonamic acid (NMMA), malonamic acid (MA) or N-methyl acetamide (NMA), respectively. Biodegradation is measured by the excess production of CO<sub>2</sub> in flask containing the test material versus controls.

All the three metabolites tested are ready biodegradable with the extent of biodegradation after 28 days reaching 78.2-94.7%.

### **5.1.2.3 Simulation tests**

#### **Biodegradation in water/sediment systems**

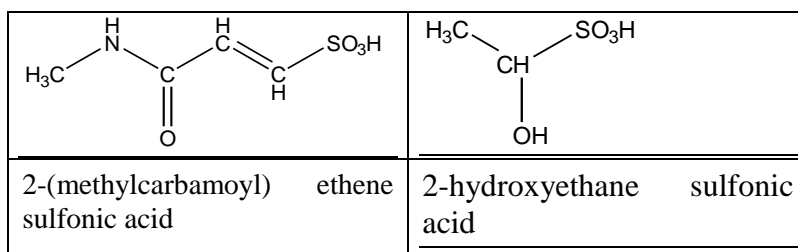
##### C(M)IT

The test provided by Dow (Schuck, 2002a) was conducted according to OECD guideline 308 with one water/sediment systems with low organic mater content (Cedar Hill) and one with high organic matter content (Alms-house) (A7.1.2.2.2a/01, Dow). The test substance concentration (radiolabelled material) was 1 mg/L. C(M)IT and metabolites in aqueous phase and in sediment extracts were also analyzed by liquid scintillation counting (LSC) and HPLC with sampling at 9 time-points within 30 days. The pre-incubation period was 10-11 days.

C(M)IT rapidly dissipates in fresh water/sediment microcosms with a dissipation (primary degradation) half-life (whole system) varying from 0.72 to 2.47 days at 12°C.

In both water/sediment systems, the <sup>14</sup>C-activity detected in KOH traps increases with time and reaches a maximum of 16.3% and 17.9% of the applied activity at the end of the study in the Alms-house and Cedar Hill systems respectively. The mineralization rate based on the production of <sup>14</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> is 202 days in the Alms-house water/sediment system and 161 days in the Cedar Hill water/sediment system.

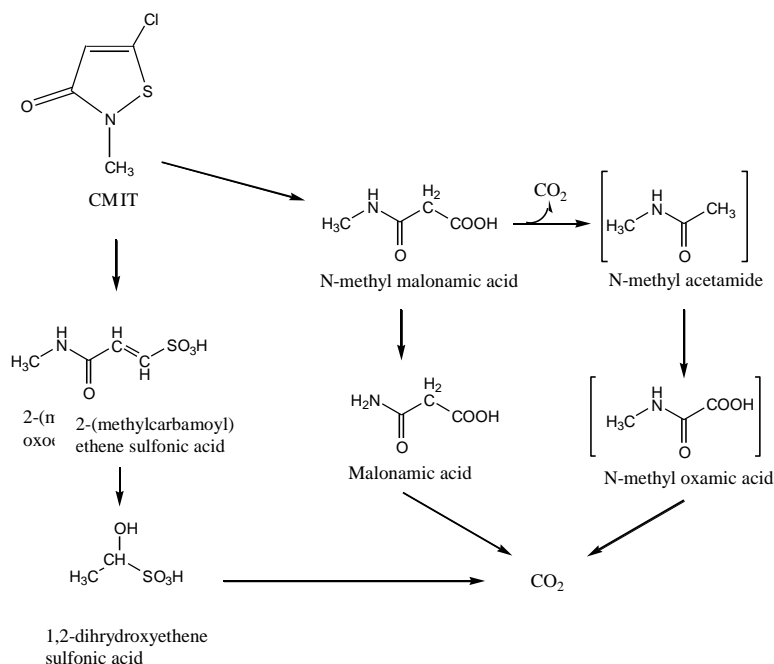
The degradation rates of the metabolites are not calculated because of the percent of applied for each detected metabolites is less than 1%, except for three of them. The maximum is detected of 9% for one metabolite in the aqueous phase in the Cedar Hill water/sediment system (9.9% in the whole system). These three metabolites, although they are transient, have been identified by LC-MS as 2-(methylcarbamoyl)ethene sulfonic acid and 2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid and the metabolite found at 9% was identified as malonamic acid.



Note: These two metabolites (2-(methylcarbamoyl)ethene sulfonic acid and 2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid) are reported as sulfinic acids in the report. However, sulfinic acids are rare and not structurally favoured. Based on subsequent evaluation the metabolites are probably the pictured sulfonic acid metabolite. Associated with the initial fraction containing 2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid is a second compound with the same mass weight as the 2-(methylcarbamoyl) ethene sulfonic acid

Metabolism pathway (see Figure 5.1.2-1) involves cleavage of the isothiazolone ring and subsequent oxidation to metabolites such as N-(n-methyl) malonamic acid, N-(n-methyl) acetamide, and N-methyl oxamic acid. N-methyl malonamic acid, malonamic acid, and N-methyl acetamide have been shown to be readily biodegradable.

**Figure 5.1.2-1: Metabolic pathway of C(M)IT in water/sediment system**



The range of non-extractable residues was 45.4-69.5 % of the applied  $^{14}\text{C}$ -activity with 60.4 % at study termination (30 days) and 34.6-44.4 % with 42.2 percentage at study termination (30 days) for the Almhouse and Cedar Hill water/sediment systems, respectively. The % that was acid extractable was low (<8% of the non-extractable activity by day 30). By day 30, 43 and 33 % of the non-extractable activity was extractable with NaOH for the Almhouse and Cedar Hill water:sediment systems, respectively. Of the NaOH extractable activity, 23 and 41 % was present in the fulvic acid fraction for the Almhouse and Cedar Hill water:sediment systems, respectively (9.9 and 13.5 % of the non-extractable activity). The largest fraction of activity, comprising about 40-55 % of the non-extractable activity, remained in the unextractable humin fraction.

The test provided by Thor (Noorloos, 2007 a) was conducted with two water/sediment systems (Goorven ('GV') with low %OC (organic carbon) and Schoonrewoerdsewiel ('SW') with high % OC according to OECD guideline 308, in an intermitted flow-through test design (aeration twice a day for 30 minutes) (A7.1.2.2.2-01, Thor). The test substance concentration (radiolabelled material) was 0.5 mg/L, reached by dosing a stock solution that contained acetonitrile as co-solvent, to the aqueous phase. C(M)IT and metabolites in aqueous phase and in sediment extracts were analyzed by liquid scintillation counting (LSC) and HPLC with radioactivity detection at 7 time-points within 58 days. The total duration of the incubation was extended to 100 days for measurement of the gas traps only. The pre-incubation period was 29 days.

For both substances the mass balance was not within the required range of 90-110% a.r. for all of the sediments. This was expected, because preliminary work showed the same trend, and no solution could be found for the loss of radioactivity. Possible explanations are that a volatile organic compound was formed that was not trapped in the gas traps or that the bound residue analysis underestimates the actual amount of radioactivity (see also the soil degradation part). Applicant's version could be not acceptable because the mass balance was not within the required range 90-110% for the two sediments. However DT<sub>50</sub> of C(M)IT and MIT were determined to be max. 2.04 days and 2.2 days at 20°C, respectively. In this period, the range 90-110% was maintained. Therefore these studies can be considered to be reliable with restrictions.

C(M)IT is rapidly dissipated in water/sediment systems with an estimated DT<sub>50</sub> of 3.45-3.72 d in the water layer and 3.53-3.86 d in the total system at 12°C (water layer and sediment extracts, first order model kinetics). Within a few days, most of the radioactivity had been transported into the sediment phase. After 3 days, it seemed that a plateau level has been reached for the bound residue, which content was between 35 and 44% a.r.: bound residues ranged from 17.0 to 43.9% of applied activity by day 1 and 58 respectively in the 'SW' water:system and from 17.8 to 51.4% by day 1 and 31.5 in the 'GV' water:sediment system. The mineralization rate is much slower: after 58 days 23% ('SW') or 26.2% ('GV') of the applied radioactivity (a.r.) was measured as <sup>14</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> in the gas traps. The maximum extractable radioactivity was 13 (SW) to 18 (GV) % a.r., respectively in the two systems. The concentration in the water layer decreased to 4.0 (GV)/ 6.7 (SV) % a.r., respectively within 58 days of incubation. Only in the SW sediment (high %OC) two significant metabolites are formed: a polar degradation product (degradation product M1, 10.1% of applied activity by day 6, 4.6 by day 58) and a degradation product of polarity similar to C(M)IT (degradation product M2, 13.6% of applied activity by day 13, 3.0% by day 58). Their identities were not elucidated, despite efforts with LC/MS analysis.

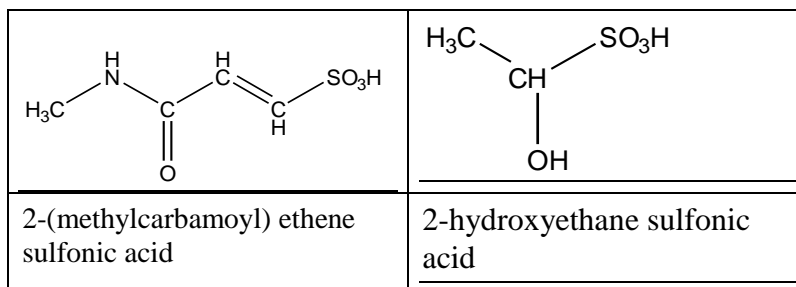
### MIT

The test provided by Dow (Schuck, 2002b) was conducted according to OECD guideline 308 with one water/sediment systems with low organic matter content (Cedar Hill) and one with high organic matter content (Almshouse). The test substance concentration (radiolabelled material) was 1 mg/L. MIT and metabolites in aqueous phase and in sediment extracts were also analyzed by liquid scintillation counting (LSC) and HPLC with sampling at 9 time-points within 30 days. The pre-incubation period was 7 days.

MIT rapidly dissipates in fresh water/sediment microcosm with a dissipation (primary degradation) half-life at 12°C varying from 0.87 to 2.7 days.

In both water/sediment systems, <sup>14</sup>C-activity detected in KOH traps increases with time and reached a maximum of 27.9% and 19.7% of the applied activity at the end of the study in the Almshouse and Cedar Hill systems respectively. The mineralization rates are 150 days in the Almshouse water/sediment and 99 days in the Cedar Hill water/sediment.

The degradation rates are not calculated because of the percent of applied for each detected metabolites is less than 1%, except for two of them. The maximum of the major metabolite in the Almshouse system is detected of 23.5% (0.9% at day 30) and (3.3% at day 30) the maximum of the major metabolite in the Cedar Hill system is detected of 20.5% on day 2. These two metabolites have been identified by LC-MS as 2-(methylcarbamoyl)ethene sulfonic acid and 2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid.



Note: These are reported as sulfinic acids in the report. However, sulfinic acids are rare and not structurally favoured. Based on subsequent evaluation the metabolites are probably the pictured sulfonic acid metabolite.

The range of non-extractable residues was 7.5-60.2 % of the applied  $^{14}\text{C}$ -activity with 57.7 % at study termination (30 days) and 4.4-62.6 % with 61.5 % at study termination (30 days) for the Almshouse and Cedar Hill water:sediment systems, respectively. The % that was acid extractable was low (7.5-10.4 % of the non-extractable activity by day 30). By day 30, 42.8 and 35.6 % of the non-extractable activity was extractable with NaOH for the Almshouse and Cedar Hill water:sediment systems, respectively. Of the NaOH extractable activity, 26.7 and 29.6 % was present in the fulvic acid fraction by day 30 for the Almshouse and Cedar Hill water:sediment systems, respectively (11.4 and 10.5 % of the non-extractable activity). An important fraction of activity, comprising about 43-48 % of the non-extractable activity by day 30, remained in the unextractable humin fraction.

The test provided by Thor (Noorloos, 2007 b) was conducted similarly to the test with C(M)IT, with water/sediment systems from the same source (Goorven ('GV') with low %OC (organic carbon) and Schoonrewoerdsewiel ('SW') with high % OC). The pre-incubation period was 19 ('GV') to 45 ('SW') days, the incubation time 39 ('GV') to 58 ('SW') days. Pre-incubation time was over the OECD recommendation for the 'SW' system however as high biodegradation rate were still observed, the test was considered as reliable.

MIT degraded rapidly in water/sediment systems with an estimated  $\text{DT}_{50}$  of 2.37-4 d (average 3.21 d) in the water layer and 2.43-4.17 d in the total system at 12°C (water layer and sediment extracts, first order model kinetics). The mineralization rate was slower: after ca. 100 days 24-42 % of the applied radioactivity was detected as  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$ . In both water/sediment system (high and low %OC) the bound residue content reached a plateau level of approximately 50% a.r. after 17 days of incubation: bound residues ranged from 13 to 47% of applied activity by day 1 and 58 respectively in the 'SV' water:system and from 16 to 42% by day 1 and 39 in the 'GW' water:sediment system. One relevant, polar metabolite M1 was formed in both water/sediment systems. The maximum percentage was observed at 4 days in the 'GV' water sediment system (48.5%) and the percentage was lower (11.4%) at the end of the experiment (38 days). The



maximum percentage was observed at 8 days in the 'SW' water sediment system (39.6%) and this metabolite was not detected at 58 days. The identity is not known. M1 might actually be two compounds with close retention times. The biomass content in the low %OC sediment ('GV') was too low at the end of the incubation, which might have influenced the results of the study. However, the percentage mineralization was higher in this 'GV' system than in the 'SW' system, and therefore it was assumed that the biomass was sufficiently viable.

The applicant proposed two relevant publications on the proposed degradation pathway of C(M)IT (see Figure 5.1.3-1 and Figure 5.1.3-2). These studies demonstrate that most of the metabolites were assumed to be small polar compounds and in most cases they were rapidly biodegraded. The applicant proposed to assume that the degradation path for MIT would be similar.

Additionally, a water/sediment study with one sediment (low %OC) and radiolabelled C(M)IT/MIT that was carried out at 10°C with an appropriate mass balance showed a similar behaviour for the two substances and no formation of organic volatiles (Lucas 1996, Thor). The radioactivity in the surface water reached 20.3% and 30.8% of the applied radioactivity after 100 days of incubation for C(M)IT and MIT respectively. The non-extractable radioactivity in the sediment increased reaching maximum values of 53% of applied radioactivity after incubation of C(M)IT for 58 days and 36.4% of applied radioactivity after incubation of MIT for 100 days. Increasing amounts of polar unknown metabolites were formed in the surface water, reaching maximum mean concentrations of 17.4% of the applied radioactivity after 14 days of incubation with C(M)IT and 41.1% after 7 days of incubation with MIT. Radioactivity in sediment extracts was split into four groups of unknown metabolites. Differences exist between C(M)IT and MIT sediments. In the C(M)IT sediments the main part of radioactivity was located in an unknown group of metabolites that eluted between 11 and 15 minutes, reaching a maximum of 6.9% of applied radioactivity. In the MIT sediments the main part of the radioactivity was located in a polar group of unknown metabolites that eluted after HPLC solvent (Rt 6 and 8 minutes), reaching a maximum of 8.2% of applied radioactivity.

Half life from the Thor dossier are higher than those from the Dow dossier and have been chosen for the risk assessment as worst case. Therefore the degradation half life at 12°C in whole system for C(M)IT is 3.86 days and the degradation half life in whole system for MIT is 4.17 days. However, we can note that half life from the Dow dossier are in the same range than those from the Thor dossier.

### **Biodegradation in only water microcosm systems**

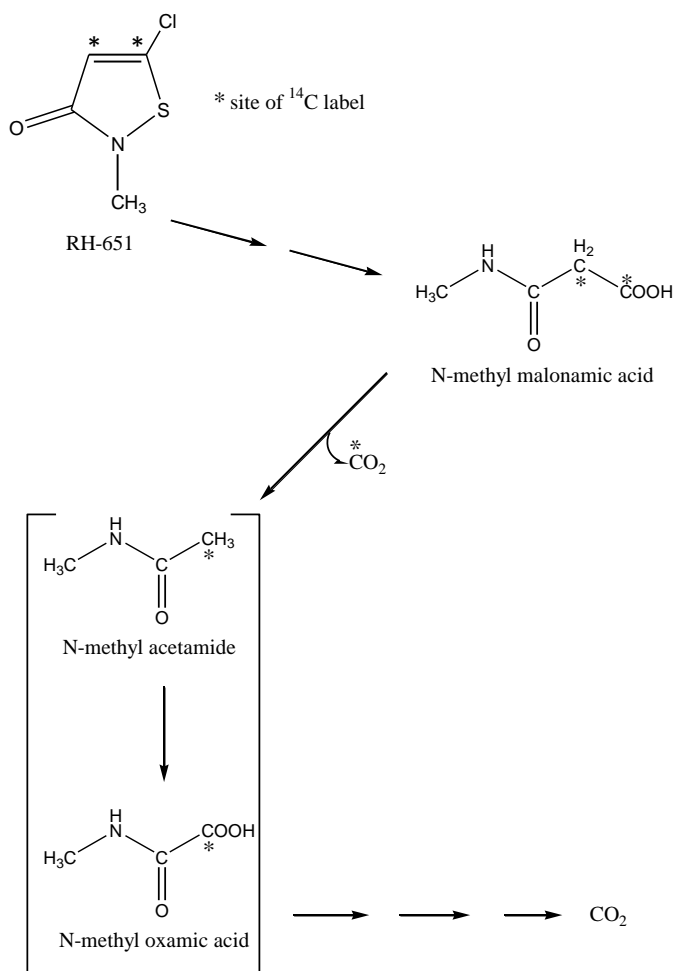
In the Thor dossier, the biodegradability of C(M)IT/MIT in marine water was initially determined according to OECD Guideline 306 (Hamwijk and Oldersma, 2005). However, in this test, the test substance at the concentration of 14.5 mg/L was considered to be inhibitory to bacteria and the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) of the test substance never reached a positive value. Alternative test procedures with lower concentrations of test substance and using radiolabelled test substance were needed to determine biodegradability. For that purpose marine surface water simulation tests were carried out with C(M)IT and MIT separately. These tests were performed according to the OECD Guideline 309.

In the Dow dossier, estuarine water and marine surface water simulation tests were carried out with C(M)IT and MIT separately according to the OECD Guideline 309.

### C(M)IT

Salinity in the estuarine water was 0.28-0.40 mmhos/cm (0.18-0.26 ‰) and microbial density was from  $3.5 \cdot 10^3$  -  $1.7 \cdot 10^4$  CFU/mL (Guo et al., 2007a). The duration of the tests was 5 days for the 22 µg/L concentration (8 sampling points) and 12 days for the 115 µg/L concentration (9 sampling points). C(M)IT rapidly dissipates in estuarine water: the dissipation (primary degradation) half-life of C(M)IT calculated at 12°C is 5.82 days for the highest tested concentration. Indeed, the test is conducted at two concentrations (22 and 115 µg/L), the higher seems to exhibit a toxicity for microorganisms, degradation rate being lower than the the degradation rate (1.49 d) derived at the lower concentration. However, in the absence of toxicity controls, it is not possible to check if the tested concentrations are toxic or not. Although not mandatory in OECD 309, toxicity control for this kind of biocidal substances would have been useful. Results are accepted, considering that if any toxicity would have occurred, then the degradation rate should be considered as a worst case. Additionally, since the dissipation of C(M)IT is well correlated with the formation of metabolites and because of the low adsorption capacity of C(M)IT on the solid phase, dissipation of C(M)IT could be assimilated to primary degradation.

Metabolism involves cleavage of the isothiazolone ring, leading to the formation of N-methyl malonamic acid and other polar compounds which have not been identified (assumed to be N-methyl acetamide and N-methyl oxamic acid). The presence of  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  (27.7% after 5 days) indicates that these alkyl metabolites are undergoing additional oxidation which results in the evolution of  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$ . N-methyl malonamic acid comprises a maximum of 37.3% of the applied activity at 22 µg/L after 48 hours (17.1% at the end of the test) and a maximum of 78% at 115 µg/L after 7 days (68.0% at the end of the test). The proposed metabolic pathway of C(M)IT in surface is depicted in

**Figure 5.1.2-2: Proposed metabolic pathway of C(M)IT in surface water**

In the test provided by Dow, salinity in the marine water was 35.3 ‰ and microbial density was  $1 \times 10^3$  CFU/mL (Oteyza, 2008a). The duration of the tests was 56 days with 9 sampling points. C(M)IT dissipates slower in marine water than in estuarine water: the dissipation (primary degradation) half-life of C(M)IT calculated at 12°C is 32.8 days at 100 µg C(M)IT/L and 3.4 d at 10 µg C(M)IT /L. The test is conducted at two concentrations (10 and 100 µg/L), and as for the biodegradation test in estuarine water, the higher concentration seems to exhibit a toxicity for microorganisms, even if the toxicity could not be confirmed in the absence of toxicity control. Therefore the DT50 determined in the highest concentration (41.7 days at 9°C) has to be considered as a worst case and the DT50 determined at the lowest concentration (4.3 days at 9°C) could be used for the risk assessment when the predicted concentrations is in the same range than this low experimental concentration (10 µg/L). Only one metabolite was detected at greater than 10% and it was characterized as N-methyl malonamic acid. Metabolism involved cleavage of the isothiazolone ring, leading to the formation of N-methyl malonamic acid and other polar compounds. N-methyl malonamic acid has been shown to be ready biodegradable (see 5.1.2.2 screening test).

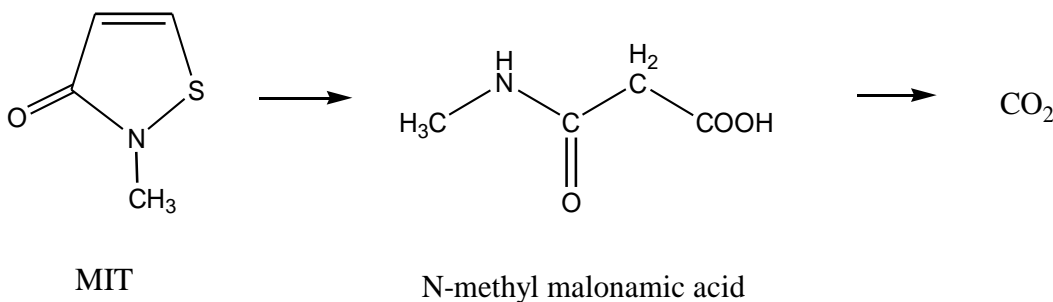
In the test provided by Thor, salinity in the marine water was about 31 ‰ and information dealing with the microbial density was not provided (Hamwijk and Cremers, 2007a). The duration of the tests was 28 days with 5 sampling points. Data do not allow to accurately determine  $DT_{50}$  of C(M)IT. C(M)IT was rapidly biodegraded in marine water with an estimated  $DT_{50}$  comprised between 3.2 and 11.3 days at 9°C. The test substance did not inhibit the microbial activity at 20.0 µg/L and results were not available for the 2.0 µg/L tested concentration.

The mineralization after 28 d was 29.4% CO<sub>2</sub> at 2µg/L, and 38.5% at 20 µg/L. Three metabolite regions with several peaks were found > 10%. They consisted of multiple metabolites and were not further evaluated as the concentration of each single metabolite was <10% of the applied radioactivity (a.r.). These metabolites are more polar than C(M)IT. One individual metabolite was detected on some sampling point but seemed transient and remained under 10%. Apart from the fact that the recovery in the microbial activity controls was slightly below 90% a.r. at the end of the test, the conditions of validity of the guideline were met.

### MIT

Salinity in the estuarine water was 0.78-0.84 mmhos/cm (0.50-0.54‰) and microbial density was from  $2.9 \cdot 10^4$  to  $2.1 \cdot 10^5$  CFU/mL (Guo et al., 2007b). The duration of the tests was 6 days (7-8 sampling points). MIT rapidly dissipates in estuarine water: the dissipation (primary degradation) half-life of MIT is 2.63 days. The low adsorption property of MIT allows to state that the dissipation mostly results from primary degradation. Metabolism involves cleavage of the isothiazolone ring, leading to the formation of N-methyl malonic acid and other polar compounds. The applicant stated that presence of <sup>14</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> (0.3% after 2 days) indicates that these alkyl metabolites are undergoing additional oxidation, which results in the evolution of <sup>14</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>. Although this oxidation is likely to occur in view of the other data available, this mineralization rate is too low to draw any conclusion. N-methyl malonic acid comprises a maximum of 27% of the applied activity at 22 µg/L after 72 hours (24.8% at the end of experiment) and a maximum of 33% at 112 µg/L after 6 days (end of the experiment).

**Figure 5.1.2-3: Proposed metabolic pathway of MIT in surface water**



In the test provided by Dow, salinity in the marine water was 35.3 ‰ and microbial density was  $1 \times 10^3$  CFU/mL (Oteyza, 2008b). The duration of the tests was 56 days with 9 sampling points. Dissipation in marine water is slower than in estuarine water: half-life of MIT calculated at 12°C is 23.3 d at 100 µg MIT/L (SFO model) and 6.3 d at 10 µg MIT/L (FOMC model). As for C(M)IT, toxicity should have occurred at the highest tested concentration, even if no toxicity control has been carried out to support this observation.

The test has been conducted at two concentrations (10 and 100 µg/L). The major metabolite had similar chromatographic behavior to the N-methyl malonamic acid standard. N-methyl malonamic acid has been shown to be readily biodegradable.

In the Thor study, the ring was uniformly labelled. Salinity in the marine water was 30.9-31 ‰ and the microbial density was assumed to be  $1 \times 10^4$  CFU/mL (Hamwijk and Cremers, 2007b). The duration of the tests was 56 days with 6 sampling points. Despite tested at two concentrations, results were only available for the highest concentration (87.5 µg/L). MIT was rapidly biodegraded in marine water  $DT_{50} = 3.6$  d at 15°C. This corresponds to a  $DT_{50} = 5.7$  d at 9°C. Degradation rate was only determined from the highest concentration experiment, because of the non reliability observed at the lowest concentration.

After 56 days, approximately 95% primary biodegradation of MIT was determined. Approximately 30% was recovered as  $^{14}CO_2$  within that period. Apart from the parent substance MIT, HPLC-RAD (HPLC with radiochemical detection) analyses revealed seven unidentified metabolites (met-1 – met-7) and three metabolite regions with several peaks (reg-1 – reg-3). Metabolite Met-1 was the only relevant metabolite, with a concentration increasing to a maximum value of 18.76% a.r. after 7 days (replicates: 18.76% and 3.82%) and subsequently decreasing to a value of 2.52% a.r. after 56 days. The first order degradation rate of met-1 (obtained from a simultaneous fit with data of the parent) was  $0.180 \text{ d}^{-1}$  ( $DT_{50} = 3.8$  d,  $DT_{90} = 12.8$  d) at 20°C. This corresponds to a  $DT_{50} = 9.16$  d at 9°C ( $k = 0.44 \text{ d}^{-1}$ ).

The applicant proposed two relevant publications on the proposed degradation pathway of C(M)IT and MIT (see Figure 5.1.3-1 and Figure 5.1.3-2). These studies demonstrate that most of the metabolites were assumed to be small polar compounds. In most cases they were rapidly biodegraded.

Some degradation, which was assumed to be abiotic of nature, was observed in the dark controls. Met-1 was found with a max. of about 4% after 7 d. Apart from the high recovery at the lower test substance concentration (which was not used to determine the degradation rate), the conditions of validity of the guideline were met.

No biodegradation test in fresh water was provided by both registrants and only a biodegradation test in marine water was provided by Thor. Thus, estuarine water provided by Dow was considered as a realistic worst case for biodegradation in freshwater. Indeed, the biodegradation in estuarine water, with a lower salinity than marine water, was faster than the biodegradation in marine water and probably slightly slower than in fresh water. The lower biodegradation rate in marine water compared to the estuarine water could also result from the lower density of microorganisms in marine water, even if the difference remains low in the available degradation studies. For marine water, only a range of  $DT_{50}$  is derived for the degradation of C(M)IT in the Thor dossier, these data are only considered as supportive. For MIT, the Dow values have been selected as worst cases. Two  $DT_{50}$  values have to be considered depending of the predicted concentration because of the suspected toxicity that occurred at the highest tested concentration.

### **Biodegradation in sewage treatment plant**

In the Dow dossier, C(M)IT and MIT were tested separately following the test guideline OECD 303A, Simulation Test-Aerobic Sewage Treatment: Activated Sludge Units (Daniel and Roberts, 2007; Oteyza et al., 2007). The test unit consists of two main vessels: an aeration vessel and a settling vessel. Activated sewage is pumped into the aeration vessel at a rate of 12 L/day and 300 mL/day of the mixed liquor in the aeration vessel is transferred to a waste sludge flask. The hydraulic retention time in the aeration vessel is 6 hours and the sludge retention time, 10 days. The contents of the aeration vessel are transferred into a settling vessel where the sludge solids are allowed to settle and the supernatant transferred to a refrigerated effluent container. A pump transfers settled sludge solids back into the aeration vessel.

### **C(M)IT**

The unit is allowed to equilibrate for 27 days prior to dosing with  $^{14}\text{C}$ -C(M)IT. The dosing solution is transferred into the aeration vessel via a syringe pump. The dosing solution concentration is 100 ppm and the delivery rate is 12 mL/day. The resulting concentration of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -C(M)IT in the mixing vessel is 100 ppb. The system is dosed for 33 days.

The half-life of total applied radioactivity (parent and metabolites) in the sewage treatment system studied is determined using two scenarios; steady state direct dissipation where the half-life is 0.27 day and mineralization where the half-life is 0.36 day.

In the sewage treatment plant simulation system dosed with  $^{14}\text{C}$ -C(M)IT, 39.3%, 27.0% and 22.5% of the applied activity is detected in the aqueous fractions, the solid fractions, and the volatiles, respectively. Extraction of the sludge with methanol released only 27% of the radioactivity. Further extraction tentatives including ultrasonication and other solvent allowed recovering 39% of the radioactivity. Analysis of extracts indicated that the major metabolite(s) were chromatographically polar in nature.

No parent is detected in the effluent or sludge. No other metabolites appear to be present at greater than 10% of the applied activity. These results indicate that the isothiazolone ring has been cleaved and that there is extensive oxidation of the resulting alkyl metabolites.

### **MIT**

The unit is allowed to equilibrate for 20 days prior to dosing with  $^{14}\text{C}$ -MIT. The dosing solution is transferred into the mixing vessel via a syringe pump. The dosing solution concentration is 100 ppm and the delivery rate is 12 mL/day. The resulting concentration of  $^{14}\text{C}$ -MIT in the mixing vessel is 100 ppb. A steady state is obtained after 27 days of dosing and is maintained for 51 days.

In this simulation system, 63.7%, 25.8% and less than 2% of the applied activity is detected in the aqueous fractions, the solid fractions, and the volatiles, respectively. The effluent comprises a majority of the applied radioactivity with 60.6% in the aqueous portion and 18.2% in the solids.

The half-life of MIT in the sewage treatment system studied is determined using two scenarios; steady state direct dissipation where the half-life of MIT is about 0.03 day when considering that no MIT remained in solids and 0.04 day when assuming that the radioactivity in solids is MIT; mineralization where the half-life is 1.69 days..

Parent comprises 12.2% of the applied activity in the aqueous phase of the effluent. N-methyl malonamic acid, N-methyl acetamide, and malonamic acid are also present but each at less than 10% of the applied activity.

The mass fraction of parent MIT adsorbed to sludge was undetermined but in a first approach, it was suggested that all the  $^{14}\text{C}$ -activity associated with the sludge (6.64%) was considered as parent, as a worst case.

Two studies were provided by Thor. The first study was carried out on C(M)IT/ MIT without radiolabelling. The elimination and the primary and/or ultimate biodegradation of ACTICIDE<sup>®</sup>14 was determined in a continuous activated sludge tests according to OECD 303 A (Fiebig, 2002) that simulates the aeration tank of a sewage treatment plant. The test design included specific analysis of C(M)IT and MIT. This test showed that, when tested at a concentration of 15 mg ACTICIDE<sup>®</sup>14/L (1.55 mg C(M)IT/L and 0.6 mg MIT/L), C(M)IT and MIT were removed for >95% or >80% respectively.

It is difficult however to conclude if the substance was actually biodegraded or removed from the system. There is no information on the formation of carbon dioxide, or any other metabolite. Besides, it is indicated that it was confirmed in preliminary tests that C(M)IT and MIT did not adsorb to the sludge. It is not specified how it was done, and to which extent C(M)IT/MIT does not adsorb. However the low adsorption properties of C(M)IT and MIT is supported by the adsorption/desorption from soil and sediment test (see 5.2.1).

Another study conducted with MIT only (A7.1.2.1.1-02), seems to indicate that the removal observed in the previous study may correspond to a more complex behaviour than mineralization only. In this test, the percentage of  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  formed after 0.5h of incubation was 7 % of the total applied radioactivity (TAR). The mineralization process slowed down after this first phase. After 7 days of incubation the amount of  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  was approximately 18% of the initial radioactivity applied. Because of this two-phase degradation pattern,  $\text{DT}_{50}$  and  $\text{DT}_{90}$  were calculated using a multi-compartment model. The bound residues content increased to approximately 53 %TAR after 24h which again appeared to be a 'plateau' level. Five metabolites were found, but none was identified. The main metabolite (M3), slightly less polar than the parent, reached about 9% after 4-6 hours and starts decreasing afterwards. The amount of bound residues detected in this study is not in accordance with the result of the adsorption/desorption studies (see 5.2.1). Indeed those studies demonstrate that C(M)IT and MIT are highly mobile in soil. Consequently, it is possible that C(M)IT and MIT rapidly form metabolites less mobile than parent compound, which are bound to the substrates. The low adsorption property of MIT could indicate that the degradation was the main process that occurred during the experiment, and that a real half life degradation was measured. However, no similar data has been provided for C(M)IT and it can not be stated that the half live value obtained for MIT was the worst case value. Additionally, this study is a static test with only a single addition of radioactive-labeled test substance and not a continuously operated test system according to OECD 303A with a hydraulic retention time and a sludge age comparable to full-scale STPs as the previous studies. Thus, this experiment was only considered as supportive data.

## **Aerobic degradation in soil**

### C(M)IT

Two studies were provided by Dow. In C(M)IT rapidly dissipates in soil following a biphasic kinetic. Following discussions at the Working Group II 2014, DT50 values have been checked and re-calculated when required, according to FOCUS recommendations leading to  $DT_{50, 12^{\circ}C} = 0.21$  days. (Guo and Eisenschmid, 2006).

Metabolism involves cleavage of the isothiazolone ring with the ultimate metabolite being CO<sub>2</sub>. CO<sub>2</sub> increased from 0.2% of applied activity at Hour 2 to 75% on Day 100.

Two metabolites are being present at greater than 10% of applied activity: the first one at a maximum of 30.2% on day 2 (around 6% at day 30 and 100) and the second one at a maximum of 18.4% at 22 hours (9% at day 5, 0.5 at day 100). They are identified by LC-MS as 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-1-oxoethane sulfinic acid and 2-methylisothiazolin-3,5-dione.

The fraction of applied <sup>14</sup>C-activity that becomes incorporated into the bound residues increased from 0.2 % to 38.5 % after 30 days of incubation and then decreased to 13.1 % after 100 days of incubation. After 5 days (29.6% of the applied activity in the bound residues), acid hydrolysis extracted over 18% of the applied activity. NaOH extraction showed that most of the remaining activity (10.4% of the applied activity) and was mostly associated with the fulvic acid fraction (8.2% of the applied activity). The humic acid and humin fractions contained only small quantity of activity (less of 4% of the applied activity after 5 days).

Similar trend (biphasic kinetic and dissipation rate) were observed in the older second study (Wang, 1991). Calculations according to FOCUS recommendations leading to  $DT_{50, 12^{\circ}C} = 0.63$  days. These half life appear as worst case compared to the value derived from the previous study however, fit was statistically not acceptable.

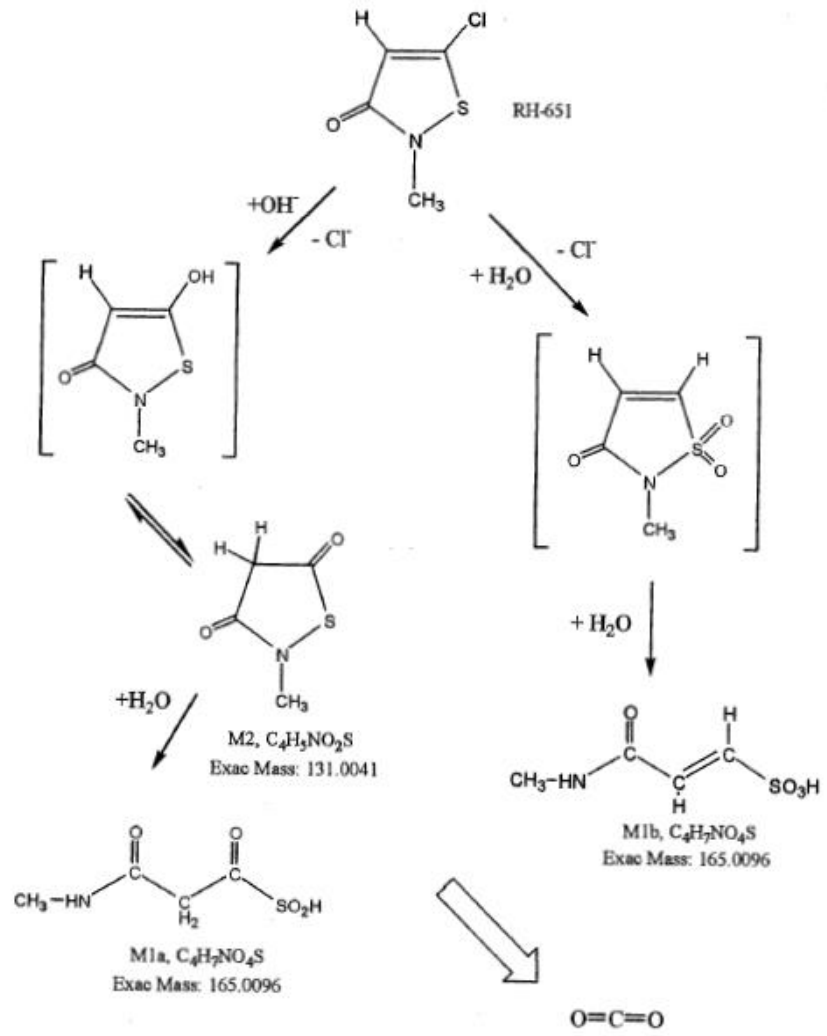
CO<sub>2</sub> was the only metabolite detected and identified that was greater than 10% of the applied radioactivity and reached 27% at 64 days.

All detected metabolites were at or near the void volume and cochromatographed with the acids, malonic acid, malonamic acid, N-methyl malonamic acid, and N-methyl oxamic acid. While definitive identification of the metabolites could not be achieved, they can supposed to be a mixture of these 4 acids.

The fraction of applied <sup>14</sup>C-activity that becomes incorporated into the bound residues increased from 1.62 % to 76.49 % after 48 hours of incubation and then decreased to 58.70% after 64 days of incubation. No acid extraction has been performed before the NaOH extraction. At 24h, 58.8% of the applied activity was extracted by NaOH. The fulvic acid fraction was 48.8% of the non extractable activity (28.9% of the applied activity), while the acid insoluble fraction, the humic acid fraction, comprised about 29.8 % of the NaOH extractable activity (17.51% of the applied activity). The base insoluble fraction (humin) comprised about 21.3% of the non extractable activity (12.51% of the applied activity).



**Figure 5.1.2-4: Metabolic pathway of C(M)IT in soil, based on identification of the metabolites in the study by Dow**



The test proposed by Thor (Oldersma and Salmon, 2007a) is considered as not reliable because the % TAR was not maintained in the good range during the the test even for the first hours of the test. Therefore the following results are considered as indicative only. The results indicated that a rapid mineralization occurred during the first hours after dosing after which the process slowed down. A maximum percentage of  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  formation of approximately 15% of the applied radioactivity (% a.r.) was measured after one day, but thereafter the trapped amount of  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  decreased to 6% at the end of the test, probably due to leakage of the system. The amount of extractable radioactivity decreased from approximately 42% a.r. at the first sampling point to 12.5 % a.r. after 28 days of incubation. During the incubation, the bound residue content increased from approximately 40% a.r. at the start of the test (=0.5h) to approximately 49% a.r. at the end of the incubation (28 days). Again there is initially a fast process after which the process slows down. Apparently, C(M)IT or, more likely, its metabolites have a high affinity for the soil phase. This can be explained by the mode of action of C(M)IT as described by Paulus (2005 a and b). The reaction with SH-compounds results in cleavage of the N-S bond and the resulting compound can easily react with -SH containing humic / humin acids in soil. The adsorption test with C(M)IT in sterilized soil indicated that C(M)IT itself was only slightly adsorbed to soil in a batch equilibrium test

The HPLC analysis of the methanol/formic acid extract showed a fast, almost rapid degradation of C(M)IT into several more polar metabolites, of which one, metabolite 'M1' occurred in percentages >5% at least two time points, but it was not >10% of the applied radioactivity. This unknown metabolite M1 was subsequently degraded as well. Due to the rapid degradation of C(M)IT, the data could not be fitted reliably with standard curve fitting programmes. The  $\text{DT}_{50}$  for C(M)IT in soil was empirically estimated to be < 2h. Besides metabolite M1 it is possible that a volatile organic metabolite was formed that was not trapped in the gas trap series, because the recovery of radioactivity decreased in time without a known cause.

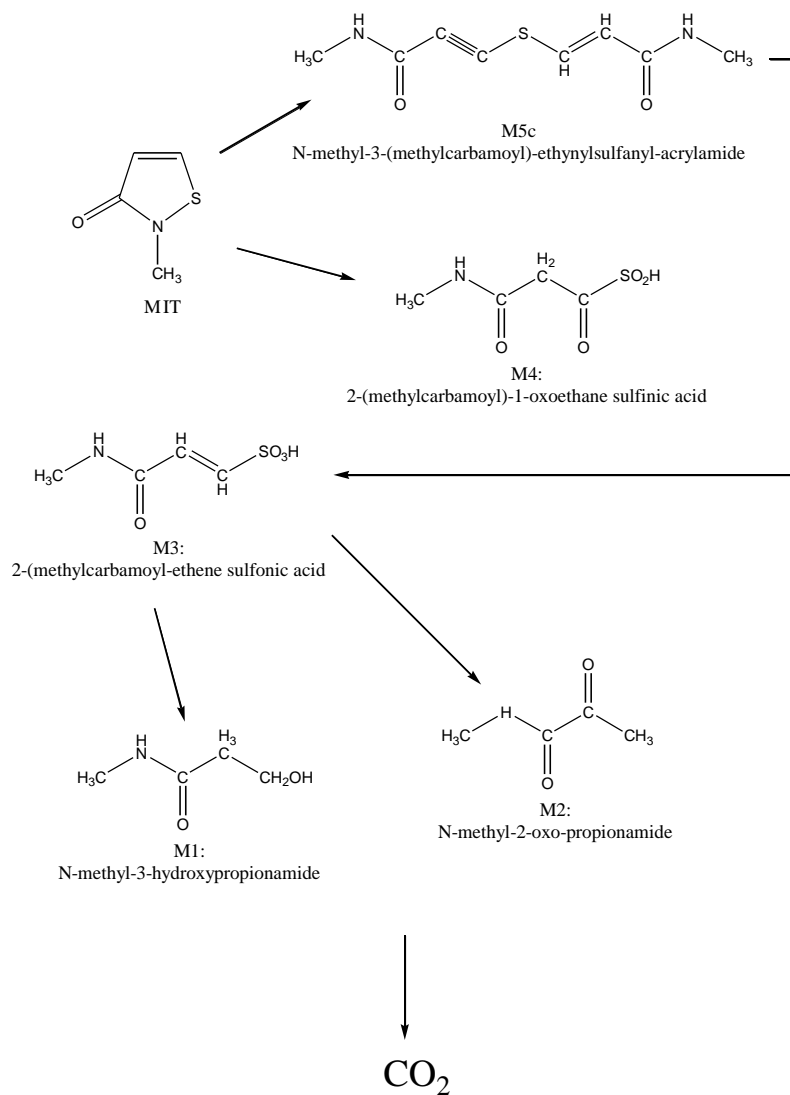
## MIT

One study was provided by Dow (Guo, 2006). As C(M)IT, MIT rapidly dissipates in soil following kinetic dissipation with 2 phases: one of them is first order until 48 days, and the second is no longer first order. The  $\text{DT}_{50, 12^\circ\text{C}}$  value is 0.51 day.

$\text{CO}_2$  increased from 2% of the applied activity at 2 hours to 47% at day 100. Four metabolites are being present at or greater than 10% of applied activity: the first one (M3) at a maximum of 29% at 22 hours, the second one (M4) at a maximum of 21.4% at 22 hours, the third one (M1) at a maximum of 11.2% at day 5 and the fourth one (M2) at a maximum of 10% at 22 hours. They are identified by LC-MS: M3=2-(methylcarbamoyl)-ethene sulfonic acid, M4=2-(methylcarbamoyl)-1-oxo-ethane sulfinic acid (= isomere of M3), M1 = N-methyl-3-hydroxypropionamide and M2=N-methyl-2-oxo-propionamide and each of them may ultimately mineralize and produce  $\text{CO}_2$ . Identified metabolites are transient decreasing to less than 10% by Day 10 and less than 5% by day 30 and 100.

The fraction of applied  $^{14}\text{C}$ -activity that becomes incorporated into the bound residues increased from 6.2 % to 39.7 % after 30 days of incubation and 38.8 % after 100 days of incubation. Acid hydrolysis extracted over 23.5 % of the applied activity after 30 days. NaOH extracted 9.2% of the applied activity and most of the NaOH extracted activity was associated with the fulvic acid fraction (6.5% pf the applied activity). The humin fraction contained 7.4 % of the applied activity after 30 days of incubation.

**Figure 5.1.2-5: Metabolic pathway of MIT in soil**



The test conducted by Thor seems to confirm the rapid dissipation of MIT (Oldersma and Salmon, 2007b). As for CIT, the test proposed by Thor should have been considered as not reliable because the % TAR was not maintained in the good range during the the test. However MIT is rapidly degraded with a  $DT_{50} < 0.08d$ . During this period, % TAR was maintained in the range 90-110%. Therefore this study has been considered as acceptable with restrictions. The results indicated that a fast initial mineralization occurred during the first hours after dosing, after which the process slowed down. A maximum percentage of  $^{14}CO_2$  formation of approximately 25% a.r. after 51 days of incubation was measured. The amount of extractable radioactivity from the soil decreased from approximately 57 % a.r. at the first sampling-point to less than 10 % a.r. after 51 days of incubation. During the incubation, the bound residue content increased from approximately 33% a.r. at t=2h to approximately 52% a.r. at the end of the incubation with a maximum at 55% at 28 days. This is similar to the results for C(M)IT and probably due to similar reactions.

The HPLC analysis of the methanol/formic acid extract showed a fast, almost complete degradation of MIT into at least one more polar metabolite 'M1'. This metabolite M1 is subsequently degraded as well and remained below 10% of the applied activity.. Two minor metabolites, less polar than the parent compound, were observed but not in relevant concentrations.

### 5.1.3 Summary and discussion of degradation

In the Dow dossier, C(M)IT is classified ready biodegradable failing 10-d window and MIT is classified as not ready biodegradable according to the criteria of the test, although significant biodegradation occurred. In the Thor dossier, threshold values of ready biodegradable substance are obtained. Nevertheless, as the test has been carried out with an activated sludge receiving both domestic wastewater and chemical, adaptation of the inoculum can not be excluded and C(M)IT/MIT is therefore considered as not ready biodegradable.

C(M)IT and MIT rapidly dissipate in the aquatic environment. Abiotically, C(M)IT and MIT have moderate hydrolytic (47.8 – 120.6 days at 12°C for C(M)IT at pH 9) and photolytic half-lives (6.6 days for C(M)IT and 18.2 days for MIT). Nonetheless, in fresh water and in STP, the biotic degradation of C(M)IT and MIT appears as the major metabolic pathway with half-lives of C(M)IT and MIT in simulation tests below than 6 days compared to abiotic degradation which is much less rapid than biodegradation. In the water sediment studies in the Thor dossier, similar half life are observed for the whole system and the water compartment, which is consistent with low adsorption capacities of C(M)IT and MIT ( see 5.2.1). In marine water, half lifes are higher (until 41.7 days at 9°C). In soil, a fast degradation (2d) was observed.

### Conclusion on metabolites –Dow

Metabolism involves cleavage of the isothiazolone ring, leading to the formation of metabolites, which are shown more polar than the parent compounds. The presence of  $^{14}CO_2$  indicates that these metabolites are undergoing additional oxidation, which results in the evolution of  $^{14}CO_2$ .

Nine degradation products of C(M)IT/MIT are identified in the degradation tests:

- N-methyl malonamic acid (NMMA),

- N-methyl acetamide,
- Malonamic acid,
- 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-ethene sulfonic acid,
- 2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid,
- 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-1-oxo-ethane sulfinic acid,
- 2-methyl-isothiazoline-3,5-dione,
- N-methyl-3-hydroxypropionamide,
- N-methyl-2-oxo-propionamide.

The metabolites found at >10% are reported in the table below in different environmental compartments:

**Table 5.1-2: Metabolites identified in the degradation tests in the environmental compartment.**

Environmental compartment	Metabolites of C(M)IT and MIT	Amount of metabolite (percentage)
<b>Water</b>	NMMA	<p><u>Aquatic (estuarine) degradation (C(M)IT)</u> 37.3% at day 2(22 µg/L) to 78% at day 7 (115 µg/L)</p> <p><u>Aquatic (estuarine) degradation (MIT)</u> 27% at day 3 (22 µg/L) to 33% at day 6 (112 µg/L)</p>
	Malonic acid	<p><u>Water/sediment degradation (C(M)IT)</u> 9% at day 3 (Cedar Hill system) and 2% at day 3 (Almshouse system) in aqueous phase</p>
	2-(methylcarbamoyl)-ethene sulfonic acid <sup>1</sup>	<p><i>Identification by LC-MS of the two compounds both associated:</i></p> <p><u>Water/sediment degradation (MIT)</u></p>
	2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid	<p>19.9% at day 2, 3.2% at day 30 (Cedar Hill system) and 22.3% at day 1.3, 0.5% at day 30 (Almshouse system) in aqueous phase</p>
<b>Soil</b>	2-(methylcarbamoyl)-ethene sulfonic acid <sup>1</sup>	<p><u>Aerobic degradation in soil (MIT)</u> 29% at day 1 1, 3.1% at day 30</p>
	2-(methylcarbamoyl)-1-oxo-ethane sulfonic acid <sup>1</sup>	<p><u>Aerobic degradation in soil (C(M)IT)</u> 30.2% at day 2, 6% at day 30</p>

Environmental compartment	Metabolites of C(M)IT and MIT	Amount of metabolite (percentage)
		<u>Aerobic degradation in soil (MIT)</u> 21.4% at day 1, 2.7% at day 30
	2-methyl-isothiazoline-3,5-dione	<u>Aerobic degradation in soil (C(M)IT)</u> 18.4% at day 1, 9% at day 5
	N-methyl-2-oxo-propionamide	<u>Aerobic degradation in soil (MIT)</u> 10% at day 1, 1.1% at day 100
	N-methyl-3-hydroxypropionamide	<u>Aerobic degradation in soil (MIT)</u> 11.2% at day 5, 4.7% at day 100

<sup>1</sup> 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-ethene sulfonic acid and 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-1-oxo-ethane sulfonic acid are isomer.

One of the major metabolite, N-methyl malonamic acid (NMMA) and two other metabolites resulting from ring cleavage identified in simulation tests (N-(n-methyl) acetamide (NMA, sewage treatment plant study, MIT) and malonamic acid (MA sewage treatment plant test, MIT, and aerobic water sediment study, C(M)IT) are readily biodegradable and thus they will not be persistent in the aqueous phase, in the sediments or in the soil. The other metabolites will probably also be expected to be quickly biodegraded in the environment, based on QSARs calculations (see section 4.3).

It can therefore be concluded that in the environment, C(M)IT/MIT is quickly biodegraded in degradation products, which are either been shown to be readily biodegradable or predicted to be rapidly biodegradable and shown to be transient in the simulation studies where they have been detected. Aquatic and soil metabolic pathways have been presented above.

### Conclusion on metabolites –Thor

Metabolites were formed in all biodegradation tests, also at relevant concentration levels (> 10% of the applied radioactivity). Most of the metabolites were assumed to be small polar compounds, but they could not be identified due to those characteristics. In most cases the metabolites were also rapidly biodegraded.

The applicant proposed to use routes of degradation for C(M)IT found in literature, see Figure 5.1.3-1 and Figure 5.1.3-2.

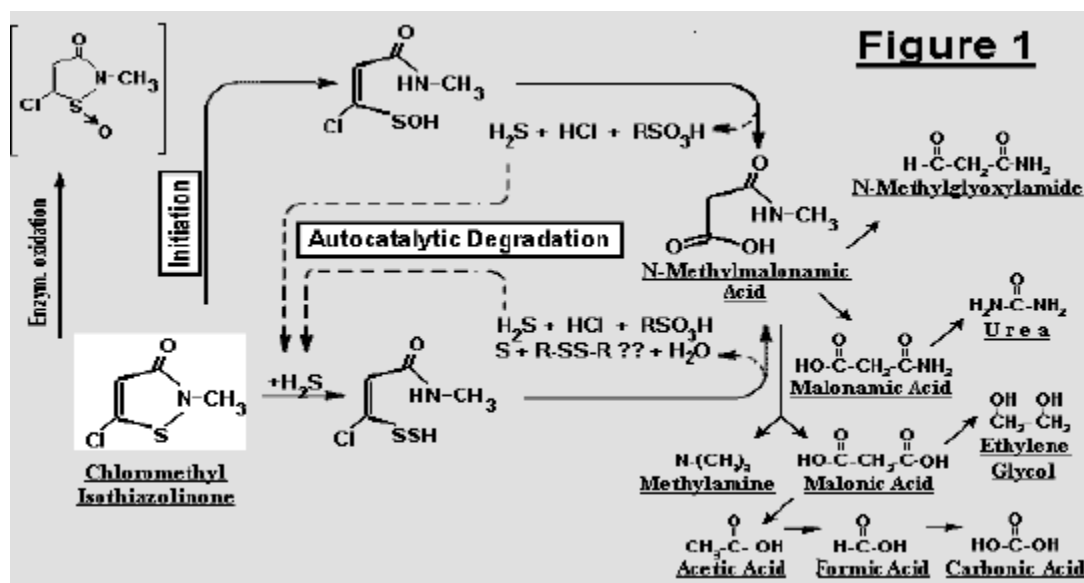
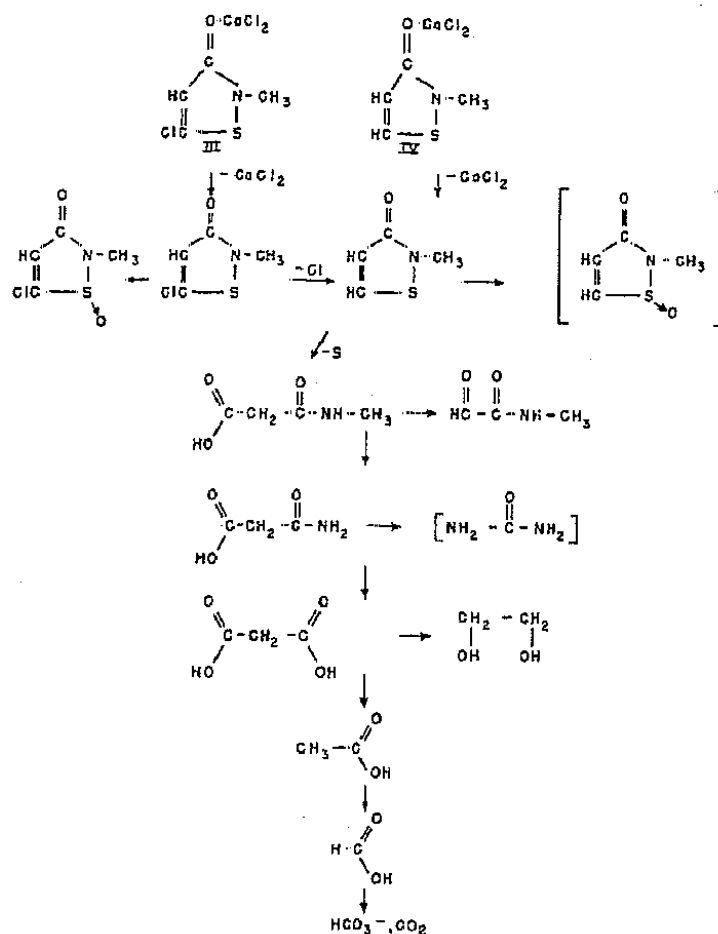


Figure 5.1.3-1: Proposed degradation pathway of C(M)IT taken from SCCNFP/0670/03(SCCNFP, 2003)

The first scheme, exposed by SCCNFP (2003) is for the major part similar to the proposed route of degradation by Krzeminski (Krzeminski *et al*, 1975a,b). This proposal was based on extensive experimental work, using various analytical methods for the identification of the metabolites:





**Figure 5.1.3-2: Proposed pathway for biodegradation of C(M)IT in the environment (Krzemski, 1975a,b)**

The applicant proposed to assume that the degradation path for MIT would be similar. These proposals for the route of degradation confirm the formation of small polar metabolites. Most of the compounds are naturally occurring, and will not cause any harm to the environment. They are expected to be not bioaccumulating. It is very well possible that the observed metabolites in the degradation tests correspond with the proposed compounds.

The registrant proposed pathways for degradation of C(M)IT in the environment. The routes of degradation of MIT will be similar to C(M)IT. The disappearance of the two compounds is rapid with formation of small polar metabolites not harm to the environment (rapidly degraded, not bioaccumulable, not toxic). The principal degradative route involved the dissociation from CaCl<sub>2</sub>, ring opening, loss of S and Cl and led to N-methylmalonamic acid. The degradation then proceeded through malonamic, malonic, acetic and formic acids to CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Mineralization and non-extractable residues:**

In the Dow dossier, C(M)IT is classified ready biodegradable failing 10-d window and MIT is classified as not ready biodegradable according to the criteria of the test, although significant biodegradation occurred. In

simulation tests of this dossier, the mineralization half-lives of both substances in aerobic fresh water/sediment microcosm are less than 372 days, and in anaerobic fresh water:sediment microcosm was 786 days. In a STP simulation test, the mineralization half-lives of both substances are less than 14 days.

In a soil aerobic test, the mineralization half-lives of both substances are less than 3 months (175 days maximum for MIT). In all study but one, the not extractable residues in amounts do not reached 70% of the initial dose. In a study by Dow, bound residues reached 76.5% of the applied activity after 48h, but the amount of bound residues decreased to 57.8% after 64 days.

In the Thor dossier, C(M)IT/MIT is considered as not ready biodegradable. Mineralization rates have not been determined in the water sediment study, however less than 27% of C(M)IT has been mineralized after 53 days and less than 42% of MIT has been mineralized after 100 days. Mineralization rate was only partially investigated in the STP simulation test; in a simulation test with MIT, CO<sub>2</sub> amounts to 7% of total applied activity after 0.5h, and the mineralization process decrease after this first phase. In soil, the test degradation has not been considered as reliable because of the low recovery of total applied activity. A maximum of 15% of CO<sub>2</sub> after the first day and 25% of CO<sub>2</sub> after 51 days were measured for C(M)IT and MIT respectively. The not extractable residues in amounts do never reached 70% of the initial dose.

Significant amount of non extractable residues were observed in the water sediment, STP and soil degradation studies. According to the low adsorption properties of C(M)IT and MIT, it is not expected that bound residues contained significant amounts of active substance. As for the leaching study, it is assumed that biodegradation lead to the formation of ring-cleaved metabolites that formed tight association with sludge, sediment or soil matrix.

Table 5.1-3: Non extractable residues in water sediment, STP and soil studies

Study	Non extractable residues, % of initial applied radioactivity			
	Dow		Thor	
	C(M)IT	MIT	C(M)IT	MIT
Sediment in aerobic water sediment	Max 44.4-69.5% 42.2 and 60.4% at the end of the test	Max 60.2-62.6% 57.7 and 62.6% at the end of the test	Max 43.9 – 51.4% 35.5 and 43.9% at the end of the test	Max 42.0-53.7% 42.0 and 47.5% at the end of the test
Solids in STP test (including waste sludge solids, effluent solids and aeration vessel solids)	19.7%	<25.9%*	n.a.	Max 52.8% 38.8% at the end of the test
Soil	Max 38.5%-76.5% 13.1 - 58.7% at the end of the test	Max 39.7% 38.8% at the end of the test	Max 52.6% 49.3% at the end of the test	Max 52.8% 51.8% at the end of the test

\*no extraction was carried out as solids in this study

n.a. not available

**5.2 Environmental distribution**

Table 5.2-1: Results of the adsorption/desorption from soil and sediment studies on C(M)IT and MIT

Method	Soil Class	Tested substance	Percent AS Adsorbed	K <sub>a</sub>	K <sub>aoc</sub>	K <sub>d</sub>	K <sub>doc</sub>	Reference / Owner
US EPA 835-1110	Return activated sludge	C(M)IT	3-33.90	29.75-34.94	79.9-107.1*			Swales, 2002a / Dow
US EPA N163-1	Sandy loam	C(M)IT	9.1-67.0	1.48	91.71*	1.89	116.71*	Wang, 1991 / Dow
	Silt loam	C(M)IT	4.1-16.5	0.42	30.00*	0.55	39.23*	
	Sand	C(M)IT	5.9-33.8	0.73	105.38*	0.56	80.83*	
	Clay loam	C(M)IT	0.9-3.3	0.08	143.46*	0.05	88.65*	
	Sandy loam sediment	C(M)IT	25.2-87.0	4.86	310.38*	6.6	421.49*	
US EPA 835-1110	Return activated sludge	MIT	2.58-51.12	20.11-56.82	54.1-152.7*			Swales, 2002b / Dow
OECD 121		C(M)IT	Not applicable		11.75	nr	nr	Geffke, 2002b / Thor
		MIT			<< 5.6			
OECD 106	Sediment 1: Valleikanaal	C(M)IT	< 25 in all test soils and sediments	0.76	45	nr	nr	Salmon and Cremers / Thor
	Sediment 2: Kromme Rijn			0.39	42	nr	nr	
	Sand			0.93	42	nr	nr	
	Loamy sand			0.6	26	nr	nr	
	Sandy loam			0.7	69	nr	nr	
	Sandy clay			0.94	49	nr	nr	
	Loam			0.97	44	nr	nr	
US EPA N163-1	Sandy loam	MIT	10.5	0.1	7.7*	0.67	ND	Gillings, 2006 / Dow
	Clay loam	MIT	24.7	0.27	6.9*	0.80	ND	
	Silty clay loam	MIT	16	0.14	6.7*	0.91	ND	
	Sand	MIT	1.9	0.03	10*	0.74	ND	
	Loam	MIT	46	1.07	6.4*	0.96	ND	

\* Estimated values from the percent organic carbon of the sample:  $K_{oc} = (K_a * 100) / \text{percent organic carbon}$

### 5.2.1 Adsorption/Desorption

#### C(M)IT

Two studies were provided by Dow. When tested in an activated sludge adsorption test, the Freundlich sorption constant of C(M)IT ( $K_f$ ) is 55.6. The low value for the Freundlich sorption constant and the estimated  $K_{a_{oc}}$  ranged from 79.9-107.1 indicate that C(M)IT is not extensively sorbed to activated sludge and likely to remain predominantly in the aqueous phase for the typical concentrations of sludge expected in a waste treatment plant. When tested in a soil adsorption test, C(M)IT is weakly adsorbed to the examined soils and sediment ( $K_{a_{oc}} = 30-310$ , arithmetic mean  $K_{a_{oc}} = 136.2$ ) and does desorb considerably ( $K_{d_{oc}} = 39-421$ ). This indicates that C(M)IT if present would not be extensively adsorbed to soil.

In the Thor dossier, the adsorption/desorption characteristics of C(M)IT / MIT were determined in test using the HPLC estimation method following OCDE Guideline 121. For C(M)IT, the  $K_{oc}$  value is 11.75 L/kg. A batch equilibrium test according to OECD guideline 106 was carried out with two sediments and five soils. The batch equilibrium test confirmed the adsorption percentages and distribution coefficient for C(M)IT ( $K_{a_{oc}} = 26-69$ , arithmetic mean  $K_{a_{oc}} = 45$ ) that were measured with the HPLC method. It was therefore concluded that C(M)IT itself have a high affinity for the aqueous phase and can be considered (highly) mobile in soil and sediment.

#### MIT

Two studies were provided by Dow. When tested in an activated sludge adsorption test, the Freundlich sorption constant of MIT ( $K_f$ ) is 6.12. The low value for the Freundlich sorption constant and the estimated  $K_{a_{oc}}$  ranged from 54.1 to 152.7 indicate that MIT is not extensively sorbed to activated sludge and likely to remain predominantly in the aqueous phase for the typical concentrations of sludge expected in a waste treatment plant. When tested in a soil adsorption test, MIT is adsorbed weakly to the examined soils and sediment ( $K_{a_{oc}} = 6.4-10$ , arithmetic mean  $K_{a_{oc}} = 7.5$ ). MIT is considered highly mobile

In the Thor dossier, the adsorption/desorption characteristics of MIT were determined in test using the HPLC estimation method following OCDE Guideline 121. The only reliable result is that the  $K_{OC}$  value is much smaller than 5.6 L/kg. This value was extrapolated because no reference item with a shorter retention time than that of MIT was available. The reason is that MIT was not retained by the column's stationary phase and basically eluted with the solvent front. It was therefore concluded that MIT have a high affinity for the aqueous phase and can be considered (highly) mobile in soil and sediment.

### 5.2.2 Volatilisation

Due to their low vapour pressure, C(M)IT and MIT are very unlikely to be present in air. C(M)IT photodegrades quickly with half-life of 16.4 hours (Guo, 2003) and 17.5 hours (Hanstveit, 2006). MIT photodegrades quickly with half-life of 16.6 hours (Guo, 2003) and 14.3 hours (Hanstveit, 2006) and the half-lives of its metabolites range from 18.6 to 24.4 hours (Guo, 2003). Due to very low production and usage volume, the effect from C(M)IT, MIT and its potential photodegradation products towards global warming is minimal. Therefore, C(M)IT, MIT and its photodegradation metabolites impose no effect to global warming.

### 5.2.3 Distribution modelling

Not performed.

### 5.3 Aquatic Bioaccumulation

**Table 5.3-1: Summary of relevant information on aquatic bioaccumulation**

Guideline	Results	Remarks	Reference / Owner
OECD 305 (Static) C(M)IT	BCF = 54 and 41 at 0.01 and 0.12 mg a.i./L respectively	Log Kow $\leq$ 0.401 Initial concentration: 0.01 and 0.12 mg a.i./L Depuration Time (DT <sub>50</sub> ): 1.6 and 0.64 days at 0.01 and 0.12 mg a.i./L respectively	Madsen and Stuerman, 1996 / Dow
EPIWIN C(M)IT	3.16	Log Kow = 0.63 to 0.71	Verhaar, 2007 /Thor
EPIWIN MIT	3.16	Log Kow = -0.26 to -0.34	

#### 5.3.1 Aquatic bioaccumulation

##### 5.3.1.1 Bioaccumulation estimation

MIT and C(M)IT are highly water soluble substances and have a low affinity for non-polar solvents and phases. The experimentally determined octanol/water partition coefficients ( $K_{ow}$ )<sup>1</sup> for MIT and C (M)IT are, given as log ( $K_{ow}$ ), -0.48 to -0.26 for MIT, and 0.63 to 0.71 for C(M)IT. EPIWIN estimates of the BCF are 3.16 for both MIT and C(M)IT. As such it can be stated that the active substances MIT and C(M)IT, do not possess any bioconcentration potential. There is no need to perform and submit a bioconcentration study to corroborate this, as the Kow and estimated BCF values are sufficiently far away from the cut-off values for classification and labelling (log Kow  $\geq$  3 or BCF  $\geq$  100).

##### 5.3.1.2 Measured bioaccumulation data

Nonetheless, a bioconcentration study has been conducted on C(M)IT in fish (Bluegill sunfish) by Dow. The provided study fulfils the requirement for C(M)IT fish bioaccumulation. The Bioconcentration Factor (BCF) of total <sup>14</sup>C residues,  $\leq$  54, is very low; well below regulatory thresholds. Additionally <sup>14</sup>C-residues depurate very rapidly. These results are expected given the low log Kow value and the high water solubility of C(M)IT. At environmentally relevant concentrations, the bioaccumulation of parent compound will be significantly less than the toxicity.

#### 5.3.2 Summary and discussion of aquatic bioaccumulation

The potential of bioaccumulation or biomagnification of C(M)IT and MIT is negligible

<sup>1</sup> Note that Pow and Kow are two different symbols for the same entity, the octanol/water partition coefficient.

### 5.4 Aquatic toxicity

The acute and chronic toxicity studies were conducted with the notified substance C(M)IT/MIT but with different mixture:

- ACTICIDE 14: 14 % C(M)IT/MIT (Thor) or
- Acticide PT: 2.1% C(M)IT/MIT (Thor) or
- Kathon™886F: 14% C(M)IT/MIT (Dow) or
- C(M)IT/MIT formulations (Kathon™886 all magnesium formulations which is considered as equivalent to the technical grade Kathon™886F).

When no more information are provided, test were carried out with C(M)IT/MIT 14%. However, the results are all presented on a C(M)IT/MIT active ingredient (a.i.) basis.

**Table 5.4-1: Summary of relevant information on aquatic toxicity**

Method		Results (mg a.i./L)	Remarks	Reference / Owner	
Secondary consumers	Acute toxicity to fish	( <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> - 96h LC50) US EPA FIFRA 72-1	LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.19 (mmc)	F	Ward and Boeri, 1990a / Dow RI: 1
		( <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> - 96h LC50) US EPA FIFRA 72-1	LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.28 (mmc)	F	Ward and Boeri, 1990b / Dow RI: 1
		( <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> - 96h LC50) OECD 203	LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.22 (nc)	S	Wyness, 1994a / Thor RI: 2
		( <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> - 14d LC50) OECD 204	LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.07 (mmc)	F	Ward and Boeri, 1991a / Dow RI: 1
	Chronic toxicity to fish	( <i>Pimephales promelas</i> - 36d NOEC) US EPA FIFRA 72-4	NOEC = 0.02 (mmc) based on weight NOEC = 0.12 (mmc) based on percent survival at hatch, time to hatch, mortality of embryos, mortality of larvae and juveniles and total length	F	Ward and Boeri, 1991b / Dow RI: 1
		<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> - 28d NOEC) OECD 215	NOEC = 0.098 (nc) based on weight	SS	Scheerbaum, 1999 / Thor RI: 2
	Acute toxicity to saltwater fish	( <i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i> - 96h LC50) American Society for Testing and Materials Committee E-35 on Pesticides, 1980	LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.30 (nc)	S	Heitmuller et al., 1980 / Dow RI: 2

		( <i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i> 96h LC50) USEPA FIFRA 72-4	LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.48 (nc)	F	Boeri, 1998 / Thor RI: 1
Primary consumers	Acute toxicity to <b>freshwater invertebrates</b>	( <i>Daphnia magna</i> – 48h EC50) USEPA FIFRA 72-2	EC <sub>50</sub> = 0.16 (mmc)	F	Ward and Boeri, 1990c / Dow RI: 1
		( <i>Daphnia magna</i> – 48h EC50) OECD 202	EC <sub>50</sub> = 0.10 <sup>a</sup> (nc)	S	Mattock 1996 / Thor RI: 1
	Chronic toxicity to <b>freshwater invertebrates</b>	( <i>Daphnia magna</i> – 21d NOEC) US EPA 72-4	NOEC= 0.10 (mmc)	F	Ward and Boeri, 1991c / Dow RI: 1
		( <i>Daphnia magna</i> – 21d NOEC) OECD Guideline 202 Part II	NOEC = 0.0036 <sup>a</sup> (mmc)	SS	Mattock 1996 /Thor RI: 2
	Acute toxicity to <b>saltwater invertebrates</b>	( <i>Americamysis bahia</i> – 96h LC <sub>50</sub> ) US EPA OPPTS 850.1035	LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.282 (mmc)	F	Palmer et al., 2002 / Dow RI: 1
		( <i>Mysidopsis bahia</i> – 96h LC50) USEPA FIFRA 72-3	LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.33 (nc)	F	Boeri 1998 b / Thor RI: 1
		( <i>Acartia tonsa</i> – 96h LC50) ISO TC 147/SC 5/WG 2: and PARCOM Ring Test Protocol	LC <sub>50</sub> = 0.007 (nc)	S	Weideborg 1995 / Dow RI: 2
		( <i>Crassostrea virginica</i> – 96h EC <sub>50</sub> ) EPA, FIFRA 72-3 (b)850.1350	EC <sub>50</sub> = 0.041 (nc) (shell deposition)	F	Boeri et al. 1998/ Thor RI: 1
Primary producers	Toxicity to <b>freshwater algae and aquatic plants</b>	( <i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i> – 24h) OECD 201, ISO 8692, US EPA FIFRA 122-2	NOErC = 4.995 10 <sup>-3</sup> Initial measured concentration (LOQ/2)	S	Boeri et al., 1995a / Dow RI: 2
		( <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> – 72 h) OECD 201/ EPA OPPTS 850.5400	ErC <sub>50</sub> = 53.5 10 <sup>-3</sup> (mmc) NOErC = 1.16 10 <sup>-3</sup> (mmc)	S	Scheerbaum , 2008 / Thor RI: 1
	Toxicity to <b>saltwater algae</b>	( <i>Skeletonema costatum</i> - 48h) OECD 201, US EPA OPPTS 850.5400	ErC <sub>50</sub> = 5.2 10 <sup>-3</sup> (mmc) NOErC = 0.49 10 <sup>-3</sup> (mmc)	S	Palmer et al., 2009 / Dow RI: 1

S: Static; SS: Semi-static; F: Flow-through;

R1/R2 : reliability of the study

mmc: mean measured concentration; nc = nominal concentrations

<sup>a</sup> test was carried out with C(M)IT/ MIT 2.1% instead of 14% in all others ecotoxicity tests

## 5.4.1 Fish

### 5.4.1.1 Short-term toxicity to fish

Results from an acute (96-hour) flow-through and a static toxicity tests with rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and from a flow-through toxicity test with Bluegill sunfish (*Lepomis macrochirus*) indicate that C(M)IT/MIT is very toxic to freshwater fish: 96-hour Trout LC<sub>50</sub> (mean measured concentrations) 0.19 mg a.i./L (Ward and Boeri, 1990a); 96-hour Bluegill LC<sub>50</sub> (mean measured concentrations)= 0.28 mg a.i./L (Ward and Boeri, 1990b); 96-hour Trout LC<sub>50</sub> (nominal) = 0.22 mg a.i./L (Wyness, 1994a). The result of the last study is expressed in nominal concentration as measured concentrations are ranged from 80% to 120% of the nominal values.

Results from an acute (96-hour) flow-through and a static toxicity tests with sheepshead minnow (*Cyprinodon variegatus*) indicate that C(M)IT/MIT is very toxic to saltwater (marine/estuarine) fish 96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> = 0.30 mg a.i./L (Heitmuller et al., 1980); 96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> = 0.48 mg a.i./L (Boeri, 1998). Results for this study are not based on analytically confirmed test concentrations.

Results from a 14-day prolonged toxicity test with rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) indicate that the NOEC in freshwater fish is 0.05 mg a.i./L and the LC50 is 0.09 mg a.i./L (Ward and Boeri, 1991a).

### 5.4.1.2 Long-term toxicity to fish

In an early life stage toxicity test (36 days) with the fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*), the NOEC is 0.02 mg a.i./L based on weight and 0.12 mg a.i./L based on percent survival at hatch, time to hatch, mortality of embryos, mortality of larvae and juveniles and total length (Ward and Boeri, 1991b). In a 28-day juvenile growth test with Rainbow trout, (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), the NOEC is 0.098 mg ai/L (Scheerbaum, 1999).

Results for the studies from the Dow dossier were based on analytically confirmed test concentrations whereas results for the study with rainbow trout from the Thor dossier were based on nominal concentrations.

## 5.4.2 Aquatic invertebrates

### 5.4.2.1 Short-term toxicity to aquatic invertebrates

C(M)IT/MIT is very toxic to freshwater invertebrate, *Daphnia magna*, based on results from an acute flow-through and a static studies indicating a 48-hour EC<sub>50</sub> (mean measured concentrations) = 0.16 mg a.i./L (Ward and Boeri, 1990c), and a 48h-EC50 (nominal) = 0.10 mg ai/L (Mattock 1996).

C(M)IT/MIT is very toxic to saltwater invertebrate, Mysid shrimp (*Americamysis bahia*), based on results from an acute flow-through study indicating a 96h-LC<sub>50</sub> (mean measured concentrations) = 0.282 mg a.i./L (Palmer et al., 2002) and a 96h-LC50 (nominal) = 0.33 mg ai/L (Boeri 1998 b). Results from static acute toxicity tests with a marine copepod (*Acartia tonsa*) indicate a 48h-EC<sub>50</sub> of 0.007 mg a.i./L (Weideborg 1995). Results for these studies are based on nominal test concentrations. Results from a flow through acute toxicity test with *Crassostrea virginica* indicate a 96h-LC<sub>50</sub> (nominal) of 0.041 mg ai/L (Boeri et al. 1998).

### 5.4.2.2 Long-term toxicity to aquatic invertebrates

Results from a flow-through chronic toxicity test with *Daphnia magna* indicate a 21-day NOEC of 0.10 mg a.i./L) for survival, reproduction and length, a LOEC of 0.18 mg a.i./L for survival of first generation daphnids (Ward and Boeri, 1991c). Results from a semi-static chronic toxicity test with *Daphnia magna* indicate a 21-day NOEC of 0.0036 mg a.i./L for survival and reproduction (Mattock 1996). Results for both chronic toxicity studies are based on mean measured test concentrations.



### 5.4.3 Algae and aquatic plants

Both applicants have provided studies on fresh water and marine species. Other isothiazolinones have been assessed in the framework of the biocide product regulation and evaluation of the present algae studies take into account of the consultation and technical meeting/ working group discussion. At first, as other isothiazolinones, C(M)IT/MIT is expected to rapidly react with algal cells and the initial algal density has a large influence on the outcomes of the test. Therefore initial cells density of each study has carefully been checked and only studies carried out with the initial density recommended in the guideline have been considered as reliable. Additionally, endpoints of each study have been daily assessed to determine the most sensitive period on which endpoints should be chosen. At last depending of the relevant period, endpoints are expressed as initial measured concentrations or as geometric mean of measured concentrations.

Dow provided three growth inhibition tests on algae. The tests are carried out with test concentrations ranging from 4.9 to 320 µg ai/L for the test on *Selenastrum capricornutum* (Boeri et al., 1995a), from 0.35 to 22 µg ai/L for the test on the marine algae *Skeletonema costatum* (Boeri et al., 1995b) and from 0.82 to 27 µg/ ai/L for the second test on marine algae (Palmer et al., 2009).

Despite validity criteria were met, , the test on *Selenastrum capricornutum* was considered reliable with restriction due to the low sensitivity of the analytical method: analytical data indicate that the test substance cannot be quantified by the end of the study. Moreover, analyses of the five highest tested concentrations (20, 39, 78, 160, 320 µg ai/L) at the test initiation indicate that the nominal and measured concentrations are in close agreement but the two lowest concentrations (4.9 and 9.9 µg a.i./L) have not be proven to be really achieved at least at T0 in the test media. Statistics indicate that endpoints are the lowest after the first 24 hours of exposure. To have the same approach as for other isothiazolinones, the selected endpoint should have been derived as a function of initial measured concentration. Nevertheless, analytical data indicate that endpoints concentrations are below the limit of quantification at the beginning of the test and LOQ/2 (4.955 µg ai/L) has therefore been chosen as NOEC.

The first test on marine algae (Boeri et al., 1995b) was considered unreliable (reliability index of 3): analytical data indicate that the test substance cannot be quantified by the end of the study for all test concentrations except for the highest one (22 µg/L). Therefore, endpoints based on the nominal concentrations are considered as not reliable.

The second test on *Skeletonema costatum* (Palmer et al., 2009) asked for the applicant with strong analytical measurements was considered by RMS as reliable without restriction even if all validity criteria were met. Six concentrations were tested (initial measured concentration: 0.82, 1.6, 3.4, 6.6, 13.5, 27 µg ai/L). The concentrations in the test media were measured at every time (0, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours) and the analysis showed that levels of the active substance rapidly declined. Even at 48h, the concentrations decreased to a value below the limit of quantification (LOQ) in all test concentrations except the two highest concentrations which had measured concentrations that were 38% and 7 % of nominal, respectively 12 and 24 µg a.i./L. Statistics indicate that endpoints are the lowest after the first 48 hours of exposure. Because of the fast dissipation of the active substance and as measured concentrations are available, it appears reasonable to choose endpoints based on measured concentrations, leading to NOE<sub>r</sub>C 48h = 0.49 µg a.i.

Thor initially provided growth inhibition tests on algae: the toxicity of Acticide® 14 to the fresh water algal species *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* and the marine algae species *Skeletonema costatum* (Wyness, 1994 d) was investigated according to EPA Guideline Subdiv. J, Series 122. Parameters investigated were growth rate and biomass increase. In the first study, the growth factor in the control was lower than the growth factor required in the OECD Guideline. According to OECD Guideline 201 increase in cell counts in the control should be at least a factor 16 within 3 days for the freshwater algae. This validity criterion was not met for the *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* test. Moreover the initial inoculum was 10<sup>3</sup> cells/mL instead of 10<sup>4</sup>

cells/mL. In the second study (marine species), no measure of concentration of C(M)IT / MIT had been carried out in and the test was considered as not reliable.

A new study was carried out according the OECD Guideline 201 (Scheerbaum, 2008). Parameters investigated were biomass, growth rate and yield over a period of 72 and 96 hours. The test was conducted under static conditions. All validity criteria were met. Nine concentrations (0.005, 0.01, 0.02, 0.04, 0.08, 0.16, 0.32, 0.64, 1.28 mg a.i./L) were tested with three replicates for each concentration and six replicates for control. The measured initial concentrations well met the nominal concentrations of C(M)IT and MIT. At the end of the study C(M)IT and MIT could be detected only in the 2 and 3 higher test concentrations. After 96h algae were transferred from the nominal concentrations of 0.64-1.28 mg a.i./l and control to fresh untreated medium and allowed to grow for further 5 days under test conditions. The test item effect was observed to be reversible at these test concentrations. Statistics indicate that the lowest NOEC and EC50 are derived at 72 hours, which is therefore considered as the most sensitive period of this study. Because the fast dissipation of the active substance at the range concentrations of the NOEC, and as measured concentrations are available, it appears reasonable to choose endpoints based on mean measured concentrations. Therefore  $NOEC_{C\ 72h} = 1.16\ \mu\text{g a.i./L}$ .

#### 5.4.4 Other aquatic organisms (including sediment)

**Table 5.4-2: Toxicity of C(M)IT/ MIT to freshwater sediment-dwelling invertebrates**

Method		Results (mg a.i./kg dry sediment)	Remarks	Reference
Toxicity to sediment dwelling organisms	( <i>Chironomus riparius</i> - 28d) OECD 218 "	NOEC = 7.03 (mmc)	28 day development rate	Aufderheide, 2006 / Dow RI = 1
	( <i>Lumbriculus variegatus</i> - 28d) Draft OECD Sediment-water <i>Lumbriculus</i> Toxicity test using Spiked Sediment Guideline, September 2006	0.37 < EC <sub>50</sub> < 0.46 (mmc) NOEC = 0.27 (mmc)	28 day survival	Thomas et al, 2007 / Dow RI = 2
	( <i>Hyalella azteca</i> - 28d) US EPA OPPTS 850.1735, ATSM E 1706-00	1.83 < EC <sub>50</sub> < 6.34 (mmc) NOEC = 1.11 (mmc)	28 day survival	Thomas, 2008 / Dow RI = 2

mmc: mean measured concentration;  
R1/R2 : reliability of the study

In the Dow dossier, chronic toxicity studies are carried out on freshwater midge *Chironomus riparius*, on endobenthic oligochaete *Lumbriculus variegatus* and on freshwater amphipod *Hyalella azteca*. The results of the three tests on *Chironomus riparius*, *Lumbriculus variegatus* and *Hyalella azteca* are based on geometric mean of measured concentration on sediment samples. When analytical method is not sensitive enough to quantify the test substance by the end of the study (e.g. tests on *Lumbriculus variegatus* and *Hyalella azteca*), the concentration has been taken as half of the limit of quantification of the analytical method.. As results from the most sensitive species are provided only at the end of the test (28 days), the relevant endpoint based on nominal concentration is the NOEC (28d, survival, nominal) = 2.0 mg a.i./kg dry weight. This value based on measured concentration is considered as the relevant endpoint: NOEC (28d, survival, initial) = 0.27 mg a.i./kg dry weight.

Only one test on sediment dwelling organisms was presented by Thor. A test on the development of *Chironomus riparius* in a water-sediment system was carried out according to BBA-guideline proposal. This study cannot be accepted because the concentrations of C(M)IT and MIT are not detectable. The mean measured concentrations of MIT on day 0 were > 80% for all concentration levels of the aqueous phase. The recoveries for C(M)IT on day 0 were > 80% for concentration levels from 10-40 mg/l. Below 10 mg/l the recoveries were 0-68%. With progress of the study the recoveries of the aqueous phase showed a decreasing tendency for both active ingredients after 7 days and after 28 days none of them was detectable. No explanation is available.

## 5.5 Comparison with criteria for environmental hazards (sections 5.1 – 5.4)

Regarding all available toxicity data, algae are the most sensitive species for acute and chronic effects. These results are used to classify the active substance C(M)IT/MIT.

Considering that the 48h-EC50 = 5.2 µg/L value was obtained for *Skeletonema costatum* is lower than 1 mg/L, C(M)IT/MIT meets the criteria for classification as **Aquatic Acute 1** for environmental hazard according to CLP criteria. This value is extracted from a recent study dated on 2009, for which FR-MSCA considers sufficient information available to be considered. As this value is within the range of 0.001-0.01 mg/L, an **M-factor of 100** is allocated.

The ready biodegradation studies provided by Dow show that C(M)IT is readily biodegradable but failing the 10-day window and MIT is not readily biodegradable, although a significant biodegradation occurred (around 50% at 28 days). Several concentrations of C(M)IT or MIT were tested indicating that even with low concentrations some toxicity occurred. In the study provided by Thor, the threshold for ready biodegradation is reached, however, the origin of the inoculum does not allow to confirm that the inoculum was not adapted. The fast biodegradability of the active substance is supported by the sewage treatment plant simulation study, showing a complete degradation of CMIT and a remaining fraction of MIT in the effluent similar to the fraction determined through Simple Treat Model for a ready biodegradable substance. Nevertheless, according to Guidance on the Application of the CLP Criteria (version 4.0, November 2013) results from such tests cannot be used for the classification as the microbial biomass in STP is significantly different from the biomass in the environment.

An active substance can be considered to be rapidly degradable if ultimate biodegradation reached 70% after 28 days, corresponding to a half life below 16 days. These thresholds were not achieved in the available aquatic simulation tests (Table 5.5-1). According to the section 4.1.2.9.3 from the Annex I of the Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, “primary biodegradation does not normally suffice in the assessment of rapid degradability unless it can be demonstrated that the degradation products do not fulfill the criteria for classification as hazardous to the aquatic environment”. The threshold for rapid degradation was obtained for the primary biodegradation in the estuarine water studies and in the water sediment studies. In the estuarine studies, relevant metabolites have been shown to be readily biodegradable and not toxic in acute aquatic tests (see in Annex Additional information on C(M)IT/MIT degradation products). The results of the water sediment study could be used for the classification because of the low adsorption properties of the active substance. However, in the Thor studies, relevant metabolites were detected but not identified. In the Dow studies, no relevant metabolite was detected for C(M)IT and the two identified relevant metabolites of MIT were considered as not toxic according to QSAR predictions. But whatever the Registrant and the tested substance, large amounts of bound residues were observed in each of the provided water sediment study. Moreover, the worst cases half life for primary biodegradation in marine water were over 16 days. At last, QSAR predictions indicate that C(M)IT and MIT are not expected to be readily biodegradable. Therefore in a weight of evidence approach, C(M)IT/ MIT should be considered as not rapidly degradable.

**Table 5.5-1 : Results of aquatic degradation simulation studies**

Compartment	Substance	Applicant	Primary degradation	Formed CO <sub>2</sub>	Relevant metabolite	Toxicity of relevant metabolite
Estuarine	C(M)IT	Dow	DT <sub>50,12°C</sub> ≤ 5.82 d	<28% after 5 d	n-malonamic acid	Ready biodegradable and not toxic for aquatic species
	MIT	Dow	DT <sub>50,12°C</sub> ≤ 2.63 d	<1%	N-methyl malonamic acid	Ready biodegradable and not toxic for aquatic species
Marine	C(M)IT	Worst case	DT <sub>50,9°C</sub> > 16d			
	MIT	Worst case	DT <sub>50,9°C</sub> > 16d			
Water sediment	C(M)IT	Dow	DT <sub>50,12°C</sub> ≤ 2.47 d (whole system)	<20% at 30 d	No but large amount of bound residues	
		Thor	DT <sub>50,12°C</sub> ≤ 3.86 d (whole system)	<27% at 58 d	Two not identified metabolites in sediment + large amount of bound residues	
	MIT	Dow	DT <sub>50,12°C</sub> ≤ 2.7 d (système entier)	<28% at 30 d	2-(methylcarbamoyl) ethene sulfonic acid and 2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid + large amount of bound residues	Not toxic for aquatic species according to QSAR predictions
		Thor	DT <sub>50,12°C</sub> ≤ 2.47 d (système entier)	<43% at 100 d	One not identified metabolite + large amount of bound residues	

Considering that C(M)IT/MIT is not rapidly degradable and that the 48d-NOEC = 0.49 µg/L value obtained for *Skeletonema costatum* is lower than 0.1 mg/L, C(M)IT/MIT meets the criteria for classification as **Aquatic Chronic 1** for environmental hazard according to CLP criteria. As the value is within the range of 0.0001-0.001 mg/L, an **M-factor of 100** is allocated.

## 5.6 Conclusions on classification and labelling for environmental hazards (sections 5.1 – 5.4)

**According to CLP Regulation criteria:**

### Classification:

Aquatic Acute 1; H400  
 Aquatic Chronic 1; H410  
 Acute M-factor: 100  
 Chronic M-factor: 100

### Labelling:



Pictogram:

Signal word: Warning

Hazard statements: H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects

## 6 ANNEX: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON C(M)IT/MIT DEGRADATION PRODUCTS

The major metabolites of C(M)IT/MIT have been identified and described in section 5.1.

These are the following biodegradation products:

- N-methyl malonamic acid (NMMA);
- 2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid;
- 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-ethene sulfonic acid;
- 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-1-oxo-ethane sulfinic acid;
- 2-methyl-isothiazoline-3,5-dione;

It is currently assumed that 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-ethene sulfonic acid and 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-1-oxo-ethane sulfinic acid are probably in fact isomers.

Among the major metabolites of C(M)IT/MIT identified in simulation tests one of them has been tested in ecotoxicological tests: N-(methyl) malonamic acid (NMMA).

Two other ring-cleaved degradation products: N-methyl acetamide (NMA) and malonamic acid (MA) are also tested in aquatic ecotoxicological tests, although they are not found above 10% of the applied radioactivity in any simulation tests.

The results of these ecotoxicological tests (fish, daphnids, algae) are summarized in section 6.1 below.

For the other metabolites, which are not tested, the potential ecotoxicity is evaluated by QSARs. Results of the QSARs evaluations are summarized in section 6.2 below

### 6.1 C(M)IT/MIT metabolites aquatic toxicity: measured values

Rainbow trout, *Daphnia magna* and algal acute toxicity data are available for NMMA (N-methyl malonamic acid), NMA (N-methyl acetamide) and MA (malonamic acid). The results of the tests are summarized below (Table 6.1-1, Table 6.1-2 and Table 6.1-3).

NMMA is practically non-toxic to the rainbow trout (96-hour  $LC_{50} > 1000$  mg a.i./L; Madsen, 2002 a), practically non-toxic to *Daphnia magna* (48-hour  $LC_{50} > 986$  mg a.i./L; Rhodes, 2002 b), and slightly toxic to *Selenastrum* (96-hour  $E_rC_{50} = 128$  mg a.i./L; Madsen, 2002 e).

NMA is practically non-toxic to the rainbow trout (96-hour  $LC_{50} > 694$  mg a.i./L; Rhodes, 2002 a), practically non-toxic to *Daphnia magna* (48-hour  $LC_{50} > 863$  mg a.i./L; Madsen, 2002 c), and moderately toxic to *Selenastrum* (72-hour  $E_rC_{50} 5.8$  mg a.i./L; Rhodes, 2002 c).

MA is practically non-toxic to the rainbow trout (96-hour  $LC_{50} > 1000$  mg a.i./L; Madsen, 2002 b), practically non-toxic to *Daphnia magna* (48-hour  $LC_{50} > 1000$  mg a.i./L; study Madsen, 2002 d), and practically non-toxic to *Selenastrum* (96-hour  $E_rC_{50} > 1080$  mg a.i./L; study Madsen, 2002 f).

The three metabolites tested are therefore considered as less toxic than parent molecules.

**Table 6.1-1 : Acute toxicity of NMMA, NMA and MA to fish**

Method	Results mg/L	Remarks	Reference / Owner
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> – 96h OECD 203, US EPA OPPTS 850.1075, US EPA 797.1400, US EPA 72-1, and EC Council Directive 91/414/EC	LC <sub>50</sub> >1000 (nc)	S Test substance : = N-methyl malonic acid	Madsen, 2002 a/ Dow RI: 1
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> – 96h OECD 203, US EPA OPPTS 850.1075, US EPA 797.1400, US EPA 72-1, and EC Council Directive 91/414/EC	LC <sub>50</sub> >694 (mmc)	S Test substance = N-methyl acetamide RI: 1	Rhodes, 2002 a / Dow RI: 1
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> – 96h OECD 203, US EPA OPPTS 850.1075, US EPA 797.1400, US EPA 72-1, and EC Council Directive 91/414/EC	LC <sub>50</sub> >1000 (nc )	S Test substance = malonic acid RI: 1	Madsen, 2002 b/ Dow RI: 1

S: Static; SS: Semi-static; F: Flow-through;  
R1/R2 : reliability of the study  
mmc: mean measured concentration; nc = nominal concentrations

**Table 6.1-2 Acute toxicity of NMMA, NMA and MA to aquatic invertebrates**

Method	Results mg/L	Remarks	Reference / Owner
<i>Daphnia magna</i> -48h OECD 202, US EPA OPPTS 850.1010, US EPA 797.1300, US EPA 72-2, and EC Council Directive 91/414/EC	EC <sub>50</sub> >>863 (mmc)	S Test substance = N-methyl acetamide	Madsen, 2002 c/ Dow RI: 2
<i>Daphnia magna</i> -48h OECD 202, US EPA OPPTS 850.1010, US EPA 797.1300, US EPA 72-2, and EC Council Directive 91/414/EC	EC <sub>50</sub> >>986 (mmc)	S Test substance : = N-methyl malonic acid	Rhodes, 2002 b / Dow RI: 1
<i>Daphnia magna</i> -48h OECD 202, US EPA OPPTS 850.1010, US EPA 797.1300, US EPA 72-2, and EC Council Directive 91/414/EC	EC <sub>50</sub> >1000 (nc )	S Test substance = malonic acid	Madsen, 2002 d/ Dow RI: 1

S: Static; SS: Semi-static; F: Flow-through;  
R1/R2 : reliability of the study  
mmc: mean measured concentration; nc = nominal concentrations

**Table 6.1-3 Acute toxicity of NMMA, NMA and MA to algae**

Method	Results mg/L	Remarks	Reference / Owner
<i>Selenastrum Capricornutum</i> 96h OECD 201, US EPA OPPTS 850.5400	$E_rC_{50} = 128$ (nc) NOEC = 36 (nc)	S Test substance : = N-methyl malonic acid	Madsen, 2002 e/ Dow RI:1
<i>Selenastrum Capricornutum</i> 72h OECD 201, US EPA OPPTS 850.5400	$E_rC_{50} = 5.8$ (nc) NOEC = 0.51 (nc)	S Test substance = N-methyl acetamide	Rhodes, 2002 c / Dow RI:2
<i>Selenastrum Capricornutum</i> 96h OECD Guideline 201, US EPA OPPTS 850.5400, US EPA TSCA 797.1050, US EPA FIFRA 122-2 and 123-2, EC Council Directive 67/548/EEC	$E_rC_{50} > 1080$ (mmc) NOEC = 519 (mmc)	S Test substance = malonic acid	Madsen, 2002 f/ Dow RI:1

S: Static; SS: Semi-static; F: Flow-through;

R1/R2 : reliability of the study

mmc: mean measured concentration; nc = nominal concentrations

## 6.1.1 C(M)IT/MIT metabolites aquatic toxicity: calculated values (QSARs)

### 6.1.1.1 QSARs for key metabolites: NMMA, NMA and MA

Ready biodegradability tests and acute toxicity tests on the three trophic levels (fish, invertebrates and algae) are available for the three key metabolites (NMMA, NMA and MA) and have been summarized in sections 4.1.1.2.2 and 4.3.1 above. Quantitative Structure Activity Relationship (QSAR) modelling is employed to derive specific environmental fate parameters including water solubility, biodegradability, vapour pressure, Log Kow and Koc (as possible). Additionally, ecotoxicology parameters including fish 96-hour LC50 values, invertebrates 48-hour LC50s and algal 96-hour  $E_rC_{50}$ s are also estimated. The USEPA's EPI Suite v 4.00 and ECOSAR models<sup>2</sup> are used for the QSAR analysis.

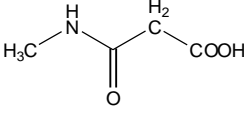
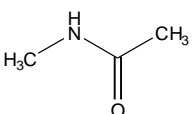
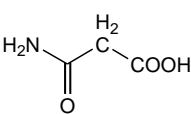
QSAR estimates for environmental fate and ecotoxicological parameters for the C(M)IT/MIT metabolites (NMMA, NMA and MA) are compared with measured data. The data presented in the table below illustrate that the measured and estimated ecotoxicity data for NMMA, NMA and MA are comparable within the accepted bounds of QSAR analyses; these 3 metabolites are several orders of magnitude less toxic than parent. Additionally, the results of the biodegradability studies for NMMA, NMA and MA agree with the QSAR estimates for biodegradability, i.e., that the compounds are readily biodegradable.

For NMMA, NMA and MA, the predicted and measured ecotoxicity endpoints for fish, aquatic invertebrates and algae are all indicate of very low toxicity to these organisms. While the actual estimated and measured L(E)C50 values are not statistically correlated, it is important to note that in the measured data, the toxicity

<sup>2</sup> Meylan, W.M. and P.H. Howard. (1999a), User's Guide for EPIWIN, EPI suite: EPI-Estimation programs interface for Microsoft Windows. Syracuse Research Corporation, North Syracuse, NY. 33 pp. Software at [http://www.syrres.com/esc/est\\_soft.htm](http://www.syrres.com/esc/est_soft.htm).

endpoint is expressed as greater than the highest dose tested in virtually all cases, with two exceptions, that of the algal response to N-(methyl) malonamic and N-methyl acetamide. In that instance the measured 96-hour  $E_rC50$  value equals 128 mg/L and 5.8 mg/L respectively, a concentration orders of magnitude greater than that measured for the parent C(M)IT and/or MIT molecules.

**Table 6.1-4:: QSAR Estimated Values for C(M)IT/MIT Metabolites**

			
Chemical Name	N-methyl malonamic acid	N-methyl acetamide	malonamic acid
SMILES Notation	CNC(CC(O)=O)=O	CNC(C)=O	NC(CC(O)=O)=O
Environmental compartment(s)	Water	Water	Water
Molecular Weight	117.11	73.10	103.08
Vapor Pressure (Pa at 25°C)	0.01866	32.26	0.0329
Water Solubility(at 25°C, mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	1E+06	1E+06	1E+06
$K_H$ (at 25°C, Pa·m <sup>3</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	1.85E-08	2.49E-03	8.43E-09
Log $K_{ow}$	-1.4419	-0.6962	-1.9078
Koc (L/kg)	1	3.5	1
BCF	3.162	3.162	3.162
Ready Biodegradability	Yes	Yes	Yes
Primary Biodegradation	Hours-Days	Days	Hours-Days
Ultimate Biodegradation	Days-Weeks (Yes)	Weeks (Yes)	Days-Weeks (Yes)
Fish 96-Hr LC50 (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	Amides Acid 7.95E+04	Amides 1.28E+03	Amides 1.64E+05
	Neutral Organic 7.38E+04	Neutral Organic 1.08E+04	Neutral Organic 1.61E+05
	(> 1000)	(> 694)	(> 1000)
Daphnid 48-Hr LC50 (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	Amides Acid 1.36E+04	Amides 283.4	Amides 2.39E+04
	Neutral Organic 2.81E+04	Neutral Organic 4.49E+03	Neutral Organic 5.79E+04
	> 986)	(> 863)	(> 1000)
Green Algae 96-Hr EC50 (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	Amides Acid 23.41	Amides 0.91	Amides Acid 27.8
	Neutral Organic 2.95E+03	Neutral Organic 639.6	Neutral Organic 5.02E+03
	( $E_rC50$ : 128)	( $E_rC50$ : > 5.8)	( $E_rC50$ :>1031.81)
Terrestrial organism(s)	No available QSAR	No available QSAR	No available QSAR

Values in parentheses reflect experimental data

ECOSAR -Amides : Fish n = 12 and  $R^2 = 0.9275$ . Daphnids n = 9 and  $R^2 = 0.7848$ . Green algae n = 3

ECOSAR -Neutral organic: Fish n = 388 and  $R^2 = 0.8753$ . Daphnids n = 152 and  $R^2 = 0.07712$ . Green algae n = 62 and  $R^2 = 0.05956$



### **6.1.2 QSAR for 2-methyl-isothiazoline-3,5-dione, 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-1-oxo-ethane sulfinic acid, 2-(methylcarbamoyl)- ethene sulfonic acid and 2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid**

Initial QSAR studies are conducted to validate the QSAR model accuracy with regard to the isothiazolone chemistry class. QSAR estimates for environmental fate and ecotoxicologic parameters for 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (C(M)IT) and 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (MIT) are compared against measured data.

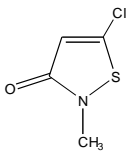
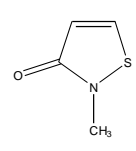
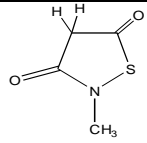
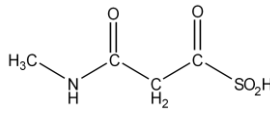
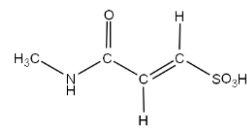
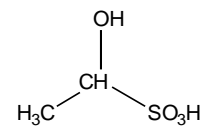
The estimated ecotoxicity values for C(M)IT and MIT are comparable to the measured toxicity endpoints in fish, aquatic invertebrates and algae. The QSAR is therefore considered predictive of the aquatic ecotoxicity of the isothiazolone chemistry class in general and especially for 2-methyl-isothiazoline-3,5-dione.

For these metabolites, 2-(methylcarbamoyl)-1-oxo-ethane sulfinic acid, 2-(methylcarbamoyl)- ethene sulfonic acid, 2-methyl-isothiazoline-3,5-dione and 2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid, the QSARs indicate that the metabolites will not persist with half-lives ranging from “days” to “days-weeks”. The probability of rapid biodegradation indicated by the model is high, indicative of a significant potential for rapid degradation in the environment. The estimated degradation rates are considered somewhat conservative. For both C(M)IT and MIT QSAR estimates for primary degradation are days – weeks when measured  $DT_{50}$  values in water sediment and soil systems for both C(M)IT and MIT are generally in the hours range thereby supporting the indication that the QSAR estimates are indeed conservative. Likewise then it can be inferred that the degradation rates of the metabolites are similarly conservative and that the potential for persistence of the metabolites is negligible. This is confirmed by the transient nature of these metabolites, as observed in simulation tests.

The calculated L(E)C50 for the other 4 major metabolites which are not tested in ecotoxicological tests, indicate a low potential for toxic effects to aquatic organisms. The calculated L(E)C50 for this substances are orders of magnitude lower than the L(E)C50 calculated (and measured) for parent compounds.

For all the metabolites, the estimated Log Kow values are clearly indicative of a negligible potential for bioaccumulation. The estimated BCF values support the conclusion of a negligible potential for bioaccumulation

Table 6.1-5: QSAR Estimated Values for C(M)IT/MIT Metabolites

						
Chemical Name	5-Chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one	2-Methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one	2-methyl-isothiazoline-3,5-dione	2-(methylcarbamoyl)-1-oxoethane sulfonic acid	2-(methylcarbamoyl)ethene sulfonic acid	2-hydroxyethane sulfonic acid
SMILES Notation	<chem>O=C1C=C(Cl)SN1C</chem>	<chem>O=C1C=CSN1C</chem>	<chem>O=C(N(C)S1)C([H])([H])C1=O</chem>	<chem>CNC(=O)CC(=O)(S(=O)=O)</chem>	<chem>CN([H])C(=O)\C([H])=C([H])\S(=O)(O)=O</chem>	<chem>CC(O)S(=O)(=O)(O)</chem>
Environmental compartment	Water Soil	Water Soil	Soil (18.4% at day 1, 9% at day 5)	Soil (C(M)IT degradation study: 30.2% at day 1, 6% at day 30; MIT degradation study: 21.4% at day 1, 2.7% at day 30)	Water (6.5% at day 3, 2.8% at day 30) Soil (29% at day 1, 3% at day 30)	Water (6.5% at day 3, 2.8% at day 30)
Molecular Weight	149.60	115.15	131.15	165.16	165.16	126.13
Vapor Pressure (Pa at 25°C)	0.7199 (1.30)	4.133 (0.73)	0.171	1.44E-03	4.9E-06	0.0122
Water Solubility(at 25°C, mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	3.226E+05 (> 2000)	9.5876E+05 (>1000 g L <sup>-1</sup> )	1E+06	1E+06	1E+06	1E+06
K <sub>H</sub> (at 25°C, Pa·m <sup>3</sup> ·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	3.61E-03	5.02E-03	2.26E-04	5.57E-08	7.51E-10	6.19E-08
Log K <sub>ow</sub>	-0.34 (0.401)	-0.8323 (-0.486)	-1.2329	-3.31	-3.63	-3.43
K <sub>oc</sub>	19.38 (30 – 310)	12.08 (K <sub>f</sub> in sludge: 6.12)	1	10	1	1
BCF	3.162 (11 – 51)	3.162 (2.32)	3.162	3.162	3.162	3.162
Ready Biodegradability Primary Biodegradation Ultimate Biodegradation	No Days-Weeks Weeks-Months (Not ready biodegradable although some biodegradation occurs)	No Days - Weeks Weeks (Biodegradable, failing the 10-day window)	No Days -Weeks Weeks	No Days-Weeks Weeks	No Days Weeks	No Days Days-Weeks
Fish 96-Hr LC50 (mg·L <sup>-1</sup> )	Isothiazolones 2.76  Amides 1.37E+03.	Isothiazolones 3.79  Amides 2.58E+03.	Amides 6.09E+03  Neutral organic 5.50E+04	Amides 3.34E+05  Neutral organic 3.96E+06	Acrylamides acid 5.63+04  Amides Acid 6.08E+06	Neutral Organic acid 5.82E+07

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	Neutral Organic 1.10E+04  (0.09-0.28)	Neutral Organic 2.21E+04  (-0.09-0.28)			Neutral organic 7.45E+06	
<i>Daphnid 48-Hr LC50 (mg·L<sup>-1</sup>)</i>	Isothiazolones 3.49  Amides 342.87  Neutral Organic 4.79E+03  (0.10-0.16)	Isothiazolones 4.67  Amides 545.74.  Neutral Organic 9.06E+03  0.10-0.16)	Amides 1.22E+03  Neutral organic 2.15E+04	Amides 3.01E+04  Neutral organic 1.19E+04	Acrylamides acid 7.47E+04  Amides Acid 4.89E+05  Neutral organic 2.18E+06	Neutral Organic acid 1.47E+07
<i>Green Algae 96-Hr EC50 (mg·L<sup>-1</sup>)</i>	Isothiazolones 0.37  Amides 1.48  Neutral Organic 790.11  (E <sub>r</sub> C50: 10.7-53.5 µg/L)	Isothiazolones 0.326  Amides 1.56.  Neutral Organic 1.22E+03  (E <sub>r</sub> C50: 10.7-53.5µg/L)	Amides 2.29  Neutral organic 2.46E+03  (E <sub>r</sub> C50:>1080)	Amides 10.9  Neutral organic 5.50E+04	Amides Acid 134.75  Neutral organic 9.30E+04	Neutral Organic acid 6.60E+05
<i>Terrestrial organism(s) Earthworm 14d LC50</i>	No available QSAR		No available QSAR	No available QSAR	No available QSAR	Neutral Organic acid 8.02E+04

Values in parentheses reflect measured data for C(M)IT/ MIT.

ECOSAR -Isothiazolones Fish n = 4 and R<sup>2</sup> = 0.8634. Daphnids n = 2. Green algae n = 2

ECOSAR -Amides : Fish n = 12 and R<sup>2</sup> = 0.9275. Daphnids n = 9 and R<sup>2</sup> = 0.7848. Green algae n = 3

ECOSAR -Neutral organic: Fish n = 388 and R<sup>2</sup> = 0.8753. Daphnids n = 152 and R<sup>2</sup> = 0.0.7712. Green algae n = 62 and R<sup>2</sup> = 0.0.5956

ECOSAR -Acrylamids Fish n = 8 and R<sup>2</sup> = 0.983. Daphnids n = 3 and R<sup>2</sup> = 0.9932.

### 6.1.3 Conclusion on C(M)IT/MIT degradation products

According to the TGD reduced lipophilicity may be one indication that the metabolites are less harmful than the parent compound. Preliminary information on toxicity are obtained with the help of measured Kow values and QSAR predictions for postulated and identified metabolites.

Based on actual tests or calculations, the major metabolites of C(M)IT/MIT are expected to be of low toxicity to aquatic organisms and by several orders of magnitude less toxic than parent compounds. Additionally, the major metabolites are anticipated to be quickly biodegraded in the environment and will not likely bioaccumulate. Based on this lack of persistence, low potential for bioaccumulation and the low toxicity, it is concluded that the potential for adverse environmental effects in response to exposures to the C(M)IT/MIT metabolites is considered negligible..

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