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Evaluation of active substances

**Assessment Report** 



# **Burnt Dolomitic Lime**

Product Type 3 (Veterinary hygiene)

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#### 1. STATEMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER AND PURPOSE

#### 1.1. Procedure followed

This assessment report has been established as a result of the evaluation of the active substance burnt dolomitic lime as Product Type 3 (Veterinary hygiene), carried out in the context of the work programme for the review of existing active substances provided for in Article 89 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, with a view to the possible approval of this substance.

Burnt dolomitic lime (CAS no. 37247-91-9) was notified as an existing active substance, by the European Lime Association (EuLA), hereafter referred to as the applicant, in Product Type 3.

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1062/2014 of 4 August 2014<sup>1</sup> lays down the detailed rules for the evaluation of dossiers and for the decision-making process.

On 27/02/2006 the UK Competent Authority received a dossier from EuLA. The Rapporteur Member State accepted the dossier as complete for the purpose of the evaluation on 08/08/2006.

On 19/09/2011, the Rapporteur Member State submitted to the Commission and the applicant a copy of the evaluation report, hereafter referred to as the competent authority report.

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

# 1.2. Purpose of the assessment report

The aim of the assessment report is to support the opinion of the Biocidal Products Committee and a decision on the approval of burnt dolomitic lime for Product Type 3, and, should it be approved, to facilitate the authorisation of individual biocidal products. In the evaluation of applications for product authorisation, the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 shall be applied, in particular the provisions of Chapter IV, as well as the common principles laid down in Annex VI.

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) No 1062/2014 of 4 August 2014 on the work programme for the systematic examination of all existing active substances contained in biocidal products referred to in Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council. OJ L 294, 10.10.2014, p. 1 3

#### 2. OVERALL SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

#### 2.1. Presentation of the active substance

# 2.1.1. Identity, physico-chemical properties & methods of analysis

Burnt dolomitic lime is the common name for calcium magnesium oxide which does not consist of discrete molecules, but crystallises in a 3-dimensional ion lattice. In this dossier CaO·MgO is used as a "molecular formula" for burnt dolomitic lime. The Ca/Mg ratio is not constant for different sources of Limestone (precursor for burnt dolomitic lime). The main identification characteristics and the physico-chemical properties of burnt dolomitic lime are given in Appendix I to this document.

There are a number of common analytical techniques available to quantify the four supported lime variants (burnt lime, burnt dolomitic lime, hydrated dolomitic lime, hydrated lime) as manufactured. All impurities, except water, are natural constituents of limestone and will vary depending on the local environment during the formation of the limestone. The impurities are analytically determined as elements but calculated and expressed as oxides. A specification has been provided, along with a sample Certificate of Analysis (CoA). All Members of the EuLA who have not already done so will provide CoA six months before product Authorisation.

#### 2.1.2. Intended uses and efficacy

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

Burnt dolomitic lime is used as a disinfectant for the treatment of manure and other digestive tract contents (PT 3). The function of burnt dolomitic lime is to kill viruses, bacteria and parasites present in the media to which it is applied. In addition, in order to facilitate the work of Member States in granting or reviewing authorisations, the intended uses of the substance, as identified during the evaluation process, are listed in <a href="Appendix II">Appendix II</a>.

# **2.1.3.** Classification and labelling of the active substance

Burnt dolomitic lime is not currently included in Annex VI of Regulation EC/1272/2008 (Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation). Based upon this review, the UK CA proposes the following classification for burnt dolomitic lime. This is given in the following table in accordance with the CLP Regulation. It is noted that the UK CA proposals are in agreement with that of the Applicant.

Table 2.1 Proposed classification of burnt dolomitic lime based on CLP Regulation

| Pictogram | Signal Word | Hazard Class and<br>Category | Hazard Statement                       |
|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| GHS05     | Danger      | Skin Irrit. 2                | H315: Causes skin irritation           |
|           |             | Eye Dam. 1                   | H318: Causes serious eye damage        |
|           |             | STOT SE 3                    | H335: May cause respiratory irritation |

# 2.2. Summary of the risk assessment

#### 2.2.1. Human health risk assessment

#### 2.2.1.1. Hazard identification and effects assessment

#### Introduction

The active substance burnt dolomitic lime, is practically identical to the biocidal product 'Neutralac QM'. Burnt dolomitic lime is used as a disinfectant for the treatment of manure and other digestive tract contents (PT 3). The function of burnt dolomitic lime is to kill viruses, bacteria and parasites present in the media to which it is applied. This is achieved through an increase in alkalinity and temperature and a decrease in water availability. Disinfectant products based on burnt dolomitic lime are used only by professional workers in specific treatment areas.

There are four structurally related lime compounds under review. These are: hydrated lime, burnt lime, hydrated dolomitic lime and burnt dolomitic lime. As they all share similar toxicological properties, in the risk assessment, where appropriate, they have been considered together.

As explained in chapter 3 of Document IIA and in section 1.1.2 below, the toxicological local effects of burnt dolomitic lime are driven by the formation (when reacting with moisture on the external surfaces of the human body) of calcium oxide (burnt lime) and the generation of the hydroxide ion.

Calcium oxide (burnt lime) forms slightly more hydroxide ions per unit mass than those liberated from calcium hydroxide (hydrated lime) and develops heat by reaction with water (which leads to desiccation of the exposed tissues over and above the pH-related effects caused by the hydroxide ions). Therefore, burnt lime is predicted to be more potent than hydrated lime. With regard to the dolomitic variants, as they contain only 2/3 (67 %) of calcium oxide/hydroxide with 1/3 (33 %) being the insoluble, unreactive and undissociable magnesium oxide/hydroxide, they produce less severe effects than the non-dolomitic forms.

Overall, therefore, in relation to local effects, of the four active substances under review, burnt lime represents the worst-case. With regard to exposure, the intended uses of the four substances and their physico-chemical similarity are such that equivalent exposure estimates can be predicted for all four active substances. However, similarly to the hazard side, as burnt lime is the dustiest of the four substances, higher exposures may occur for burnt lime. Hence, a local risk assessment performed with the hazard and exposure data of burnt lime will represent the worst-case and encompass burnt dolomitic lime. The risk characterisation for local effects follows the principles agreed by the Biocides Technical Meeting and described in the Technical Guidance Document for Risk Characterisation of Local Effects. A local risk assessment is conducted by comparing external exposure concentrations with the derived Acceptable Exposure Concentration (AEC) = N(L)OAEC/overall assessment factor (AF). Risks are considered acceptable if the external exposure concentration is < AEC.

As indicated in chapter 3 of Document IIA and in section 1.1.2 below, the toxicological systemic effects of burnt dolomitic lime are driven by its calcium and magnesium content. Calcium and magnesium are natural constituents of the body and essential elements of the human diet. Tolerable Upper oral intake Levels (UL) for calcium and magnesium have been established by the EU Scientific Committee on Food (SCF). These are 2500 mg total calcium/person/day (SCF, 2003) and 250 mg supplemental magnesium/person/day (SCF, 2001; EFSA, 2006), corresponding to 42 mg total calcium/kg bw/day and 4.2 mg supplemental magnesium/kg bw/day for a 60 kg person. Hence, for the systemic risk assessment of burnt dolomitic lime, the calcium fraction of the exposure estimate will be compared with the magnesium UL. If the exposure estimates give rise to calcium and magnesium body burdens significantly lower than the respective ULs, then there are no risks of systemic effects from

exposure to burnt dolomitic lime. It is important to ensure that the calcium body burden arising from exposure to burnt dolomitic lime contributes minimally to the overall calcium UL, as a significant part of the UL depends on other sources of exposure to calcium, mainly through the diet. For calcium, as there is an important contribution to the total body burden from dietary intake, the BPC Meeting agreed to set a cut-off value of 13 % of the UL, since this was the highest level that at Tier I generated acceptable risk. Therefore, only risks from the use of lime as a biocidal active substance below 87 % of the UL will be considered acceptable. This figure should still only be used with caution because dietary intakes of calcium vary greatly across the EU. It is also important to ensure that the magnesium body burden arising from exposure to burnt dolomitic lime accounts for other potential sources of supplemental exposure to magnesium such as dietary supplements, laxatives and antacids.

#### Toxicology hazard summary

The toxicological properties of burnt dolomitic lime have been evaluated on the basis of human data and animal studies conducted with some of the four lime variants under review, with soluble calcium and magnesium salts and with other hydroxides. Where data on burnt dolomitic lime were not available, read-across from data on the other lime variants, calcium and magnesium salts or other hydroxides has been performed (see chapter 3 of Docs IIA for more details). Only very few animal and *in vitro* studies carried out with the four lime variants under review were conducted to GLP and internationally accepted guidelines. The majority of the available animal studies were completed before the introduction of specific guidelines or GLP practices. However, the human database (especially that on calcium and magnesium salts) is extensive and of high scientific quality. Overall, therefore, the available information is sufficient and of a standard acceptable for the purpose of this review. Where data were poor, inadequate or lacking, worst-case defaults were adopted.

The rationale for the read-across from data on other lime variants, calcium and magnesium salts and/or other hydroxides is outlined below.

Hydrated lime (calcium hydroxide) is a solid, which is slightly soluble in water and moderately alkaline. When dissolved in water, as occurs on the external surfaces of the body, hydrated lime dissociates into Ca²+ and OH⁻. The dissociation products Ca²+ and OH⁻ are chemically and biologically not further degradable because they constitute simple basic structures. Therefore the toxicological properties (local and systemic effects) of hydrated lime are equivalent to those of its dissociation products.

Burnt lime (calcium oxide) is a solid, which is slightly soluble in water and moderately alkaline. When dissolved in water, as occurs on the external surfaces of the body, burnt lime is converted through an exothermic reaction to calcium hydroxide (hydrated lime) which dissociates into Ca<sup>2+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup>. Burnt lime forms slightly more OH<sup>-</sup> ions than those liberated from hydrated lime and, by developing heat, causes desiccation of the exposed tissues. In view of this, although the potential systemic effects of burnt lime are expected to be similar to those of hydrated lime and its dissociation products, its potential local effects are likely to be more severe than those of hydrated lime. Hence, as burnt lime represents the worst-case, the risk assessment for local effects of the four 'lime' variants under review has been performed with the burnt lime hazard data.

Hydrated dolomitic lime (tetrahydroxide of calcium and magnesium) is a solid which, when dissolved in water, as occurs on the external surfaces of the body, releases hydrated lime (calcium hydroxide) (67 %) and magnesium hydroxide (33 %). Calcium hydroxide subsequently dissociates into Ca<sup>2+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup>. Magnesium hydroxide has very low water solubility (0.004-0.009 g/L). This will limit its dissociation to Mg<sup>2+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup>, its systemic absorption and its potential for local irritative effects; hence, its contribution to the toxicity of hydrated dolomitic lime is likely to be small. Therefore, the toxicological properties of hydrated dolomitic lime are expected to be equivalent to those of hydrated lime and its dissociation products. However, under conditions of exposure to hydrated dolomitic lime (e.g. oral exposure or exposure at irritant concentrations of the component hydrated lime) that will favour the solubilisation and dissociation of magnesium hydroxide to Mg<sup>2+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> (i.e. in the

acidic environment of the stomach and, possibly, in specific compartments of the body following systemic absorption through damaged surfaces), read-across from data on soluble, readily dissociable magnesium salts is appropriate (for further details, see Document IIA).

Burnt dolomitic lime (oxide of calcium and magnesium) is a solid that, when dissolved in the aqueous environment of the external surfaces of the body, reacts with water through an exothermic reaction to produce calcium hydroxide (hydrated lime) (67 %) and magnesium hydroxide (33 %). Calcium hydroxide subsequently dissociates into Ca²+ and OH⁻. Magnesium hydroxide has very low water solubility. This will limit its dissociation to Mg²+ and OH⁻, its systemic absorption and its potential for local irritative effects; hence, its contribution to the toxicity of burnt dolomitic lime is likely to be small. Overall, therefore, the toxicological properties of burnt dolomitic lime are expected to be equivalent to those of burnt lime/hydrated lime and its dissociation products. However, under conditions of exposure to burnt dolomitic lime (e.g. oral exposure or exposure at irritant concentrations of the component burnt lime) that will favour the solubilisation and dissociation of magnesium hydroxide to Mg²+ and OH⁻ (i.e. in the acidic environment of the stomach and, possibly, in specific compartments of the body following systemic absorption through damaged surfaces), read-across from data on soluble, readily dissociable magnesium salts is appropriate (for further details, see Document IIA).

There are no studies which have specifically investigated the toxicokinetics, metabolism and distribution of burnt dolomitic lime or of its magnesium component, magnesium oxide. Such studies have been waived in view of the fact that existing data on calcium and magnesium salts and predictions for the hydroxide ion can be used to assess the toxicokinetics of burnt dolomitic lime.

Burnt dolomitic lime, when dissolved in water on the external surfaces of the body (gastrointestinal tract, skin and respiratory tract), generates the formation of hydroxide ions. These ions produce irritative lesions of these membranes, with loss of surface integrity. Overall, therefore, at irritant concentrations, a worst-case value of 100 % absorption following oral, dermal or inhalation exposure is assumed for use in the risk characterisation for systemic effects. At non-irritant concentrations, the following absorption values have been proposed: an oral absorption value of 40 % (from data on calcium and magnesium salts); a dermal absorption value of 10 % (TGD default for ions); and an inhalation absorption values of 100 % (prediction). Still, as for the dermal and oral routes the irritation thresholds have not been identified, 100 % absorption will be used for the purpose of the systemic risk assessment, as a worst-case assumption, regardless of the exposure concentration.

Following absorption into the systemic circulation, the calcium and magnesium ions are widely distributed throughout the body, while the hydroxide ion is neutralised by the tightly controlled pH regulation mechanisms of the body (buffer capacity of extracellular body fluids, respiratory and renal compensation). There is no direct information on whether or not the calcium and magnesium ions can cross the placenta and reach the foetus. However, because of their wide distribution throughout the body and their well-known role in foetal development, it can be predicted that there is extensive distribution of calcium and magnesium to the foetal compartment. There is no metabolism of the three dissociation products, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>and OH-as these are chemically and biologically not further degradable. The absorbed calcium and magnesium are excreted in urine, faeces and sweat.

Burnt dolomitic lime is of low acute systemic toxicity by the oral and dermal routes of exposure. There are no data for the assessment of acute toxicity by the inhalation route; however, it can be predicted that acute systemic toxicity is also low for this route of exposure. The available data do not support classification of burnt dolomitic lime for acute toxicity.

The available data indicate that burnt dolomitic lime causes significant skin irritation and that classification with Skin Irrit.2 H315 is appropriate. Burnt dolomitic lime is also severely irritating to the eye; hence, classification with Eye Dam.1 H318 is appropriate. Two studies in humans involving exposures to hydrated lime and/or burnt lime have shown that burnt dolomitic lime causes sensory irritation of the nose, eye and throat. Effects considered to be

adverse have been reported starting from a concentration of 2 mg m-3 for 20 min, and a NOAEC of 1 mg m-3 for a 20-min exposure has been identified. There is no information on the respiratory effects of burnt dolomitic lime at exposure concentrations higher than 5 mg m-3; however, on the basis of its severe skin and eye irritant properties and its strong alkaline properties, it is most likely that overt tissue damage would occur at higher concentrations. These data indicate that classification of burnt dolomitic lime with STOT SE 3 H335 is appropriate.

There are no studies which have investigated the skin sensitisation potential of burnt dolomitic lime or its magnesium component, magnesium oxide. The UK CA agrees that the irritant properties of burnt dolomitic lime prevent a meaningful assessment of its skin sensitising properties at irritant concentrations; however, there remains an uncertainty as to whether at non-irritant concentrations that burnt dolomitic lime or its magnesium components, magnesium hydroxide or magnesium oxide may possess skin sensitisation potential. Still, given the lack of reports of cases of skin sensitisation from workers exposed to burnt dolomitic lime, and as the recommended risk mitigation measures resulting from failure to identify a threshold for the irritant properties of the substance will prevent skin exposure, testing for skin sensitisation is deemed unnecessary. In addition, due to the low water solubility of magnesium oxide, it is unlikely it has any skin sensitisation activity. In worker health surveys and epidemiological studies of workers exposed to burnt dolomitic lime or its magnesium components, magnesium hydroxide and magnesium oxide, there has been no mention of effects related to respiratory sensitisation.

There is no standard, good-quality animal study in which the effects of repeated exposure to burnt dolomitic lime or its magnesium component, magnesium oxide have been investigated. The limited information available relates to the administration of hydrated lime via the oral route of exposure or to its application on to the buccal mucosa and cheek pouches; there are very little data on dose-response relationships. There is, however, an extensive oral repeated dose database in humans on soluble calcium (from SCF, 2003) and magnesium salts (from SCF, 2001; EFSA, 2006) and two animal chronic studies conducted with calcium lactate and magnesium chloride, which can inform on the potential systemic effects of burnt dolomitic lime due to its calcium and magnesium content. There are also three inhalation studies in humans that have specifically investigated the repeated local effects of hydrated lime and/or burnt lime on the respiratory tract.

Starting with the potential repeated dose systemic effects of burnt dolomitic lime (due to its calcium and magnesium content), the available data show that adverse effects of excess calcium (hypercalciuria, kidney stones, hypercalcemia, renal insufficiency, lethargy, coma and death) occur only with high intakes of calcium (in excess of 3000 mg supplemental calcium d<sup>-1</sup>), with no adverse effects occurring up to total daily calcium intakes of 2500 mg (NOAEL) from both the diet and supplements. On this basis, the SCF (2003) proposed an oral total UL for calcium of 2500 mg  $d^{-1}$  (equivalent to 42 mg  $kg^{-1}d^{-1}$  for a 60 kg individual). The most sensitive adverse effect of repeated exposure to excess magnesium in humans is diarrhoea, occurring from a dose level of approximately 360 mg d-1. More severe effects, such as hypotension and muscular weakness, start to occur from around 2500 mg d<sup>-1</sup>. No adverse effects are noted at 250 mg supplemental magnesium d-1 (NOAEL) and below. On the basis of these data, an oral supplemental UL of 250 mg d<sup>-1</sup> (equivalent to 4.2 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup> for a 60 kg individual) was set by the SCF in 2001 and confirmed by EFSA in 2006. Therefore, provided repeated oral, dermal or inhalation exposures to burnt dolomitic lime contribute to an overall calcium body burden that does not exceed the oral UL for calcium of 2500 mg d-1 (equivalent to 42 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup> for a 60 kg human) and to a supplemental magnesium body burden that does not exceed the oral UL for magnesium of 250 mg d<sup>-1</sup> (equivalent to 4.2 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup> for a 60 kg human), adverse systemic effects are unlikely to occur.

With regard to the potential repeated local effects of burnt dolomitic lime, the available information shows that chronic direct contact of hydrated lime with the upper parts of the oral tract causes severe local lesions. Serious damage was already seen following chronic (for 16 months) application of 50 mg kg $^{-1}d^{-1}$  hydrated lime into hamster cheek pouches. There is no information on where the NOAEL for these effects would lie.

There are no data on the potential repeated local effects of burnt dolomitic lime via the dermal route of exposure. The UK CA considers that the investigation of these effects can be waived provided risk management measures resulting in the prevention of skin exposure are implemented.

Inhalation studies in humans have shown that long-term repeated inhalation exposure to hydrated lime/burnt lime causes respiratory symptoms (cough, phlegm, bronchitis). A long-term NOAEC of 1.2 mg m<sup>-3</sup> has been identified for these effects from a study in workers exposed to hydrated lime/burnt lime for the duration of their employment. However, it should be noted that due to the small number of subjects investigated, the robustness of this NOAEC is limited.

Predictions for magnesium oxide (based upon lack of solubilisation and dissociation) indicate that no local toxicity of magnesium hydroxide is expected by the oral, dermal and inhalation routes of exposure.

Although limited, the available data do not support classification of burnt dolomitic lime for repeated dose toxicity.

In the available *in vitro* genotoxicity studies burnt dolomitic lime and/or its dissociation products have produced either negative results or positive results of no relevance *in vivo* below the threshold for irritation (for further details, see document IIA). There is no *in vivo* mutagenicity study available on burnt dolomitic lime and/or its dissociation products. However, on the basis of the *in vitro* data, it can be concluded that burnt dolomitic lime has no significant *in vivo* genotoxic activity below the threshold for irritation. Whilst the available data allow the identification of an irritation threshold of around 1 mg m<sup>-3</sup> for the inhalation route (from a study in human volunteers exposed to burnt lime for 20 min and from a study in workers exposed to hydrated lime/burnt lime for the duration of their employment), there is insufficient evidence for the identification of irritation thresholds for the dermal and oral routes of exposure. For these routes, as local risks cannot be assessed, the implementation of appropriate risk mitigation measures should ensure that exposure is prevented. The available data do not support classification of burnt dolomitic lime for mutagenicity.

The data that can inform on the carcinogenicity of burnt dolomitic lime are limited to non-standard animal studies investigating the potential local carcinogenicity of hydrated lime and to one chronic study in rats (with calcium lactate) and one chronic study in mice (with magnesium chloride) investigating the potential systemic carcinogenicity of burnt dolomitic lime due to its calcium and magnesium content.

These data show that burnt dolomitic lime is not carcinogenic. However, due to the limitations in the data (inadequate studies for local carcinogenicity and only one species for the systemic carcinogenicity of calcium and magnesium), this conclusion is applicable only to specific exposure conditions. With regard to systemic carcinogenicity, it is noted that although no study in a second species is available in accordance with the data requirements of the BPD, the conclusion from the mutagenicity section is that calcium and magnesium have no significant genotoxic potential.

Therefore, provided the repeated dose effects of excess calcium and magnesium in the body are avoided (by ensuring exposures are below the calcium and magnesium UL values, respectively), systemic carcinogenicity of burnt dolomitic lime is unlikely to occur. Also, provided exposure to burnt dolomitic lime is controlled at levels below the irritation threshold, local carcinogenicity is unlikely to occur. Whilst the available data allow the identification of an irritation threshold of around 1 mg m<sup>-3</sup> for the inhalation route (from a study in human volunteers exposed to burnt lime for 20 min and from a study in workers exposed to hydrated lime/burnt lime for the duration of their employment), there is insufficient evidence for the identification of irritation thresholds for the dermal and oral routes of exposure. For these routes, as risks of local effects cannot be assessed, the implementation of appropriate risk mitigation measures should ensure that exposure is prevented. The available data do not

support classification of burnt dolomitic lime for carcinogenicity.

Information on the potential developmental toxicity of burnt dolomitic lime derives from two gavage developmental toxicity studies (one in rats and one in mice) conducted with burnt lime and from non-standard animal developmental toxicity studies conducted with calcium salts (in rabbits and rats) and magnesium salts (in rats). In addition, there is an extensive oral database on different soluble calcium and magnesium salts in pregnant women, young children and adolescents (from SCF, 2003 and SCF, 2001).

The animal and human data are consistent in showing that no pre-natal or post-natal developmental effects of burnt dolomitic lime are expected up to a dose producing a calcium level of 600 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup> (NOAEL) in animals and a total calcium level of 42 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup> (UL) in humans, and up to a dose producing a magnesium level of 96 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup> (NOAEL) in animals and a magnesium level of 4.2 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup> (UL) in humans. As the human values derive from extensive databases, are consistent with the animal data and are highly relevant, the human ULs rather than the animal NOAELs are deemed to be a better starting point for the risk characterisation. Therefore, provided exposures to burnt dolomitic lime contribute to an overall calcium body burden that does not exceed the oral UL value of 42 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup> and contribute to a supplemental magnesium body burden that does not exceed the oral UL value of 4.2 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup>, developmental effects are unlikely to occur. The available data do not support classification of burnt dolomitic lime for developmental effects.

No multigeneration reproductive toxicity study conducted with burnt dolomitic lime is available. Reproductive toxicity data on calcium and magnesium salts are also limited.

In a very limited 1-generation study conducted in mice with calcium carbonate, no major effects on fertility were observed up to a dose level (1200 mg calcium  $\text{kg}^{-1}\text{d}^{-1}$ ) causing a slight increase in heart weight in the maternal animals. No effects on the reproductive organs were observed in a 2-year oral study in mice up to the highest dose tested of 2810 mg  $\text{kg}^{-1}\text{d}^{-1}$  magnesium chloride (equivalent to 337 mg magnesium  $\text{kg}^{-1}\text{d}^{-1}$ ). Normally, these data would not be sufficient for an adequate assessment of the fertility endpoint under the requirements of the BPD. It is, however, noted that both calcium and magnesium are essential elements of the human diet and human body, and that there is a long history of safe consumption at levels found in balanced human diet. By taking this into account, it is reasonable to conclude that, provided exposures to burnt dolomitic lime contribute to an overall calcium body burden that does not exceed the oral UL value of 42 mg  $\text{kg}^{-1}\text{d}^{-1}$  and contribute to a supplemental magnesium body burden that does not exceed the oral UL value of 4.2 mg  $\text{kg}^{-1}\text{d}^{-1}$ , fertility effects are unlikely to occur. The available information does not support classification of burnt dolomitic lime for fertility effects.

Overall, the lead health effects of burnt dolomitic lime are the systemic repeated dose effects caused by excess calcium (hypercalciuria, kidney stones, hypercalcemia, renal insufficiency, lethargy, coma and death) and excess magnesium (diarrhoea, hypotension and muscular weakness) in the body and the local irritative effects on the external surfaces of the body (skin, eye, respiratory tract and gastrointestinal tract) caused by the hydroxide ion.

With regard to systemic effects, tolerable Upper oral intake Levels (UL) for calcium and magnesium have been established by the SCF. These are 2500 mg total calcium/person/day (SCF, 2003) and 250 mg supplemental magnesium/person/day (SCF, 2001; EFSA, 2006), 42 mg total calcium/kg bw/day corresponding to and 4.2 mg supplemental magnesium/kg bw/day for a 60 kg person. Hence, for the purpose of the systemic risk assessment of burnt dolomitic lime, the calcium fraction of the exposure estimate will be compared with the calcium UL, and the magnesium fraction of the exposure estimate will be compared with the magnesium UL. If the exposure estimates (whether short-term, mediumterm or long-term) give rise to calcium and magnesium body burdens significantly lower than the respective ULs, then there are no risks of systemic effects from exposure to burnt dolomitic lime.

With regard to local irritative effects, no threshold/NOAEC has been identified for the

occurrence of such effects on the skin, eyes and gastrointestinal tract. Therefore, for these routes of exposure, as risks cannot be assessed, exposure needs to be prevented by the implementation of risk mitigation measures. For the inhalation route of exposure, a short-term NOAEC of 1 mg m $^{-3}$  burnt lime for a 20-min exposure was identified in a study in human volunteers on the basis of effects of sensory irritation of the nose, eye and throat at 2 and 5 mg m $^{-3}$ . Such effects appear to be concentration-dependent rather than dose (concentration and time) dependent. This is supported by the fact that in another human health survey in which workers had been repeatedly exposed to burnt lime during their employment, no effects were observed up to a mean concentration of 1.2 mg m $^{-3}$ . Therefore, overall, the NOAEC of 1 mg m $^{-3}$  (20-min) is selected for the derivation of the short-term, medium-term and long-term AEC.

#### Critical endpoints

The lead health effects of burnt dolomitic lime are the systemic repeated dose effects caused by excess calcium and magnesium and the local irritative effects on the external surfaces of the body (skin, eye and respiratory tract ) caused by the hydroxide ion. For the systemic effects, the systemic UL values (equivalent to AEL values) for calcium (42 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>) and magnesium (4.2 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>) will be compared with the calcium and magnesium internal body burdens arising from dermal and inhalation exposures to burnt dolomitic lime. It is important to ensure that the calcium body burden arising from exposure to burnt dolomitic lime contributes minimally to the overall calcium UL, as a significant part of the UL depends on other sources of exposure to calcium, mainly through the diet. It is also important to ensure that the magnesium body burden arising from exposure to burnt dolomitic lime accounts for other potential sources of supplemental exposure to magnesium such as dietary supplements, laxatives and antacids. According to the SCF (2003) Opinion on calcium, the Ca UL applies to adults, including pregnant and lactating women but not to children. According to the SCF (2001) Opinion on magnesium, the Mg UL does not apply to 1-3 year old children, even though there is no real basis for considering that they are more susceptible to the adverse effects of Mg.

Systemic, short- medium and long-term calcium UL = 42 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>

Systemic, short- medium and long-term magnesium UL = 4.2 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>

For local irritative effects, no threshold/NOAEC/AEC has been identified for the occurrence of such effects on the skin and eye. Therefore, for these routes of exposure, as risks cannot be assessed, exposure needs to be prevented by the implementation of risk mitigation measures. For the inhalation route of exposure, the external burnt dolomitic lime exposure concentrations will be compared with the relevant AEC value. An AEC value to be used for short-, mediumand long-term inhalation exposure scenarios of 0.3 mg m $^{-3}$  is proposed by dividing the NOAEC of 1 mg m $^{-3}$  by an overall AF of 3.2 (default for dynamic intraspecies differences).

Inhalation, short- medium- and long-term AEC =  $0.3 \text{ mg m}^{-3}$ 

#### **Uncertainties**

#### **Dermal Absorption Values Used in the Risk Assessment**

A dermal absorption value is needed for conducting the systemic risk assessment. There is no data on the dermal absorption of burnt dolomitic lime. Therefore, predictions need to be made. Due to its strong alkaline and irritating properties, when dissolved in water or when in contact with sweat on the skin, burnt dolomitic lime will result in irritative lesions of the skin, with loss of skin integrity. Therefore, at irritant concentrations of burnt dolomitic lime, it can be predicted that 100 % is absorbed. At non-irritant concentrations, the default absorption value of 10 % (TGD, 2003) is proposed due to the ionic nature of its dissociation products and the well-known barrier functions of the skin. However, as the dermal irritation threshold has not been identified, a value of 100 % dermal absorption will be used, as a worst-case assumption, regardless of the exposure concentration. Overall, therefore, there is high uncertainty in the dermal absorption values selected for the systemic risk assessment, and it is

most likely that the worst-case defaults chosen represent unrealistic absorption conditions.

## **Inter- and Intra-species Variability**

Both the reference points for the systemic effects of calcium and magnesium (calcium and magnesium UL values) and the NOAEC for the local effects of burnt dolomitic lime have been derived/identified from human studies. Therefore, no inter-species extrapolation of these toxicological reference points needs to be performed. In relation to possible intra-species differences, the reference points for the systemic effects of calcium and magnesium were identified on the basis of extensive human databases involving exposure of hundreds of individuals, including children, the elderly, subjects with specific medical conditions and pregnant women. On this basis, the SCF did not apply to the selected NOAEL values a factor for interindividual variability in deriving the ULs.

For the selected NOAEC for the local effects of burnt dolomitic lime on the respiratory tract, this was identified from a study conducted in 10 healthy adult volunteers. There is no information on the potential inter-individual variability of these effects caused by burnt dolomitic lime. Therefore, default values for intraspecies extrapolation need to be considered. As the effects concerned are the consequence of direct, pH-driven chemical reactivity of burnt dolomitic lime at the portal of entry, and do not involve kinetic processes, it is proposed that only the default value for possible dynamic inter-individual differences of 3.2 is applied (Technical Guidance Document for Risk Characterisation of Local Effects).

#### **Route to Route Extrapolation**

Route-to-route extrapolation is not appropriate for the local irritative effects of burnt dolomitic lime on the external surfaces of the body and hence, it will not be performed. For these effects, a direct comparison will be made with the external exposure concentrations and the calculated AEC values (inhalation route only).

With regard to the risk assessment of the systemic effects of burnt dolomitic lime caused by excess calcium and magnesium, the oral UL values set by the SCF will be used. Based on the use patterns identified for the proposed biocidal product ('Neutralac QM'), dermal and inhalation exposures are anticipated. Therefore, for risk assessment purposes, extrapolation of the oral UL values to the dermal and inhalation routes of exposure is required. available evidence indicates that the systemic effects of calcium and magnesium seen after exposure by the oral route will also occur after exposure via the dermal and inhalation routes and that these effects are driven by the internal, systemic dose of calcium and magnesium. To conduct the risk assessment, the external oral UL values will be converted to internal systemic values by multiplying them by the oral absorption values selected (100 %) and compared with the calcium and magnesium internal body burdens arising from dermal and inhalation exposures to burnt dolomitic lime. The internal body burdens of calcium and magnesium will be calculated by adding together the dose of calcium or magnesium absorbed by the dermal route and that absorbed by the inhalation route. The dermal dose of calcium or magnesium will be estimated from the fraction of calcium or magnesium present in the external dermal exposure estimate that is assumed to be absorbed through the skin (100 %). Similarly, the inhalation dose of calcium or magnesium will be estimated from the fraction of calcium or magnesium present in the external inhalation exposure estimate that is assumed to be absorbed through the respiratory tract (100 %).

It should be noted that there is high uncertainty in the absorption values selected for the oral, dermal and inhalation routes of exposure and that, due to the conservative nature of the defaults chosen (100 %), the systemic risk assessment is most likely to overestimate the actual risks.

#### **Dose-Response/Severity of Key Health Effects**

In relation to the systemic effects of burnt dolomitic lime caused by excess calcium and magnesium, dose-response relationships have been well characterised. For the effects of

excess calcium, there is a clear and robust NOAEL (identified from an extensive human database) at 2500 mg d<sup>-1</sup>, with effects starting to occur at around 3000 mg day<sup>-1</sup>. At this dose level, the effects are still minor in nature (i.e. hypercalcemia of no clinical significance). For the effects of excess magnesium, there is also a clear and robust NOAEL (identified from an extensive human database) at 250 mg day<sup>-1</sup>, with mild effects starting to occur from around 360 mg day<sup>-1</sup>. At this dose level, the only effect observed is a low incidence of a transient and mild form of diarrhoea. Overall, therefore, no additional factor for uncertainties in the dose response relationship/severity of the effects of the LOAEL needs to be applied to the systemic reference points.

In relation to the local irritative effects of burnt dolomitic lime on the respiratory tract, a clear NOAEC of 1 mg m<sup>-3</sup> (for 20 min) has been identified, with effects starting to occur from a concentration of 2 mg m<sup>-3</sup> (for 20 min) and above. At this concentration, the effects consist of mild sensory irritative perceptions, not involving overt tissue damage. Overall, therefore, no additional factor for uncertainties in the dose response relationship/severity of the effects of the LOAEC needs to be applied to the reference point for local inhalative effects of burnt dolomitic lime.

# **Duration Extrapolation**

The systemic reference points (calcium and magnesium UL values) represent safe levels of long-term, chronic exposure to calcium and magnesium. Thus, no additional factor for extrapolation to chronic exposure conditions and derivation of long-term AEL values needs to be applied to these reference points. There are no specific data on which to base systemic short-term and medium-term AEL values; hence, the long-term AEL (UL) values will be also used for the risk characterisation of short-term and medium-term exposure conditions, as required.

The NOAEC of 1 mg m<sup>-3</sup> for the local irritative effects of burnt dolomitic lime on the respiratory tract was identified following exposure of human volunteers for 20 minutes. However, such effects appear to be concentration-dependent rather than dose (concentration and time)-dependent. Therefore, the same short-, medium- and long-term AEC value will be derived from this NOAEC without the need to apply an additional factor for duration extrapolation.

#### 2.2.1.2. Exposure assessment

#### **Professional Users**

#### <u>Manufacture</u>

Manufacture of the active substance, formulation of the product and packaging are not within the scope of BPD (TM V 07, December 2007) and therefore, the manufacture of burnt dolomitic lime and the packaging processes have not been addressed within this Dossier. Assessment of exposure begins with the delivery of the product to the immediate end user for PT 3.

#### Use

A potential for primary exposure to operators occurs as a result of contact with burnt dolomitic lime dust resulting from conveying the product from the bags to the process. The potential for exposure resulting from the bulk delivery and conveying of burnt dolomitic lime in well-maintained and enclosed processes is considered to be low. The primary concern relates to the manual handling of, and transfer from, sacks and 'big bags' where exposure of the skin and respiratory tract are possible. These processes are common to PT 3.

Table 2.2 Main paths of human exposure to burnt dolomitic lime from the use of 'Neutralac OM'

| Exposure path | Professional use | Non-<br>professional   |    | General<br>public <sup>a</sup> | Via the environment |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------|----|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Dermal        | Yes              | Professional u<br>only | se | n/a                            | n/a                 |
| Oral          | Unlikely         | Professional u         | se | n/a                            | n/a                 |
| Inhalation    | Yes              | Professional u         | se | n/a                            | n/a                 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> People other than those handling and applying the product.

# Loading operations

There are no indicative exposure values available in the TNsG for the use scenarios described The applicant has provided some specific measurements of potential inhalation exposures for loading with small bags, but where the manner of use, i.e. exposure, differs from the conditions under which these were generated, and for dermal exposures, the applicant has relied on established exposure models. There is no single model that accurately predicts both dermal and inhalation exposures from the large scale handling of dusty solids, which is a scenario encountered with the use of lime for the treatment of sewage sludge. There are, however, regulatory models that can be used to predict exposure via one or other Therefore, this evaluation is based on modelling dermal exposures with the RISKOFDERM Dermal Exposure Model (as recommended in HEEG Opinion1, MOTA v6) and inhalation exposures with the Advanced Reach Tool (ART, Version 1.5). With these models, particularly the latter, a relatively detailed scenario can be built up to attempt reflect accurately the practical use to be assessed; the assumptions and input parameters can also be recorded for transparency. It is recognised that RISKOFDERM was designed to produce a rough estimate where the user does not have access to information to conduct a detailed assessment and it only includes data for hand exposure during dumping of solids and caution must be taken when considering automated processes as the model was based on manual tasks only for powders. Estimated inhalation and dermal exposures for automated, semiautomated, and manual operations are presented in Tables 2.3 and 2.4.

Table 2.3 Estimated task only (i.e. not full shift) inhalation and dermal exposures for automated, semi-automated, and manual operations

|         | Inhalation exposure - treatment of manure - automated operations - a typical controlled process |                |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------|---|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Tier 1  | Maximum concentration [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] – modelled task duration 120 min                    | 3.9            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 2  | In-mask concentration estimate [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] (wpf 40*)                                  | 0.1            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inhalat | ion exposure - treatment of manure - semi-automated ope   | rations        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 1  | Maximum concentration [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] – modelled task duration 120 min                    | 1.1-17         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 2  | In-mask concentration estimate [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] (wpf 40*)                                  | 0.03-<br>0.425 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inhalat | ion exposure – treatment of manure – removal of empty ba  | gs             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 1  | Maximum concentration [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] – modelled task duration 10 min                     | 38-57          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 2  | In-mask concentration estimate [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] (wpf 40*)                                  | 0.95-<br>1.425 |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | Inhalation exposure – treatment of manure – manual handling of bags – a worst case              |                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 1  | Maximum concentration [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] – measured task duration 19-36 min                  | 1.6-23.2       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 2  | In-mask concentration estimate [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] (wpf 40*)                                  | 0.04-0.58      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dermal  | exposure – treatment of manure – automated operations   | _              |  |  |  |  |  |

| Tier 1 | Dermal exposure [mg] – modelled task duration 10 min              | 79.7  |  |  |  |  |
|--------|---|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Tier 2 | PPE, full face RPE [mg]   | 4.0   |  |  |  |  |
| Dermal | Dermal exposure – treatment of manure – semi-automated operations |       |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 1 | Dermal exposure [mg] – modelled task duration 10 min              | 569   |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 2 | PPE, full face RPE [mg]   | 28.45 |  |  |  |  |
| Dermal | Dermal exposure – treatment of manure – removal of empty bags     |       |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 1 | Dermal exposure [mg] – modelled task duration 10 min              | 569   |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 2 | PPE, full face RPE [mg]   | 28.45 |  |  |  |  |
| Dermal | Dermal exposure – treatment of manure – manual handling of bags   |       |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 1 | Dermal exposure [mg] – modelled task duration 10 min              | 569   |  |  |  |  |
| Tier 2 | PPE, full face RPE [mg]   | 28.45 |  |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>The WPF of 40 is the maximum default value workplace or assigned protection factor recommended for estimating reduction in exposure in ECHA Biocides Human Health Exposure Methodology, October 2015 (see pages 154-5).

Table 2.4 Estimated full shift (8h TWA) inhalation exposures for automated, semiautomated, and manual operations

|         | ion exposure – treatment of manure – automated opera<br>controlled process             | ations – a |  |  |  |
|---------|--|------------|--|--|--|
| Tier 1  | Maximum concentration [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ]  | 0.97       |  |  |  |
| Tier 2  | In-mask concentration estimate [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] (wpf 40*)                         | 0.02       |  |  |  |
| Inhalat | Inhalation exposure – treatment of manure – semi-automated operations                  |            |  |  |  |
| Tier 1  | Maximum concentration [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ]  | 4.2        |  |  |  |
| Tier 2  | In-mask concentration estimate [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] (wpf 40*)                         | 0.105      |  |  |  |
| Inhalat | ion exposure - treatment of manure - manual handling o                                 | f bags – a |  |  |  |
| worst c | ase  |            |  |  |  |
| Tier 1  | Maximum concentration [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ]  | 2.58       |  |  |  |
| Tier 2  | In-mask concentration estimate [mg m <sup>-3</sup> ] RPE during loading only (wpf 40*) | 0.07       |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>The WPF of 40 is the maximum default value workplace or assigned protection factor recommended for estimating reduction in exposure in ECHA Biocides Human Health Exposure Methodology, October 2015 (see pages 154-5).

#### **Application**

Burnt dolomitic lime is dosed into the manure and mixed by means of a blender. The mixture may then be transferred to a maturing container where the heat development resulting from the reaction of burnt dolomitic lime with the remaining water in the sludge is used to advantage to sanitise the waste. The treated sludge may have three destinations - agricultural use, incineration or landfill. It is anticipated there is negligible operator contact with dusty burnt dolomitic lime product during this process and in any case, exposures would be well below those predicted for mixing and loading operations involving handling of sacks.

#### Disposal of treated waste

The UK CA considers the product is sufficiently reacted following addition to manure for it not to be further assessed as burnt dolomitic lime. The oxide component would be transformed to hydroxide and a significant degree of further chemical reaction would take place with components of the waste substrate producing a non-dusty product. However, for other reasons related to handling human and animal waste products, the operators would be expected to wear personal protective equipment during the disposal phase and any residual contamination effectively minimised.

# 2.2.1.3. Risk characterisation

# **Primary Exposure (Professional Users)**

Please see the following risk assessment Tables.

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# Risk assessment tables

Table 2.5 Burnt dolomitic lime – Tier 1, systemic risk assessment for the effects of calcium (UL=42 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)

| Exposure<br>scenario  | Dermal<br>burnt<br>dolomitic<br>lime<br>exposure<br>(mg d-1) | Dermal<br>Ca<br>exposure<br>(mg d <sup>-1</sup> )* | Dermal Ca body<br>burden<br>(mg kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )\$ | Inhalation<br>burnt<br>dolomitic<br>lime full<br>shift or<br>cleaning<br>task<br>(mg m <sup>-3</sup> ) | Inhalation<br>Ca<br>exposure<br>(mg m <sup>-3</sup> )* | Total Ca body<br>burden<br>(mg kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )£ | Total<br>Ca<br>body<br>burden<br>(%UL) | Total body<br>burden<br><< 42 mg<br>kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> | Unacceptable<br>risk |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|----------------------|
| Mixing and loading - automated operations                           | 79.7   | 38.3   | 0.64  | 0.97   | 0.47   | 0.72  | 1.7%                                   | YES   | NO                   |
| Mixing and loading – semi automated operations                      | 569  | 273  | 4.55  | 4.20   | 2.02   | 4.89  | 11.6%                                  | YES   | NO                   |
| Mixing and loading  – manual handling of bags                       | 569  | 273  | 4.55  | 2.58   | 1.24   | 4.76  | 11.3%                                  | YES   | NO                   |
| Cleaning of equipment post application                              | 1641   | 788  | 13.13   | 57   | 27.36  | 13.41   | 31.9%                                  | NO  | YES                  |
| Aggregate worst case (semi-automated loading and cleaning combined) | 2210   | 1061   | 17.68   | na   | na   | 18.30   | 43.6%                                  | NO  | YES                  |

<sup>\*</sup>Assumed calcium faction of 48% (assuming burnt dolomitic lime 67% CaO and CaO 71% Ca). \$Based on 100 % dermal absorption and bw of 60 kg.

<sup>£</sup>Based on 100 % inhalation absorption, 1.25 m3/h ventilation rate, 8h shift, 30 min cleaning task, and bw of 60 kg.

| <b>Burnt Dolomitic Lime</b> | Product Type 3 | May 2016 |
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|                             |                |          |

Table 2.6 Burnt dolomitic lime – Tier 1, systemic risk assessment for the effects of magnesium (UL=4.2 mg kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)

| Exposure<br>scenario  | Dermal<br>burnt<br>dolomitic<br>lime<br>exposure<br>(mg d <sup>-1</sup> ) | Dermal<br>Mg<br>exposure<br>(mg d <sup>-1</sup> )* | Dermal Mg body<br>burden<br>(mg kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )\$ | Inhalation<br>burnt<br>dolomitic<br>lime full<br>shift or<br>cleaning<br>task<br>(mg m-3) | Inhalation<br>Mg<br>exposure<br>(mg m <sup>-3</sup> )* | Total Mg body<br>burden<br>(mg kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )£ | Total Mg<br>body<br>burden<br>(%UL) | Total<br>body<br>burden<br><< 4.2<br>mg kg<br>bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-</sup> | Unacceptable<br>risk |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Mixing and loading – automated operations                           | 79.7  | 15.9   | 0.27  | 0.97  | 0.19   | 0.30  | 7.1%                                | YES   | NO                   |
| Mixing and loading – semi automated operations                      | 569   | 114  | 1.90  | 4.20  | 0.84   | 2.04  | 48.5%                               | NO  | YES                  |
| Mixing and loading  – manual handling of bags                       | 569   | 114  | 1.90  | 2.58  | 0.52   | 1.98  | 47.2%                               | NO  | YES                  |
| Cleaning of equipment post application                              | 1641  | 328  | 5.47  | 57  | 11.40  | 5.59  | 133.1%                              | NO  | YES                  |
| Aggregate worst case (semi-automated loading and cleaning combined) | 2210  | 442  | 7.37  | na  | na   | 7.63  | 181.6%                              | NO  | YES                  |

<sup>\*\*</sup>Assumed magnesium faction of 20% (assuming burnt dolomitic lime 33% MgO and MgO 60% Mg) \$Based on 100 % dermal absorption and bw of 60 kg £Based on 100 % inhalation absorption, 1.25 m³/h ventilation rate and bw of 60 kg

| <b>Burnt Dolomitic Lime</b> | Product Type 3 | May 2016 |
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Table 2.7 Burnt dolomitic lime – Tier 1, local risk assessment for the effects on the respiratory tract (AEC=0.3 mg m<sup>-3</sup>)

| Exposure scenario                              | Inhalation exposure (mg m <sup>-3</sup> )* | Percentage<br>Exposure/AEC | Inhalation<br>exposure<br>< 0.3 mg m <sup>-3</sup> | Unacceptable risk |
|--|--|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Mixing and loading – automated operations      | 3.9 (modelled 120 min)                     | 1300 %                     | NO   | YES               |
| Mixing and loading – semi-automated operations | 1.1-17 <sup>\$</sup> (modelled 120 min)    | 366-5700 %\$               | NO   | YES               |
| Mixing and loading – manual handling of bags   | 23.2 (measured 19-36 min)                  | 7730 %                     | NO   | YES               |

<sup>\*</sup> Although the modelled or actual sample durations exceed 20 minutes these values are considered to be representative of 20 minute samples. 

\$ The range reflects the different combinations of indoor, outdoor, fully cabbed and partially cabbed handling equipment.

Table 2.8 Burnt dolomitic lime – Tier 2, systemic risk assessment for the effects of calcium (UL=42 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)

| Exposure<br>scenario                            | Dermal<br>burnt<br>dolomitic<br>lime<br>exposure<br>(mg d <sup>-1</sup> ) | Dermal Ca<br>exposure<br>(mg d <sup>-1</sup> )* | Dermal Ca body<br>burden<br>(mg kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )\$ | Inhalation burnt dolomitic lime full shift or cleaning task (mg m <sup>-3</sup> ) | Inhalation<br>Ca<br>exposure<br>(mg m <sup>-3</sup> )* | Total Ca body<br>burden<br>(mg kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )£ | Total<br>Ca<br>body<br>burden<br>(%UL) | Total<br>body<br>burden<br><< 42<br>mg kg<br>bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-</sup> | Unacceptable<br>risk |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|----------------------|
| Mixing and loading – automated operations       |   | 1.9   | 0.03  | 0.024   | 0.01   | 0.03  | 0.1%                                   | YES  | NO                   |
| Mixing and loading  – semi-automated operations |   | 13.7  | 0.23  | 0.105   | 0.05   | 0.24  | 0.6%                                   | YES  | NO                   |
| Mixing and loading  – manual handling of bags   |   | 13.7  | 0.23  | 0.700   | 0.34   | 0.28  | 0.7%                                   | YES  | NO                   |
| Cleaning of equipment post application          | 82.1  | 39.4  | 0.66  | 1.425   | 0.68   | 0.66  | 1.6%                                   | YES  | NO                   |

|   | <b>Burnt Dolomit</b> | ic Lime | <b>Product Type</b> | 3  | Мау  | 2016 |     |    |  |
|---|----------------------|---------|---------------------|----|------|------|-----|----|--|
| Aggregate worst case (semi-automated loading and cleaning combined) | 22.1                 | 0.88    | na                  | na | 0.90 | 2.1% | YES | NO |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Assumed calcium faction of 48% (assuming burnt dolomitic lime 67% CaO and CaO 71% Ca). \$Based on 100 % dermal absorption and bw of 60 kg. £Based on 100 % inhalation absorption, 1.25 m³/h ventilation rate and bw of 60 kg.

Table 2.9 Burnt dolomitic lime – Tier 2, systemic risk assessment for the effects of magnesium (UL=4.2 mg kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)

| Exposure<br>scenario  | Dermal<br>burnt<br>dolomitic<br>lime<br>exposure<br>(mg d <sup>-1</sup> ) | Dermal<br>Mg<br>exposure<br>(mg d <sup>-1</sup> )* | Dermal Mg body<br>burden<br>(mg kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )\$ | Inhalation<br>burnt<br>dolomitic<br>lime full<br>shift or<br>cleaning<br>task<br>(mg m <sup>-3</sup> ) | Inhalation<br>Mg<br>exposure<br>(mg m <sup>-3</sup> )* | Total Mg body<br>burden<br>(mg kg bw <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )£ | Total<br>Mg<br>body<br>burden<br>(%UL) | Total<br>body<br>burden<br><< 4.2<br>mg kg<br>bw -1 d-1 | Unacceptable<br>risk |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|----------------------|
| Mixing and loading – automated operations                           | 3.99  | 0.797  | 0.01  | 0.024  | 0.005  | 0.01  | 0.3%                                   | YES   | NO                   |
| Mixing and loading - semi-automated operations                      | 28.5  | 5.69   | 0.09  | 0.105  | 0.02   | 0.10  | 2.3%                                   | YES   | NO                   |
| Mixing and loading  – manual handling of bags                       | 28.5  | 5.69   | 0.09  | 0.700  | 0.14   | 0.12  | 2.8%                                   | YES   | NO                   |
| Cleaning of equipment post application                              | 82.1  | 16.4   | 0.27  | 1.425  | 0.29   | 0.28  | 6.6%                                   | YES   | NO                   |
| Aggregate worst case (semi-automated loading and cleaning combined) |   | 22.1   | 0.37  | na   | na   | 0.37  | 8.9%                                   | YES   | NO                   |

<sup>\*</sup>Assumed magnesium faction of 20% (assuming burnt dolomitic lime 33% MgO and MgO 60% Mg).

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\$Based on 100 % dermal absorption and bw of 60 kg.

£Based on 100 % inhalation absorption, 1.25 m3/h ventilation rate and bw of 60 kg.

Table 2.10 Burnt dolomitic lime – Tier 2, local risk assessment for the effects on the respiratory tract (AEC=0.3 mg m<sup>-3</sup>)

| Exposure scenario   | Inhalation exposure (mg m <sup>-3</sup> )*                                  | Percentage<br>Exposure/AEC      | Inhalation exposure < 0.3 mg m <sup>-3</sup>        | Unacceptable risk |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Mixing and loading – automated operations (modelled 120 min)  | 0.0975  | 32.5 %                          | YES   | NO                |
| Mixing and loading – semi-automated operations - outdoors  a) Loading closed cab (modelled – 120 min)  b) Loading partial cab (modelled 120 min)  c) bag removal (modelled -10 min) | a) 0.0275 (closed cab)<br>b) 0.0625 (partial cab)<br>c) 1.425 <sup>\$</sup> | a) 9 %<br>b) 21 %<br>c) 475 %   | a) YES (closed cab)<br>b) NO (partial cab)<br>c) NO | YES               |
| Mixing and loading – semi-automated operations - indoors a) loading closed cab (modelled 120 min) b) loading partial cab (modelled 120 min) c) bag removal (modelled 10 min)        | a) 0.1825 (closed cab)<br>b) 0.425 (partial cab)<br>c) 0.95 <sup>\$</sup>   | a) 61 %<br>b) 142 %<br>c) 317 % | a) YES (closed cab)<br>b) NO (partial cab)<br>c) NO | YES               |
| Mixing and loading – manual handling of bags (measured 19-36 min)   | 0.58  | 193 %                           | NO  | YES               |

<sup>\*</sup> Although the modelled or actual sample durations exceed 20 minutes these values are considered to be representative of 20 minute samples.

<sup>\$</sup> The higher estimate for this task outdoors as compared to indoors occurs as it assumed to be close to a building, which is predicted to increase exposure.

#### Overall conclusion

During use of burnt dolomitic lime-based biocidal products for the treatment of manure and other digestive tract contents (PT 3), primary exposure to operators essentially occurs from conveying the product from the supply bags to the process (mixing and loading scenario). The risk assessment (see document IIC for more details) has shown that, especially where automated/enclosed processes are not in place, if exposure is minimised by the use of respiratory protection (power-assisted hoods or full-face respiratory protective equipment), protective coveralls, appropriate gloves, then the risks of systemic effects from exposure to burnt dolomitic lime are acceptable.

Through the application of personal protective equipment (Tier 2 exposure assessment), dermal and eye exposure is prevented and inhalation exposure during individual tasks is reduced to levels of 0.1, 0.03-0.425, 0.95-1.425, and 0.04-0.58 mg m<sup>-3</sup> for automated mixing and loading, semi-automated mixing and loading, removing empty bags, and for manual mixing and loading, respectively). The corresponding worst case aggregate calcium (0.90 mg kg bw<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup>) and magnesium body burdens (0.37 mg kg bw<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup>) estimated for the combined activities of semi-automated loading and equipment cleaning are significantly lower than the respective UL values (42 and 4.2 mg kg bw<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup> for calcium and magnesium respectively). The inhalation concentration level for automated mixing and loading is below the AEC for local effects of 0.3 mg m<sup>-3</sup>.

#### Other tasks and further refinements

The predicted concentrations for tasks other than those described above exceed the AEC.

Modelled exposures for semi-automated handling operations, where the operation occurs outdoors and indoor operations where the operator is protected by a closed cab are estimated to be below the AECs. However, where the loading takes place indoors and the operator is not protected by a closed cab the prediction exceeds the AEC. Furthermore, during removal of empty large bags the predicted exposures both outdoors and indoors exceed the AEC indicating an unacceptable risk for this method of handling.

Measured exposures for manual handling of bags demonstrated that exposures may be up to twice the AEC. As these data included some limited instances where the operator collected empty bags this activity has not been considered separately for this scenario. Again this exceedance of the AEC indicates an unacceptable risk for this scenario.

It is also relevant that the above assessments allow for RPE with a workplace protection factors of 40. Published guidance suggests this level of protection can be consistently assured through the use of full-face powered or air fed equipment – realistically the best available options. But RPE performance is most often judged against long term exposures providing assured protection against substances that offer risks of immediate or delayed severe systemic effects. Actual performance may be better, and better performance is achieved when operators are properly trained, when equipment is adequate for the task and it is selected to be the right choice for the operator and job.

It is noted that this assessment is based on the ART model, and that the worst case potential for inhalation exposure has been assumed. This was supported by the applicant, who also stated that actual products were supplied in a range of grade depending on customer requirements. A restriction to a coarser grade of products for these scenarios might be practicable and is a risk management option that could be considered.

However, according to the applicant, hydrated Lime, in all its variants, is an inherently dusty product. Due to its hygroscopic nature, it is not technically feasible to produce a stable, less dusty material on a commercial scale. In addition, any restriction on the sizing of the product may impact on the overall efficacy of the material in use. Hydrated limes (calcium di-hydroxide or calcium magnesium tetra-hydroxide) are inherently very fine materials. The applicant stated there is no possibility to select coarse materials: for oxides (calcium oxide or calcium

magnesium oxide) the possibility to select a product containing fewer fines particles after sieving is possible, but poses this has several problems including the fact that lime is a very crumbly product and new fine particles can be formed during the handling. Furthermore, any benefits will not be demonstrable as the material would remain in the highly dusty class and hence the exposure assessment would not be improved.

To reduce personal exposure with calcium oxide and calcium magnesium oxide, another possible refinement would be to select the coarsest and least dusty material within technical limitations.

The above assessments have also not considered localised controls; again it is not known if controls such as suppression techniques (e.g. wetting empty bags to limit dust generation at the point of release or misting any airborne dust when handling bags) or local ventilation systems would be practicable options. To illustrate potential benefits of such risk management measures the ART model assumes that wetting at the point of release and unspecified exhaust ventilation systems would reduce exposures to 0.1 and 0.5 of the current values.

Another risk refinement option that could be considered is to require the submission of additional exposure monitoring data for the scenarios with higher than acceptable exposures to reduce the level of uncertainty associated with the generic model and so that a decision can be based on realistic data.

Also as discussed above it is possible that the performance of RPE over relatively short work tasks provides a higher level of protection that the agreed workplace protection factor of 40 implies. Given that the effects of failing to achieve an adequate level of protection would be an obvious local effect consideration could be given to requiring the applicants to conduct a systematic health survey to monitoring for such adverse effects among users to support the continued use.

The submitted measurements of exposures during manual loading also indicate that inhalation exposures are about twice the AEC. The applicant indicated in some circumstances local exhaust ventilation is employed. Again, it is not known if the use of LEV would be universally practicable, but the assumption in ART is that unspecified systems could provide a sufficient level of control during manual loading. Options from the other risk management options discussed above could also be applied.

It is concluded that there is a clear need for controls to reduce the risk of exposure. There is a widely accepted general hierarchy of control options to consider based on reliability and likely effectiveness. They include in general order of preference: elimination of the hazardous substance (not relevant in this case); modification of the substance, process and/or workplace; applying controls to the process, such as enclosures and LEV; ways of working that minimise exposure; and equipment or devices worn by exposed individuals. Restricting the grade of product available to reduce the dust emission potential would clearly be high in the order of preference, but the feasibility of such a restriction is subject to technical limitations.

It is also noted that suitable RPE is required to protect against risks from airborne concentrations above the AEC. However, the presented exposure assessments show that in some circumstances the predicted air concentrations are more than 40 times the proposed AEC, and consequently the agreed maximum workplace protection factor indicates that RPE is not estimated to provide adequate protection. It is suggested that a requirement for submission of additional exposure monitoring data for such scenarios could be considered to refine the exposure assessment.

There is also the possibility that that performance of RPE over relatively the short task durations involved might be higher than the standard assumption, and as any failure should produce an obvious local effect consideration could be given to requiring applicants to conduct a systematic health survey among users.

A number of options have been identified to either refine the assessment or manage both the

risk of both local dermal and respiratory effects arising from the uses of limes (as discussed above) which include:

- Consideration of a requirement for submission of additional exposure monitoring data for scenarios where the predicted air concentrations are more than 40 times the AEC (i.e. where RPE is assumed to be insufficient to control exposure) to refine the exposure assessment;
- 2. Consideration of a requirement for submission of a systematic health survey among users to provide assurance that (despite the usual assumption of a maximum protection factor of 40 for RPE) users do not experience local adverse effects;
- 3. Limiting the grade of material to the most coarse and least dusty to avoid supplying products with "high dustiness" emission potential for uses without a high degree of technical or engineering control of exposure, i.e. manual, and semi-automated handling;
- 4. Application of technical/engineering controls when:
  - a. handling products (e.g. local exhaust ventilation, LEV) it is recognised that there might only be limited scope for manual operations;
  - b. when handling empty bags (e.g. LEV and dust suppression techniques such as wetting empty bags or misting airborne dust);
  - c. during maintenance (e.g. LEV and use of vacuum cleaners during maintenance);
- 5. Use of PPE including RPE to control personal exposures:
  - a. Recommending Type 5 coveralls with hoods (EN ISO 13882-1) when handling products, contaminated sacks, and during other tasks such as cleaning and maintenance;
  - b. RPE with a work place protection factor of 10 during automated handling;
  - c. RPE with a WPF of 40 during manual and semi-automated handling; and
  - d. A need for operators to be properly trained in the use of the required RPE; and
- 6. Good occupational hygiene practice, i.e. use of pre-work creams and washing off contamination after tasks (pre-work creams do not function as protective gloves but may provide some additional protection so may assist in managing the risk of local effects).

#### **Non-professional Users**

Not applicable as exposure, other than to sewage treatment professionals and agricultural workers is not foreseen.

## **Secondary Exposures**

Not applicable as the active substance(s) react significantly during the treatment process and are considered to be no longer the original substrate.

#### 2.2.2. Environmental risk assessment

2.2.2.1. Fate and distribution in the environment

#### **Fate in the Aquatic Compartment**

When dolomitic forms of burnt lime are dissolved in aqueous media, dissociation yields the respective Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> ions. The dissociation products Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> are not further degradable either chemically or biologically because they constitute simple basic structures, which cannot be broken down any further. These ions would be expected to simply form part of existing chemical cycles in the natural environment. For this reason, the performance of any degradation test with hydrated dolomitic lime is scientifically unjustified. However, studies that investigated the impact of addition of hydrated lime (these were accepted as read across for all variants of lime) on the pH of different test media and on the

pH of two water-sediment systems. These studies and their endpoints have been considered relevant because the main toxic effect of burnt dolomitic lime is likely to be caused by temporal pH changes in the environment.

The more relevant of the available studies was that of Egeler and Gilberg (2007), in which the pH development of two natural water-sediment systems sampled from Germany was investigated. Hydrated lime was added at concentrations ranging between 14.8 and 100 mg  $I^{-1}$  to the water phase and changes in pH were monitored for up to 168 h. Upon addition of hydrated lime to the overlying water, a dose-dependent transient increase in the pH of the water phase was observed. The relative increase in pH following addition of the test substance was noted to be highest in the system with the lowest total hardness (Unterbach Creek system). The water pH was noted to have returned to levels comparable with control systems (pH 7.60 - 7.73) in test concentrations of  $\leq$  75 mg  $I^{-1}$  by the final 7 d sampling point.

Relating concentrations tested in these studies to actual concentrations arising from the biocidal uses of the lime variants, it should be noted that the maximum PECsw value using the Step 2 FOCUSsw tool was only 2.46 mg  $I^{-1}$  (as hydrated lime equivalents). Note this PECsw value accounts for buffering/degradation occurring in soil/sludge or manure prior to the runoff or drainflow event transporting the lime material to surface water.

#### **Fate in Air**

The Applicant provided a justification that since burnt dolomitic lime is expected to have a vapour pressure well below  $10^{-5}$  Pa that exposure via air is not expected. Whilst an estimation using simple calculations could be used to address this data point (e.g. the estimation methods of the Atmospheric Oxidation Program) irrespective of the vapour pressure. For substances such as burnt dolomitic lime, such calculations would be largely meaningless as the potential for exposure via air, and subsequent phototransformation in air would be expected to be negligible.

#### **Fate in the Terrestrial Compartment**

Standard aerobic degradation studies in soil are not considered necessary for burnt dolomitic lime. This is because upon addition to soil, burnt dolomitic lime would simply dissociate to its respective ion constituents where they would form part of existing chemical cycles in the natural environment. However, two studies that investigated the impact of addition of hydrated lime on the pH of different soil systems were considered relevant because as in the aquatic compartment, the main toxic effect of burnt dolomitic lime is likely to be caused by temporal pH changes in the environment.

In the first study (Schiffner, 2007a) the pH development of a natural and an artificial soil were investigated. Hydrated lime was added at concentrations up to 4.44 g kg<sup>-1</sup> dry soil and the pH was measured for up to 6 weeks. Upon addition of hydrated lime to the soils, a dose-dependent increase in the pH was observed. The relative increase in pH following addition of the test substance was noted to be marginally higher in the artificial soil system. The soil pH was noted to rise to between 10 and 11 pH units in both soils immediately after addition of the hydrated lime at the highest test concentration (note that initial pH levels in untreated controls were 5.49 for the natural soil and 5.89 for the artificial soil). A decrease in pH of approximately 2 pH units was observed within 72 h following addition. By the end of the 6 week study the pH in the test soils was noted to be elevated above control levels at all concentrations. However, the final pH was within the normal range for typical agricultural soils at all concentrations tested (pH range from 5.88 to 7.95).

The estimated  $DT_{50}$  and  $DT_{90}$  values were determined assuming hockey stick kinetics to reflect the bi-phasic pattern of pH changes observed in the treated soils. Fits were generally good statistically (chi² and t-tests) and visually (classical and residual plots). A  $DT_{50}$  of **0.742 h** is proposed up to a break point of 6 h, and a  $DT_{50}$  of **372 h** is proposed for the time period after the break point. The kinetic modelling endpoints were considered appropriate for direct use in the environmental exposure assessment.

In general in the soils tested the pH fell back to within normal levels (ca. pH 8) within 1 week of application at all concentrations.

In the second study (Schiffner, 2008) the pH development within mixed natural soil after application with hydrated lime treated sewage sludge was investigated. Sewage sludge was treated with 4 concentrations of hydrated lime ranging from 187.5 to 520 g kg $^{-1}$  wet sludge (dry solids content of sludge was reported to be 25 %). After incubation for 24 h at room temperature the treated sludge was added to mixed natural soil resulting in nominal hydrated lime concentrations between 1.25and 3.65 g kg $^{-1}$  dry soil. The pH of the amended soil was also measured for up to 24 h.

As with the previous study, upon addition of hydrated lime treated sewage sludge to soil, a dose-dependent increase in pH was observed. The relative impact on pH following addition of hydrated lime direct to soil was noted to be marginally higher than the impact of applying comparable rates of hydrated lime treated sewage to soil. Even though the lowest rate tested was elevated above that which would be proposed for treating sewage sludge, only a relatively minor impact on the final soil pH was noted at this treatment level. This was in contrast with the more pronounced effect on soil pH that was observed when testing either higher sewage sludge applications rates or when testing the effect of direct application of hydrated lime to soil.

Both the studies submitted did not provide sufficient information on the soils used to allow any comparison with any areas of the EU. However, the results from this study are likely to at least be indicative of the likely behaviour in terms of temporal pH changes when a soil is either directly treated with hydrated lime or when soil is amended with hydrated lime treated sewage sludge.

In terms of mobility within the soil compartment standard adsorption/desorption studies in soil were not considered necessary for burnt dolomitic lime. This is because upon addition to soil burnt dolomitic lime would simply dissociate to its respective ion constituents, which would then form part of the existing chemical cycles in the natural environment. Nonetheless, a soil column study was conducted to investigate the leaching of hydrated lime in a soil column as well as investigating the impact on the pH of the soil column. Although the column study was of limited reliability with respect to the risk assessment, the results were noted to be broadly consistent with the other studies conducted in soil with respect to the temporal pH changes recorded.

Theoretically, repeated applications of burnt dolomitic lime to soil via treated manure could lead to accumulation of the respective ion constituents in the environment. This would occur if the application rate exceeded the natural loss rate of any of the ions (e.g. the natural loss rate of Ca<sup>2+</sup> ions via natural weathering processes such as leaching). However, in reality farmers are likely to ensure that over liming of their soils does not occur since this would also be associated with increases in soil pH above those required for optimum plant growth conditions. At high soil pH values trace element availability can be drastically reduced which can lead to serious yield and financial losses in many crops. Therefore the UK CA considers that although accumulation in soil cannot be excluded, since this would not be associated with good agricultural practice no further consideration will be made in this assessment.

In addition to standard endpoints, further background information was provided on the distribution of burnt dolomitic lime in the environment and the use of burnt dolomitic lime in agriculture as a measure to counteract soil acidification. With respect to the distribution in the environment, brief summaries of the basic chemical reactions undertaken by the constituents of lime when they are released to the environment were provided. Since these reactions are all well understood processes of the natural calcium (and magnesium) cycles they have not been reproduced in detail here. In summary the level of calcium in soil is governed by the equilibrium between soluble, exchangeable and solid forms. Weathering is enhanced by carbonic acid ( $CO_2$  produced by respiration of organisms dissolved in water). Exchangeable calcium is the dominant ion on soil colloid surfaces and by replacing H<sup>+</sup> ions in exchange sites

it largely determines soil pH. In many soils the steady downward movement of water leaches Ca<sup>2+</sup> ions over time, H<sup>+</sup> ions take their place on exchange sites and soils become more acidic. Available information suggests that annual losses of lime can be as high as 700 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (calculated as CaO). The addition of acidifying nitrogen fertilisers can also enhance the loss of burnt dolomitic lime along with its removal because of crop harvesting.

Extensive information on the lime requirements of typical agricultural soils has been provided. Burnt dolomitic lime rates as high as 16 tons ha<sup>-1</sup> (expressed as CaO) can be required to adjust the pH and lime status of highly deficient soils. Although these figures were derived from a German guidance document the proposed rates are also consistent with UK guidance issued by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. These data suggest that the quantities of burnt dolomitic lime used exceed the maximum quantities applied as a consequence of sewage sludge or manure disinfection using burnt dolomitic lime. However, it should be noted that for agricultural liming, in most cases, limestone (calcium carbonate or dolomite) is used instead of burnt dolomitic lime that is used as a biocidal product. However, it would be expected that individual agricultural liming rates would be amended to take into account any additional material added via manure or sewage sludge to ensure that the total neutralising value of the material applied remained within the relevant guidelines.

In addition to the key role that agricultural liming plays in counteracting soil acidification, a number of other benefits are highlighted, such as the importance of divalent cations such as calcium and magnesium in maintaining good soil physical structure; maintaining optimum nutrient uptake by managing soil pH; adequate soil pH also encourages soil biological activity; calcium and magnesium are also noted to be essential plant nutrients in their own right.

#### 2.2.2. Hazard identification and effects assessment

The assessment factors used to define the PNEC for the various environmental compartments of concern have been taken from the TGD on risk assessment in support of Commission Directive 93/67/EEC (new notified substances) and Directive 98/8/EC (biocidal products) (EC 2003).

It should be noted that the endpoints used in deriving the following PNEC values are based on initial nominal or measured concentrations of hydrated lime, which has been accepted for all lime variants. This is due to the fact that the toxic effect of lime is due to the rapid change in pH, sometimes referred to as 'pH shock', hence it is more relevant to use the initial concentration rather the mean measured concentration. Further supporting information on the use of initial concentrations, pH shock and selection of assessment factors is provided below.

If a conventional **mean measured concentration** where the concentration of lime at the beginning and at the end of the study was used, it would give an endpoint in terms of mg/L that would in effect be equivalent to the average pH during the course of the study. Adding an assessment factor to this would be overly precautionary, i.e. it would be equivalent to adding an assessment factor to a concentration that would not result in any effects. The measured calcium concentrations were much below the nominal concentrations both at the start and end of the test. This is explained by the high concentration of calcium from calcium chloride already present in the test medium, and by the reaction of the test item with  $CO_2$  to poorly soluble calcium carbonate, thus forming precipitates. However, measurement of calcium after acidification at the end of the test resulted in a mean test item recovery of 98.0 % of the nominal concentration. Therefore, the biological effect concentrations were expressed based on the initial nominal concentrations. Alternative test designs were considered; a flow-through study was the only potential alternative option. However in the light of information on environmental exposure and the fact that the pH returns relatively quickly to normal ranges, a flow-through study was not considered to be appropriate.

**pH shock:** In the fish studies data were supplied on the survival of fish at 3, 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours. These data indicate that at the top concentration of 75 mg/L (equivalent to a pH of 11) 6 out of 7 fish died within 3 hours of exposure. Fish in all other concentrations were alive at this time interval. At 24 hours all fish were dead at the top concentration and one fish was

dead at 50 mg/L (initially pH 10.8 but at 24 hours it was 8.1). At 48 hours, one fish was dead at 33.3 mg/L (initially pH 10.4 but at 48 hours it was 7.8), a further fish died at 50 mg/l (initially pH 10.8, but pH 7.9 at 48 hours). No other mortalities occurred. The pH in all the test concentrations (excluding the top concentration) was 7.7 at the end of the study. These data indicate that the effect is an acute effect and due to initial exposure.

**Assessment factor:** As can be seen in the summary of the fish study above the pH at the start of the study is high in all concentration (pH 9.6-11.1), however in all but the top concentration the pH is within acceptable limits within 24 hours (i.e. it is between pH 6-8 (see OECD 203). Using the available data and calculating a mean measured concentration of lime would result in a concentration of lime that would not result in any change in pH. Using such an endpoint in deriving a PNEC would be inappropriate as it would be basing a PNEC on standard test water. In addition, it should be noted that para 14 of OECD203 states that if there is likely to be change in pH then the pH should be adjusted to ensure it is within acceptable limits. If this was done then the study would have involved assessing the toxicity of standard test water.

It is also important to note that throughout all the lime variant CARs toxicity has been expressed in the form of the hydrated lime equivalents (since this was the only form tested in the fate and effects studies). To ensure consistency in the risk characterisation all lime variant PEC values are expressed as hydrated lime equivalents. Although weight for weight these variants will have a differential effect on pH, there is no direct exposure of environmental compartments anticipated. Exposure only occurs via the indirect route following sludge or manure application to land. Due to the indirect nature of exposure, it was considered that any differences in short term dynamics in effects between the variants could be largely ignored and the data from the hydrated lime could be read across to other variants.

In addition, the biocidal application of lime as either PT2 or PT3 will occur in enclosed settings such that no relevant direct emissions will occur during the application phase that need to be considered as part of the exposure profile. Environmental exposure will potentially occur once the treated manure or sludge is spread on to land and in this situation it is considered to be potentially intermittent. On this basis, no chronic data are considered necessary. For example, lime is mixed in to slurry or manure within the farmyard situation. Therefore, direct exposure of surface water to lime during the application stage is considered unlikely. Exposure will only occur once treated manure/slurry is spread on to fields. Chronic data are not considered necessary due to the fact that spreading of treated manure and slurry will only occur intermittently, and thus exposure via subsequent runoff events will also only occur intermittently.

As stated above studies were conducted on hydrated lime. Dolomitic lime contains magnesium and therefore the effect of this was not assessed in these studies. However, as the main effect of dolomitic lime is to cause a rapid change in pH, it is considered that the studies submitted on hydrated lime are sufficient to permit an assessment of dolomitic lime. In addition, it would not be expected that the biocidal uses would result in any significant increase in natural background levels of magnesium in the environment. No further consideration is required.

Selection of assessment factors and PNEC setting were agreed at WGV2015.

# **Predicted No Effects Concentration in STP**

The PNEC was calculated from the 3 h  $EC_{50}$  of against sewage sludge micro-organisms, in accordance with TGD, Table 17:

 $PNEC_{stp} = 300.4/100 \text{ mg } I^{-1}$   $PNEC_{stp} = 3.004 \text{ mg } I^{-1}$  $PNEC_{stp} = 3004 \text{ } \mu g I^{-1}$ 

#### **Predicted No Effects Concentration in Surface Waters**

Three acute studies have been submitted on the toxicity of hydrated lime to aquatic organisms. These studies are considered to be acceptable for risk assessment purposes. The relevant endpoints from the above three studies are:

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96 h LC<sub>50</sub> for Oncorhynchus mykiss = 50.3 mg l<sup>-1</sup>
48 h EC<sub>50</sub> for Daphnia magna = 49.1 mg l<sup>-1</sup>
72 h EyC<sub>50</sub> for Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata = 99.87 mg l<sup>-1</sup>
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As stated above, the effect of burnt dolomitic lime is due to the rapid change in pH, it is considered that the primary effect will be an acute or mortality effect and not to a long-term or reproductive effect (see 4.1.2.5). Or put another way, if an aquatic organism survives a change in pH, it is not considered that there will be any chronic or long-term effects. Therefore, the PNECwater is based on acute data only and only addresses the acute effects.

However, when lime is used it is under controlled conditions and hence direct exposure during use has not been considered in the exposure assessment. Surface water and hence aquatic life may be exposed to lime once the treated manure is spread on to land. This is only likely to occur intermittently (e.g. once a year), furthermore any runoff event is only likely to occur once and hence the likely exposure is also likely to be intermittent. In addition, due to the mode of action, i.e. pH shock, it is considered that the effect of lime is due to the rapid change in pH, and hence it is considered that the primary effect will be an acute or mortality effect and not to a long-term or reproductive effect. Or put it another way, if an aquatic organism survives a change in pH, it is not considered that there will be any chronic or long-term effects. Therefore, the PNECwater is based on acute data only and only addresses the acute effects. In light of these points, it is proposed to amend the assessment factor from 1000 to 100. The resulting PNEC would be 491  $\mu$ g l<sup>-1</sup>.

On the basis of the above an assessment factor (AF) of 100 to the lowest endpoint as suggested by the TGD is applied. It should be noted that it is considered that this PNEC is considered to be conservative as the available fate data indicates that there will not be significant pH changes at this level.

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PNEC<sub>water</sub> = 49.1/100 \text{ mg } I^{-1}
PNEC<sub>water</sub> = 0.491 \text{ mg } I^{-1}
PNEC<sub>water</sub> = 491 \text{ µg } I^{-1}
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# **Predicted No Effects Concentration in Sediments**

No data have been submitted on the toxicity of hydrated lime to sediment dwelling invertebrates, hence there is no toxicity endpoint.  $CaCO_3$  would be expected to be ubiquitous in the natural aquatic environment and the additional source via the biocidal uses of lime would not be expected to increase levels significantly above existing background levels. Therefore, there is no requirement to determine the PNEC<sub>sediment</sub>.

#### **Predicted No Effects Concentration in Soil**

For the effects assessment of the soil compartment, endpoints are available for earthworms, plants and terrestrial microorganisms. All the values presented are in terms of mg a.s. kg<sup>-1</sup> dry weight (dw) of soil. This is consistent with the application rates for the PT2 uses all being expressed as rates per dry solid weight of sludge. For consistency dry weight has been used for the PT3 use patterns.

#### <u>Acute</u>

- Worm (*E. foetida*):  $LC_{50}$  (14 d) = > 5000 mg a.s. kg<sup>-1</sup> dw
- Terrestrial microorganisms:  $EC_{50}$  (28 d) = 9700 mg a.s.  $kg^{-1}$  dw
- Terrestrial plant (*Spinacia oleracea*):  $EC_{50}$  (21 d) = 2670 mg a.s. kg<sup>-1</sup> dw

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• Terrestrial plant (Spinacia oleracea): NOEC (21 d) = 1080 mg a.s. kg<sup>-1</sup> dw

#### Chronic

- Worm (*E. foetida*): NOEC (56 d) = 2000 mg a.s.  $kg^{-1}$  dw
- Terrestrial microorganisms: NOEC (96 d) = 12000 mg a.s. kg<sup>-1</sup> dw

The choice of PNECsoil was discussed at WG V 2015. There it was agreed to use the NOEC from the *Spinacia oleracea* study with an Assessment Factor of 10. (It should be noted that it is considered that this PNEC is conservative as the available fate data indicates that there will not be significant pH changes at this level.)

 $PNEC_{soil} = 1080/10 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$  $PNEC_{soil} = 108 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ 

#### **Predicted No Effects Concentration in Biota**

No studies have been submitted on the potential for burnt dolomitic lime to bioaccumulate. It has been agreed that no assessment is required as the dissociation products of burnt dolomitic lime ( $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $OH^-$ ) occur naturally in any surface water and in any plant and animal species. Based on the common knowledge of its physiological role, uptake, distribution and excretion in animals and plants, it can be concluded that there is no risk of bioconcentration due to biocidal uses of burnt dolomitic lime. Therefore, there is no need to calculate a  $PNEC_{oralpredator}$ .

With regard to a PNEC<sub>oral</sub>, whilst it is feasible that whilst birds or mammals could consume invertebrates present in soil where sewage or manure that has been treated with lime; the exposure will be minimal due to the fate and behaviour profile of lime and the subsequent changes in pH, hence it has not been considered necessary to determine a PNEC<sub>oral</sub>.

#### 2.2.2.3. Exposure assessment

The use of burnt dolomitic lime in the following two product types has been assessed:

• For PT 3 (Veterinary hygiene biocidal products), the 'Treatment of manure and other digestive tract contents' (use no. 2) has been identified as the most relevant use to be assessed.

For the treatment of manure and other digestive tract contents (PT 3) a burnt dolomitic lime application of 7.5 - 30 kg dry lime per  $m^3$  of liquid manure, or a burnt dolomitic lime quantity equivalent to 10 - 30 % of the dry solids weight of solid manure should be added.

The PEC values are derived in terms of hydrated lime equivalents. This is consistent with the ecotoxicological effects section where the PNEC values are also derived in terms of hydrated lime equivalents. This ensures the risk characterisation is performed in a consistent manner. The risk characterisation based on hydrated lime concentrations is considered sufficient to cover the risk posed by the dolomitic forms of lime, since if both the PEC and PNEC were converted to the dolomitic equivalents based on molecular weight differences, the overall risk characterisation in terms of PEC:PNEC ratio would be unchanged.

Note that burnt lime (calcium oxide) forms slightly more hydroxide ions per unit mass than are liberated from hydrated lime (calcium hydroxide). Because all the PNEC values are expressed in terms of hydrated lime, all burnt lime PEC values are converted to hydrated lime equivalents. This ensures all PEC and PNEC values were consistent. This was performed using a simple molecular weight correction procedure. The molecular weight of burnt lime is 56.08, the molecular weight of hydrated lime is 74.09, so to convert the burnt lime PEC to hydrated lime equivalents, multiply by 74.09/56.08, or a factor of 1.321.

With regard to the dolomitic variants, they all contain a proportion of the less reactive, less

dissociable magnesium oxide/hydroxide. Therefore per unit mass, the dolomitic forms will generate fewer hydroxide ions compared with the non-dolomitic variants. Across each product type, the application rates of hydrated lime and hydrated dolomitic lime are identical. Similarly the application rates of burnt lime and burnt dolomitic lime are identical. To simplify the CARs, the UK CA produced exposure and risk assessments based on either the hydrated lime or burnt lime application rates only. Since the dolomitic forms produce fewer hydroxide ions per unit mass, the assessments based on hydrated lime or burnt lime effectively cover the risks posed by the dolomitic forms. In addition a simple conversion factor for the dolomitic forms is not possible, since the exact composition in terms of Ca and Mg content differs depending on the location of where the mineral was originally extracted from.

#### **Terrestrial Compartment**

#### Soil

The main route of environmental exposure that has been assessed is that following direct application of burnt dolomitic lime treated manure to agricultural land. In order to quantify the potential soil loading via this route it is necessary to have information on both the application rate of burnt dolomitic lime to manure as well as information on the typical application rates of the treated manure to land.

According to the intended use information provided, the maximum application rate to liquid manure would be either 30 kg dry lime per  $m^3$ . The proposed default values from the OECD Task Force on Biocides 'Emission Scenario Document for Insecticides for Stables and Manure Storage Systems' have been used to determine typical liquid manure production volumes. In combination with standard data on the emission standards for  $P_2O_5$  and N they can be used to determine the effective application rates via treated manure. To demonstrate how these figures have been used to derived calculated lime application rates the example for dairy cattle will be shown below.

The OECD Emission Scenario document provides default values for the daily amount of liquid manure per animal for dairy cattle as 66 l animal $^{-1}$  d $^{-1}$ . The OECD document also provides a default value for daily  $P_2O_5$  production of 0.10466 kg animal $^{-1}$  day $^{-1}$ . The amount of  $P_2O_5$  per l of manure can be calculated as 0.10466/66 = 0.00159 kg l $^{-1}$ . The  $P_2O_5$  emission standard used in the calculation is 85 kg ha $^{-1}$  year $^{-1}$ . Therefore the maximum application rate of liquid manure based on the  $P_2O_5$  emission standard would be 85/0.00159 = 53.6 m $^3$  ha $^{-1}$ . Assuming a burnt or burnt dolomitic lime application rate of 30 kg dry lime per m $^3$  of liquid manure this equates to an application rate of 53.6 \* 30 = 1608 kg lime ha $^{-1}$ .

The maximum calculated burnt dolomitic lime application rate would be 2218 kg lime  $ha^{-1}$  (derived from the default values for fattening pigs). However it should be noted that this figure is derived from an application of 73.94  $m^3$   $ha^{-1}$  of liquid manure. In reality applications > 50  $m^3$   $ha^{-1}$  would not generally be recommended in order to reduce the risks of runoff and odour problems arising from these levels of application rate. For example this upper application limit is stated in the UK in the DEFRA Code of Good Agricultural Practice for framers, growers and land managers (2009²) to restrict applications of animal slurries to a maximum of 50  $m^3$   $ha^{-1}$ . The exposure assessment for application of burnt dolomitic lime in animal manures will therefore be based on the assumption of a maximum application rate of 50  $m^3$   $ha^{-1}$  of liquid manure, which equates to a burnt dolomitic lime application rate of 1500 kg  $ha^{-1}$  (assuming a manure treatment rate of 30 kg burnt lime  $m^{-3}$ ).

According to the OECD Emission Scenario Document the worst case application situation would involve surface application of liquid manure through broadcast spreaders with no follow up incorporation. This application would be considered typical for applications to grassland and would result in the assumption of a 5 cm mixing depth for the purposes of calculating the maximum initial  $PEC_{soil}$  values.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> see <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/environment/cogap/pdf/cogap090106.pdf">http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/environment/cogap/pdf/cogap090106.pdf</a> accessed on 26/01/2009

Assuming even incorporation of this applied dose over a 5 cm soil layer, no interception by crop canopy and a dry soil bulk density of 1500 kg m<sup>-3</sup> the maximum initial PEC<sub>soil</sub>, local in agricultural soil would be 2000 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>. It should be noted that the PEC<sub>soil</sub> here is based on an application rate of burnt dolomitic lime. Since the effects database used to derive the PNEC values has been based on studies performed on the hydrated forms this PEC<sub>soil</sub> value should be converted to hydrated lime equivalents to ensure consistency in the risk characterisation section. Assuming a one to one conversion of burnt dolomitic lime to hydrated lime upon contact with water the conversion factor can simply be based on the respective molecular weights of burnt lime (molecular weight = 56.08) and hydrated lime (molecular weight = 74.09) to give a conversion factor of burnt to hydrated lime of 74.09/56.08 = 1.321. Therefore the PEC<sub>soil</sub> in hydrated lime equivalents = 2000 \* 1.321 = 2642 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>. It should be noted that this PEC assumes that there is no time lapse between treatment and application to agricultural soil, this clearly represents a worst case assumption.

Based on a revised kinetic assessment, a soil DT50 of 0.742 h was proposed up to a break point of 6 h, and a DT50 of 372 h was proposed for the time period after the break point. Using this value the PEC<sub>soil</sub> declined to  $9.40 mg kg^{-1}$  within 1 d (derived as hydrated lime equivalents). The use of a 1 d time period in calculating PECsoil is considered acceptable in this specific case, where much of the degradation (actually buffering in manure or sludge) is likely to have occurred prior to application of lime amended material to agricultural land. In this highly specific situation it is therefore acceptable to use a PECsoil taking into account degradation and comparing it against a PNEC based on nominal initial concentrations.

#### Groundwater

When dissolved in water, burnt dolomitic lime is transformed to hydrated dolomitic lime upon contact with water. The hydrated dolomitic lime formed from burnt dolomitic lime also dissociates into Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> ions.

The dissociation products are not further degradable either chemically or biologically because they constitute simple basic structures, which cannot be broken down any further. These ions would be expected to simply form part of existing chemical cycles in the natural environment.

In terms of the groundwater compartment, both  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $Mg^{2+}$  ions would be expected to be major constituents in many groundwater zones. They would be expected to be present at concentrations greater than 1 mg  $I^{-1}$  under typical conditions due to natural weathering processes taking place in the overlying soil and rock formations. Although these natural weathering processes could also lead to groundwater leaching of applied lime residues it would not be expected that these processes would lead to any significant increase in the background groundwater concentrations of these major ions.

On this basis no further detailed assessment is considered necessary in this case.

#### **Aquatic Compartment**

#### **Surface waters**

Following application of lime treated animal manure to soil the most likely route of entry to adjacent surface water bodies would be expected to be via surface runoff. Surface water exposure via spray drift would not be expected since farmers would not be expected to allow applications of manure to result in direct contamination of water bodies due to the obvious environmental pollution issues this would cause. For example, in the UK in the DEFRA Code of Good Agricultural Practice for farmers, growers and land managers (2009) it is stated that manure should not be applied within 10 m of surface waters, including field ditches. It is also stated that application should be via equipment with low spreading trajectory and when applying slurries small droplet formation should be avoided to prevent drift. Note that the reference to UK specific guidance has simply been included as an example of existing national guidance that may be relevant to effectively control emissions from the biocidal uses under consideration here. Other EU legislation, such as the nitrates directive (91/676/EEC) or the

sewage sludge directive (86/278/EEC) would provide further means to control how and where manure or sewage sludge is applied to agricultural land in the EU. Both of these directives must be implemented under the Water Framework Directive. Measures to prevent direct exposure of surface water with manure or sewage sludge should be in place across the EU and as a result we do not consider that the risk arising from any misuse of this material (i.e. by not following other widely accepted guidance document) should be included. It should also be noted that the application of lime to sludge or manure has been assumed to be an automated process under controlled conditions. Hence spray drift from this application process will not occur and has not been assessed.

The surface water exposure assessment for application of burnt dolomitic lime in animal manures will be based on the same assumptions as per the exposure assessment in soil i.e. a maximum application rate of 50 m<sup>3</sup> ha<sup>-1</sup> of liquid manure, which equates to a burnt dolomitic lime application rate of 1500 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>.

The EU FOCUS<sub>sw</sub>³ models would be appropriate to assess the potential environmental exposure resulting from the use of burnt dolomitic lime. Although the FOCUS<sub>sw</sub> models were developed specifically to address potential exposure arising from agricultural use of pesticides under EU Directive 91/414, since the use of burnt dolomitic lime as a biocide potentially results in broad scale applications to agricultural land the basic assumptions underpinning the FOCUS<sub>sw</sub> models are considered applicable in this case. The FOCUS<sub>sw</sub> tools represent a tiered exposure assessment scheme from the relatively simple Steps 1 and 2 that use a number of conservative assumptions in a set of basic exposure calculations, up to the more complex Step 3 assessments that combine mechanistic models with defined environmental scenarios to represent vulnerable areas of EU agricultural land. For the purposes of assessing potential exposure resulting from the use of lime only FOCUS<sub>sw</sub> Step 1 and 2 were deemed necessary by the UK CA, and the main differences between the FOCUS and Exposit model assumptions are listed below:

- At Step 1, FOCUS<sub>sw</sub> assumes a 10 % loss via runoff/drainage immediately following application
- At Step 2 reduced loss percentages via runoff/drainage are assumed depending on time of year of application and EU region. For the purposes of the burnt dolomitic lime assessment, application in Northern Europe in October - February were assumed since these attract the highest Step 2 runoff/drainage entry assumptions of 5 % and may also be consistent with early pre-emergence applications in either autumn or spring.
- At Step 2 the runoff/drainage event is assumed to take place 4 d after application
- Entry to an adjacent surface water body is assumed. The water body is assumed to be 30 cm deep, and the ratio between the surface area of the field and water body is assumed to be 10:1.
- Upon entering the water body the substance is assumed to partition between the water and sediment phases according to the Koc value. For the purposes of this assessment the Koc was set to 0 ml g<sup>-1</sup> as a worst case to maximise the concentrations predicted to occur in the water phase (i.e. partitioning to sediment was effectively disabled).
- The FOCUS<sub>sw</sub> model assumes that the substance degrades according to simple first order kinetics based on DT<sub>50</sub> values for soil, water and sediment. In a simple first tier assessment  $DT_{50}$  values for all compartments were set to 1000 d as a standard worst case default value. In a refined assessment the soil  $DT_{50}$  of **0.742 h** was used up to a break point of 6 h, and a DT50 of 372 h was used for the time period after the break point.

The FOCUS<sub>sw</sub> Step 1 and 2 tools were used to simulate an application of burnt dolomitic lime in animal manure based on the same assumptions as per the exposure assessment in soil i.e. a maximum application rate of 50 m<sup>3</sup> ha<sup>-1</sup> of liquid manure, which equates to a burnt dolomitic lime application rate of 1500 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. At the first tier of the assessment, using the default assumptions of the FOCUSsw model, if as an absolute worst case no degradation is assumed to occur between application and the major runoff event (i.e. assuming a soil DT50 of 1000 d)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> see <a href="http://focus.jrc.ec.europa.eu/sw/index.html">http://focus.jrc.ec.europa.eu/sw/index.html</a> accessed on 19/02/2009

then the PECsw at Step 1 and 2 are predicted to be 500 mg  $I^{-1}$  and 249 mg  $I^{-1}$  respectively (**660** and **329 mg I^{-1}** as hydrated lime equivalents at Step 1 and 2 respectively). If a soil DT<sub>50</sub> of **0.742 h** is assumed up to a break point of 6 h, and a DT50 of **372 h** is assumed for the remaining period as per the soil exposure assessment then the Step 2 PEC<sub>sw</sub> value reduces to only **1.02 mg I^{-1}** (as hydrated lime equivalents) due to the extensive degradation assumed to take place in soil in the 4 d between application and first major runoff/drainage event. <sub>sw</sub> For simplicity only the values derived according to the FOCUSsw models will be taken forward in the risk characterisation section discussed below.

**Table 2.11 Summary PECsw values** 

| Tier                       |    | PECsw (mg I <sup>-1</sup> as hydrated lime equivalents) |
|----------------------------|----|---|
| FOCUSsw Step 1             |    | 660   |
| FOCUSsw Step               | 2  | 329   |
| (no degradation)           |    | 329   |
| FOCUSsw Step               | 2  |   |
| (bi-phasic degradation     | in | 1.02  |
| line with soil assessment) |    |   |

#### **Sediment**

The risk characterisation reported below indicates that no unacceptable risks are predicted for aquatic organisms on the basis of the existing exposure and effects data. In addition, the review of the fate and behaviour data has indicated that there is unlikely to be any long-term exposure of non-target organisms following the biocidal uses of burnt dolomitic lime. Upon contact with water the hydrated forms of lime will react with  $CO_2$  dissolved in water to form poorly soluble  $CaCO_3$  that would precipitate under neutral conditions.  $CaCO_3$  would be expected to be ubiquitous in the natural aquatic environment and the additional source via the biocidal uses of lime would not be expected to increase levels significantly above existing background levels. On this basis no requirement for the calculation of a formal  $PEC_{sediment}$  was identified.

#### **STP**

The main route of environmental exposure resulting from the biocidal use of burnt dolomitic lime is expected to arise following the broad scale application of treated manure to agricultural land. Whilst there may be a theoretically the potential for point source contamination of sewage treatment plants to occur following runoff from individual contaminated farmyards entering drainage systems connected to local treatment plants. This widespread contamination of farmyards with burnt dolomitic lime would not be expected to be significant in farming operations of a high standard, where best practice is routinely followed. In addition this route of exposure would not be expected to form part of the normal use of the burnt dolomitic lime products and therefore should not form part of the routine exposure assessment in this instance. In the event that such point source contamination did occur, it is not expected that the overall PEC would be any higher than already predicted to occur in surface water via runoff following use on agricultural land. Therefore, for the purposes of the risk characterisation exercise for sewage treatment plants it is proposed that the PEC<sub>SW</sub> values established in for surface waters be used as a surrogate for a specific value for PEC<sub>STP</sub>.

#### <u>Air</u>

For burnt dolomitic lime, the UK CA considered that exposure via air (and subsequent phototransformation in air) would be negligible based on the structures of the active substance and its expected low vapour pressure. Due to the negligible exposure risk no formal assessment of PEC<sub>air</sub> is considered necessary.

#### Biota

The likelihood of burnt dolomitic lime being bioaccumulated by aquatic animals has been dismissed. Also, whilst birds or mammals could be exposed to invertebrates present in soil where manure that has been treated with burnt dolomitic lime; the exposure will be minimal due to the fate and behaviour profile of burnt dolomitic lime and the subsequent changes in pH. Hence it is not considered necessary to determine a  $PEC_{b \text{ ota}}$ .

#### 2.2.2.4. Risk characterisation

The risk characterisation (PEC:PNEC) values have been expressed for the intended use patterns on animal manure. The exposure side of the risk characterisation is based on information provided in the TGD with respect to spreading of animal manure onto agricultural land. In addition default values from the OECD Task Force on Biocides 'Emission Scenario Document for Insecticides for Stables and Manure Storage Systems' have been used to determine typical liquid manure production volumes to determine potential exposure resulting from application of burnt dolomitic lime to animal manure.

#### **Risks to the Terrestrial Compartment**

#### Risks to soil

Risk quotients (PEC:PNECs) have been calculated to assess the risk to terrestrial organisms due to the use of burnt dolomitic lime on animal manure (expressed as hydrated lime equivalents). The risks to soil are presented in a tiered way, with the first tier assuming no degradation between application of lime to either sewage sludge or manure and subsequent application to agricultural land as a very simple and conservative worst-case. The second tier assumes degradation (actually buffering in manure of sludge) according to a revised kinetic assessment and a degradation period of 1 d and the appropriateness of the two tiers of the assessment are discussed below Table 2.12.

Table 2.12 PEC:PNEC (soil) values for burnt dolomitic lime following application to either sewage sludge or animal manure

| Scenario  | PEC                 | PNEC    | PEC:PNEC      |  |  |
|---|---------------------|---------|---------------|--|--|
| Section 10                                      | mg kg <sup>-1</sup> |         | I EGII IVEC   |  |  |
| PT 3: Animal manure (assuming                   | an applica          | tion of | burnt lime of |  |  |
| 1500 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> over 5 cm)             |                     |         |               |  |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> tier assuming no degradation    |                     |         |               |  |  |
| between application and soil                    | 2642                | 108     | 24.5          |  |  |
| incorporation                                   |                     |         |               |  |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> tier based on a revised kinetic | 9.40ª               | 108     | 0.00          |  |  |
| assessment <sup>a</sup>                         | 9.40                | 100     | 0.09          |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> revised kinetic assessment assumes a soil DT50 of **0.742 h** up to a break point of 6 h, and a DT50 of **372 h** for the time period after the break point

In general, from the experimental data available for directly treated soils it was noted that the pH fell back to within the range of typical agricultural soils (ca. pH 8) within 1 week of application at all concentrations. However at all concentrations tested, the pH remained above control levels throughout the 6 week study duration.

At application levels comparable to the worst case application level assumed for uses of lime on animal manures (i.e. 2230 mg  $Ca(OH)_2$ )  $kg^{-1}$  equivalent to a an application rate of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Tier II PEC soil calculated 1 d after application. The use of a 1 d time period in calculating PECsoil is considered acceptable in this specific case, where much of the degradation (actually buffering in manure or sludge) is likely to have occurred prior to application of lime amended material to agricultural land. In this highly specific situation it is therefore acceptable to use a PECsoil taking into account degradation and comparing it against a PNEC based on nominal initial concentrations.

1672 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> over 5 cm) the soil pH returned to normal levels (ca. pH 8) within 12 h. Additional information was available where sewage sludge was amended prior to application to a natural soil mixture. At sludge application rates comparable to the soil levels estimated above (i.e. 2630 mg  $Ca(OH)_2$  kg<sup>-1</sup> equivalent to a an application rate of 1972 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> over 5 cm) the pH of the final amended soil mixture was only temporarily elevated above pH 8, and fell back to less than pH 8 within 5 h of sludge treatment (Schiffner, 2008).

The natural reactions of the lime components in treated manure and subsequently in amended soil would therefore be expected to significantly reduce the exposure levels following treatment and thus reduce the potential for significant effects in treated fields. On the basis of the above information, it should be considered that the concentration of 9.40 mg  $\rm kg^{-1}$  is appropriate for use in risk characterisation. Significant long-term pH changes as a result of this level of burnt dolomitic lime treatment would therefore not be expected and this is reflected in the low risk quotient of 0.09 when the impact of these natural reactions is accounted for in the risk characterisation.

For the risk assessment of sludge application to soil, the risk should also have been calculated for a period of 10 years. However, during the MS commenting round it was accepted that this was not necessary due to the acute effect arising through the pH shock. However there are studies available showing that the effect on the soil pH is lasting if multiple loads of lime amended sewage sludge is added to the soil (this is after all the intention of the agricultural use of liming materials). Liming is also used to reduce the bioavailability of metals from sludge via pH amendment. However the risk is effectively compensated for as pH is monitored in soils receiving this sludge as part of directive 86/278/EEC. Therefore lasting effects on pH by liming will be detected and only if desired, the lime amended sludge will be applied to that soil. The risk to soil organisms by lime is after all an acute one, and despite an increase in background pH, the effect is in the shock –increase. Therefore the interaction between this risk assessment and the Directive 86/278/EEC should be noted.

#### **Risks to Groundwater**

This has been dismissed at the point of exposure.

#### Risks to the Aquatic Compartment

#### **Surface waters**

Risk quotients (PEC:PNECs) have been calculated to assess the risk to aquatic organisms due to the use of burnt dolomitic lime. Following application of burnt dolomitic lime treated animal manure to soil the most likely route of entry to adjacent surface water bodies would be expected to be via surface runoff. Surface water exposure via spray drift would not be anticipated since farmers would not be expected to allow applications to result in direct contamination of water bodies with animal manure due to the obvious environmental pollution issues this would cause.

EU FOCUS<sub>sw</sub> models were used to assess the potential for exposure to surface waters.

The surface water exposure assessment for application of burnt dolomitic lime in animal manures will be based on the same assumptions as per the exposure assessment in soil (see Section 2.1.1 above) i.e. a maximum application rate of 50 m³ ha⁻¹ of liquid manure, which equates to a burnt lime application rate of 1500 kg ha⁻¹. As for the soil assessment, the PEC:PNEC ratio is expressed in terms of hydrated lime equivalents to ensure consistency in the risk characterisation procedure.

The risk of burnt dolomitic lime to aquatic organisms (expressed as hydrated lime equivalents) has been assessed in a tiered scheme using the  $FOCUS_{sw}$  tools and results are presented in Table 2.13 below.

Table 2.13 PEC:PNEC (surface waters) values for burnt dolomitic lime resulting from runoff following application to animal manure according to the FOCUSsw models

| Compris  | PEC                | PNEC    | PEC:PNEC |
|--|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Scenario   | μg l <sup>-1</sup> |         | PEC:PNEC |
| FOCUSsw  | 660000             | 491     | 1344     |
| Step 1   | 880000             | 491     | 1344     |
| FOCUSsw  |                    |         |          |
| Step 2 (worst case assuming no degradation       | 329000             | 491     | 670      |
| between application and runoff event)            |                    |         |          |
| FOCUSsw  | 1020               | 491     | 2.1      |
| Step 2 based on a revised kinetic assessment a,b | 1020               | 491<br> | 2.1      |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm a}$  revised kinetic assessment assumes a soil DT50 of **0.742 h** up to a break point of 6 h, and a DT50 of **372 h** for the time period after the break point

On the basis of the information considered during the exposure assessment, the concentration of 1020  $\mu g \ l^{-1}$  is considered appropriate for use in risk characterisation. Significant long-term pH changes because of this level of burnt dolomitic lime treatment would not be expected, noting that the pH in reconstituted water returned to control levels within 24 h when dosed at concentrations of 14.8 mg  $\ l^{-1}$  hydrated lime. Similarly in two water sediment systems tested the pH returned to within the range of typical natural waters within 24 h when dosed at 14.8 mg  $\ l^{-1}$ . Further supporting information is provided in the form of a qualitative assessment that follows.

Overall, no unacceptable risks to surface water were identified.

#### Sediment

With respect to assessing risk to sediment dwellers, the risk characterisation reported above indicates that there were no unacceptable risks to aquatic organisms on the basis of the existing exposure and effects data. In addition, the review of the fate and behaviour data has indicated that there is unlikely to be any long-term exposure of non-target organisms following the biocidal uses of burnt dolomitic lime. Upon contact with water the hydrated forms of lime will react with  $CO_2$  dissolved in water to form poorly soluble  $CaCO_3$  that would precipitate under neutral conditions and may therefore reach sediment. However,  $CaCO_3$  would be expected to be ubiquitous in the natural aquatic environment and the additional source via the biocidal uses of burnt dolomitic lime would not be expected to increase levels significantly above existing background levels in sediment. On this basis no requirement for the calculation of a formal PEC<sub>sediment</sub> was identified and none has been performed.

#### **STP**

The main route of environmental exposure resulting from the biocidal use of burnt dolomitic lime is expected to arise following the broad scale application of treated manure to agricultural land. However there is a theoretical potential for point source contamination of sewage treatment plants to occur following runoff from individual contaminated farmyards entering drainage systems connected to local treatment plants. The widespread contamination of farmyards with burnt dolomitic lime is not expected to be significant in farming operations of a high standard where best practice is routinely followed.

In addition this route of exposure would not be expected to form part of the normal use of the burnt dolomitic lime products and therefore should not form part of the routine exposure assessment. In the event that such point source contamination did occur, it is not expected that the overall PEC would be any higher than already predicted to occur in surface water via runoff following the broad scale use on agricultural land. Therefore for the purposes of the risk characterisation exercise for sewage treatment plants it is proposed that the values established for the surface waters be used as a surrogate for a specific value for STPs. The risk

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Step 2 PECsw assuming the runoff/drainage event occurs 4 days after application (FOCUS default assumption).

characterisation is presented in Table 2.14 below.

Table 2.14 PEC:PNEC (STP) values for burnt dolomitic lime resulting from runoff following application to animal manure according to the FOCUSsw models

| Scenario                                   | PEC                | PNEC | PEC:PNEC  |  |
|--|--------------------|------|-----------|--|
| Scenario                                   | μg l <sup>-1</sup> |      | PECIPINEC |  |
| FOCUSsw                                    | 660000             | 3004 | 220       |  |
| Step 1                                     | 000000             | 3004 | 220       |  |
| FOCUSsw                                    |                    |      |           |  |
| Step 2 (worst case assuming no degradation | 329000             | 3004 | 110       |  |
| between application and runoff event)      |                    |      |           |  |
| FOCUSsw                                    |                    |      |           |  |
| Step 2 based on a revised kinetic          | 1020               | 3004 | 0.3       |  |
| assessment <sup>a,b</sup>                  |                    |      |           |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> revised kinetic assessment assumes a soil DT50 of **0.742 h** up to a break point of 6 h, and a DT50 of **372 h** for the time period after the break point

Overall significant long-term pH changes as a result of this level of burnt dolomitic lime treatment would not be expected and this is reflected in the low risk quotient of 0.3 when the impact of these natural reactions is accounted for in the risk characterisation.

### **Qualitative environmental exposure assessment**

During the discussion of this substance at the WGV2015 meeting it was agreed that in addition to the standard tiered quantitative exposure assessment an additional qualitative assessment would be added. This was agreed by MS experts to be appropriate and useful to build a weight of evidence to support the consideration of active substance approval.

At WGV2015 MS experts cited the following substances as examples where qualitative approaches had been used successfully in the past; *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*, hydrochloric acid and silicon dioxide. The UK CA has reviewed these previous assessments and considered that the substance with the most similarity to lime variants is hydrochloric acid, due to the main effects being on environmental pH in both cases. The basis of the qualitative assessment for hydrochloric acid was that predictions indicated 'negligible perturbations of environmental pH levels'. Hence there was no need to perform a standard quantitative approach utilising PEC and PNEC values in that case. A similar approach is discussed below based on the information available for the lime variants.

Based on the quantitative assessment in soil above the maximum tier 1 PECsoil value was 1200 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> (as hydrated lime equivalents). Note this PECsoil value assumes no time lapse between the application of lime and spreading of treated material onto agricultural soil. In a refined tier 2 assessment, conservatively assuming a 1 d time period between lime application and subsequent application to land, the PECsoil reduced to 4.27 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>. An indication of the possible impact on environmental pH can be estimated based on the laboratory studies provided. In those studies, an application of 1330 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> (i.e. in excess of the simple tier 1 PECsoil value) direct to soil did not result in an increase in the pH of natural soil outside of the typical environmental range (pH increased from control levels of 5.49 to 8.34 at time 0 and declined to 7.31 within 24 h). At the lowest dose tested (444 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>) the maximum initial pH was 7.52, declining to 6.41 within 24 h. Although these perturbations cannot be described as negligible (as was the case for hydrochloric acid) it can at least be stated that these changes would be within the typical range of agricultural soils encountered across the EU and no significant effect on non-target organisms would be expected as a result of pH changes in this range. Agricultural soils may be routinely lime treated to amend the pH within these ranges as part of good agricultural practice. In addition, it should be noted that the quantitative assessment has been based on a PNEC soil value of 108 mg kg-1. Again based on the data provided for effects of lime on soil, no significant adverse effect on soil pH would be expected

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Step 2 PECsw assuming the runoff/drainage event occurs 4 days after application (FOCUS default assumption).

at a concentration level of 108 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>. This further highlights the likely conservativism of the standard quantitative risk assessment presented.

Further supporting information from tests performed where lime treated sewage sludge was applied to soil has been provided. At the lowest concentration tested (1.25 g kg<sup>-1</sup> sludge), which was in excess of the proposed target application rate, negligible changes in the pH of the treated soil were observed. This suggests that the qualitative approach taken for the hydrochloric acid assessment based on negligible perturbations of environmental pH levels may also be applied in the case of the lime variants.

Based on the quantitative assessment in surface water in Section 3.3.3.2.1 above the tier II FOCUS<sub>sw</sub> Step 2 PEC<sub>sw</sub> value was 2.46 mg l<sup>-1</sup> (as hydrated lime equivalents). Significant long-term pH changes in natural waters because of this level of lime treatment would not be expected, noting that the pH in reconstituted water returned to control levels within 24 h when dosed at concentrations of 14.8 mg l<sup>-1</sup> hydrated lime, the lowest concentration tested during laboratory tests. Similarly in two water sediment systems tested the pH returned to within the range of typical natural waters within 24 h when dosed at 14.8 mg l<sup>-1</sup>. Therefore the biocidal uses of lime are not expected to have an adverse effect on the environmental pH of natural surface water bodies.

Further supporting information on the agricultural use of lime is provided in the Appendix to Doc IIA. Lime rates as high as 16 tons ha<sup>-1</sup> (expressed as CaO) can be required to adjust the pH and lime status of highly deficient soils. In comparison, the application of burnt or burnt dolomitic lime would equate to only around 3 tons ha<sup>-1</sup> (as hydrated lime). The contribution via agricultural liming, outside of the scope of the BPR, is therefore likely to be far in excess of the lime added to soil via the biocidal uses in many soils.

Finally additional information has been included considering the likely natural background levels of the key constituents of the lime variants in soil, surface water and ground water. Information on background concentrations in soil and surface waters in the EU are available in the Statistical Data of Analytical Results Annexed to the Geochemical Atlas of Europe (part 1) as downloaded from http://weppi.gtk.fi/publ/foregsatlas/index.php. The mean topsoil calcium concentration (measured as CaO) in this survey is reported to be 3.54%, equivalent to 35.5g/kg (minimum and maximum values ranged from 0.026 to 470.7%). For surface water the mean calcium concentration was reported to be 55.2mg/l (minimum and maximum values ranged from 0.226 to 592mg/l). For magnesium (measured as MgO), the mean topsoil concentration was 1.18%, equivalent to 11.8 g/kg (minimum and maximum values ranged from <0.01 to 24.6%). For surface water the mean magnesium concentration was reported to be 11.5mg/l (minimum and maximum values ranged from 0.048 to 230mg/l). magnesium are the major ion constituents of groundwater along with Na+, Cl-, HCO3- and SO42-. These major constituents are typically found at levels in excess of 5mg/l. Actual levels are largely dependent on the surrounding rock formations from which Ca2+ and Mg2+ may dissolve but vary from low mg/l levels up to hundreds of mg/l in areas where the surrounding rock formations contain high levels of calcium or magnesium (e.g. chalk, limestone, dolomite etc.). Water hardness is often expressed in units of equivalent mg/l of CaCO3 (Ca2+ and Mg2+ are the two most prevalent divalent cations responsible for hardness). Various scales exist, but water is often described as hard above around 200 mg/l (equivalent to around 80 mg/l calcium). In contrast soft water generally contains the equivalent of less than 30mg/l calcium. Based on widespread evidence over the ubiquitous nature of calcium and magnesium in the environment at levels in excess of those arising from the biocidal use, no further detailed specific references have been included here.

Overall, based on the qualitative arguments above, the biocidal uses of lime are not expected to have an adverse effect on environmental pH and no unacceptable impacts on non-target organisms is predicted.

## 2.2.2.5. PBT and POP assessment

#### **PBT assessment**

#### Introduction

According to the TGD, 'The Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic (PBT) assessment is considered to be different from the local and regional assessments approaches, as it seeks to protect ecosystems where risks are more difficult to estimate'. Under the Biocidal Products Directive (BPD), a PBT assessment is needed to demonstrate that a substance does not fulfil selection under the United Nations Environment Programme – Persistent Organic Pollutants convention (UNEP-POPs) to limit emissions to the environment of those chemicals with high potential for persistence, bioaccumulation, long-range transport and adverse effects on human health and the environment. Any substance which is found to be either a PBT or very Persistent very Bioaccumulative (vPvB) substance shall not be Approved unless releases to the environment can be effectively prevented.

### **Persistence**

Standard aerobic aquatic degradation studies are not considered necessary for burnt dolomitic lime since, upon addition to water, burnt dolomitic lime would simply dissociate to its respective ion constituents where they would form part of existing chemical cycles in the natural environment. The main impact on the aquatic environment from the addition of burnt dolomitic lime is short-term elevations in pH. Data have been presented, which shows that the impact on system pH as a result of burnt dolomitic lime application in both soil and aquatic compartments declines within days. The measure of persistence in the environment has been borne out of the need to quantify the potential for long-term environmental risks from xenobiotics introduced to the environment as a consequence of biocidal use. However, in the case of burnt dolomitic lime it would be more appropriate to look at the persistence of the effect since identifying the origin of the dissociated ion constituents in the soil or aquatic environment would not be possible. Therefore, as the water pH was noted to have returned to levels comparable with control systems in test concentrations of  $\leq$  75 mg l<sup>-1</sup> by the final 7 d sampling point, the impact of additional lime to the aquatic environment has not been shown to be persistent. It is on this criterion that burnt dolomitic lime is not considered to be persistent in the environment.

#### Bioaccumulation

No studies have been submitted on the potential for burnt dolomitic lime to bioaccumulate. It has been agreed that no assessment is required as the 'dissociation products of burnt dolomitic lime (Ca<sup>2+,</sup> Mg<sup>2+</sup>and OH<sup>-</sup>) occur naturally in any surface water and in any plant and animal species. Based on the common knowledge of its physiological role, uptake, distribution and excretion in animals and plants, it can be concluded that there is no risk of bioconcentration due to biocidal uses of burnt dolomitic lime. Therefore, it is assumed that burnt dolomitic lime does not fulfil the 'B' criterion.

#### Toxic

According to the most sensitive endpoint available for lime (a 48 h EC<sub>50</sub> for *Daphnia magna* = 49.1 mg  $I^{-1}$  based on hydrated lime data) the acute endpoint is above the trigger of < 0.01 mg  $I^{-1}$ . Therefore, the toxic criterion is not fulfilled according to the TGD.

Conclusion: As burnt dolomitic lime fulfilled none of the 3 criteria considered, it can be accepted that it is not a PBT substance. In addition, according to ECHA Chapter R.11 guidance (November, 2014) the PBT criteria are generally applicable to any substance containing an organic moiety. Based on the common definition of an organic substance in chemistry, PBT and vPvB criteria are not applicable to inorganic substances. Therefore no further information is required to assess the lime variants against the PBT/vPvB criteria.

## **POP Assessment**

Not applicable as burnt dolomitic lime is an inorganic compound.

## 2.2.3. Assessment of endocrine disruptor properties

The endocrine disrupting effects cannot be determined at present as the criteria are not yet agreed. However, in the absence of significant effects on endocrine organs and/or reproduction in standard mammalian toxicity studies it has been concluded that burnt dolomitic lime does not have endocrine-disrupting properties in mammals.

## 2.3. Overall conclusions

The outcome of the assessment for burnt dolomitic lime in Product Type [PT] is specified in the BPC opinion following discussions at the fifteenth meeting of the Biocidal Products Committee (BPC). The BPC opinion is available from the ECHA website.

## 2.4. List of endpoints

The most important endpoints, as identified during the evaluation process, are listed in  $\frac{Appendix I}{I}$ .

## **Appendix I: List of endpoints**

# Chapter 1:Identity, Physical and Chemical Properties, Classification and Labelling

Active substance (ISO Common Name) Product Type

Burnt dolomitic lime PT 3

## **Identity**

Chemical name (IUPAC)
Chemical name (CA)
CAS No
FC No

Other substance No.

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

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

Molecular formula

Molecular mass Structural formula Calcium magnesium oxide
Calcium magnesium oxide

37247-91-9

253-425-0

No other numbers available

800 g/kg

The value provides the content of Ca and Mg expressed as the sum of CaO and MgO. Minimum value for MgO in Burnt dolomitic lime is 30 % based on Magnesium content.

No substances of concern have been identified in the typical products whose analyses are included in this dossier.

Detailed analysis, including screening for any heavy metal content, should be provided.

Burnt dolomitic lime does not consist of discrete molecules, but crystallises in a 3-dimensional ion lattice. Furthermore, the Ca/Mg ratio is not constant for different sources of Limestone (precursor for Burnt dolomitic lime). In this dossier, CaO·MgO is used as a "molecular formula" for Burnt dolomitic lime.

96.38 g/mol

Not relevant. See above.

#### Physical and chemical properties

The following table summarises the physical and chemical properties of CaO and MgO (when indicated). For a justification of this approach see Document IIIA, Section A3

Melting point (state purity) Boiling point (state purity)

Temperature of decomposition

Appearance (state purity)

CaO: 2572 - 2614 °C; MgO: 2642 - 2852 °C

CaO: 2850 °C; MgO: 3600 °C

The melting points of MgO and CaO are  $> 2500\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Therefore it can be concluded that (CaO·MgO) is stable at extremely high temperatures.

CaO: Solid, colourless, grey, yellowish, greyish green or brown (depending on impurities), odourless

MgO: white

Relative density (state purity)

Surface tension

Vapour pressure (in Pa, state temperature)

Henry's law constant (Pa m<sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>)

Solubility in water (g/l or mg/l, state temperature)

Solubility in organic solvents (in g/l or mg/l, state temperature)

Stability in organic solvents used in biocidal products including relevant breakdown products

Partition coefficient (log Pow) (state temperature)

Hydrolytic stability (DT<sub>50</sub>) (state pH and temperature)

Dissociation constant

UV/VIS absorption (max.) (if absorption > 290 nm state  $\epsilon$  at wavelength)

Photostability ( $DT_{50}$ ) (aqueous, sunlight, state pH)

Quantum yield of direct phototransformation in water at  $\Sigma > 290$  nm Flammability

| CaO: 3,25        | 0 – 3,380 kg/m3 (literature) |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| MgO: 3,58        | 0 kg/m³ (literature)         |
|                  | Neutralac QM                 |
|                  | 59.6 % w/w                   |
|                  | CaO                          |
|                  | 37.5 % w/w                   |
|                  | MgO                          |
| Pour density     | 0.83 g/mL                    |
| Tap density      | 1.15 g/mL                    |
| Relative de      | nsity                        |
| $(D_{4}^{20})$ : | 3.28                         |
| (- 4 / -         |                              |

No data available. Inorganic salts may influence the surface tension of water to a significant extent. A value of 72.5 mN/m was determined for a 90 % saturated solution of Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>.

Below 10<sup>-5</sup> Pa (estimated).

Not relevant (see vapour pressure).

CaO: 1.31 g/L (10°C) 0.7 g/L (80°C)

MgO: 0.0062 g/L (cold water – temperature not given)

0.086 g/L (30°C)

It is expected the (CaO·MgO) is not soluble in organic solvents

Not relevant. There are no formulated products based on Burnt dolomitic lime.

It is expected, that the log Pow is << 3.

Neutralac QM: Rate of Calcium recovery in aqueous phase: 103.9 %

The substance hydrolyses to  $Ca(OH)_2$  and  $Mg(OH)_2$ .

The  $Ca(OH)_2$  content in the test solutions was completely found in the aqueous phase.  $Ca(OH)_2$  does not dissolve in n-octanol and a partition coefficient could therefore not be calculated.

Not applicable

CaO reacts with water to form  $Ca(OH)_2$ . The pH of a saturated  $Ca(OH)_2$  solution is 12.4. This value is consistent with the solubility and the fact that  $Ca(OH)_2$  is a strong base.

MgO reacts with water to form Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> which is only slightly soluble in water, hence nearly no dissociation takes place

Not measured

The dissociation products Ca<sup>2+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> are chemically and biologically not further degradable because they constitute simple basic structures, which cannot be broken down any further.

Not applicable

Burnt dolomitic lime is not flammable.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|                          |                       |

Explosive properties

Burnt dolomitic lime is not explosive.

## Classification and proposed labelling

| with regard to physical/chemical data  | Not classified                         |
|--|--|
|  | Skin Irrit. 2                          |
|  | Eye Dam. 1                             |
| with regard to toxicological data      | STOT SE 3                              |
| with regard to toxicological data      | H315: Causes skin irritation           |
|  | H318: Causes serious eye damage        |
|  | H335: May cause respiratory irritation |
| with regard to fate and behaviour data | Not Classified                         |
| with regard to ecotoxicological data   | Not Classified                         |

## **Chapter 2: Methods of Analysis**

## Analytical methods for the active substance

Technical active substance (principle of method)

Common analytical techniques are based on wet chemical separation procedures, combined e.g. with gravimetric, volumetric (complexometric-, redox-; acid-base-titration) and photometric methods.

X-ray Spectrometric Analysis, Coupled Plasma-Atomic Spectroscopy (ICP) and Atomic Absorption (AA) are also suitable methods for the determination of the main and trace elements in the different lime variants.

Impurities in technical active substance (principle of method)

X-ray Spectrometric Analysis, Coupled Plasma-Atomic Spectroscopy (ICP) and Atomic Absorption (AA) are also suitable methods for the determination of the main and trace elements in the different lime variants

## **Analytical methods for residues**

Soil (principle of method and LOQ)

Air (principle of method and LOQ)

In soil science, the determination of pH-values of soil and the determination of calcium and magnesium is well established. Basically the methods to determine calcium and magnesium are based on the same principles as described in Document IIIA, Section 4.1. Given the nature of the active and its uses any more detailed analysis is unnecessary.

Whether or not measurement of the active/residues in air is required will depend on a combination of factors such as particle size, method of application and degree of enclosure. This should be determined at product authorisation

The applicant has provided a published paper that gives brief information on dust collection and analysis; An air stream is conveyed over a filter. The retained dust is weighed and its basicity is determined by means of a calibrated pH-metric method. If the method is required additional information should be provided at product authorization.

authorisation.

Analytical methods to determine the concentrations of any of the Lime compounds are based on determinations of ion concentrations of Ca<sup>2+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> and pH-values. The methods to determine pH-values, calcium and magnesium in water are described in Document IIIA, Section 4.1.

LOQ)

Body fluids and tissues (principle of method and LOQ)

Water (principle of method and

Not relevant

Food/feed of plant origin (principle of method and LOQ for methods for monitoring purposes)

Food/feed of animal origin (principle of method and LOQ for methods for monitoring purposes)

For the determination of Calcium and Magnesium in foodstuffs and animal feeding stuffs two standard methods have been included in Document IIIA, Section 4.3. Given the uses of burnt lime on agricultural land & the nature of the active/residues the requirement for more detailed analysis of the active/residues in food or feedstuffs would seem unnecessary.

See above

### **NOTE:**

Whilst the nature of the impurities in the active are likely to be consistent, the actual amounts of each will vary depending on the source of the limestone. Due to the nature of the active it is considered inappropriate to require standard batch analysis to support a tight specification that will then be used as a reference source. Therefore a very lenient specification has been provided by the applicant based on their knowledge. Normally the specification is indicative of the substance that was tested and in order to refer to the risk assessment produced an active from another source would have to be deemed technically equivalent. However, given that much of the data provided to support Approval relates to sources of unknown purity, it seems inappropriate to set a specification limit for its use. It is our opinion the risk assessment is valid for an active of the minimum purity as stated in the LOEP.

The lime variants, including hydrated lime, are derived from naturally occurring limestone and as such the main constituents are calcium, magnesium and their oxides and hydroxides. Impurities are inorganic salts and minerals of a great variety. The impurities mainly contain minerals of silicon (silicates), aluminium, iron (pyrite), manganese, carbon (carbonates, traces of organic carbon), sulphur (sulphates, pyrite) and water.

The analytical methods used for the determination of the composition of lime do not allow for the determination of the specific forms in which their constituents actually occur. By consent within the lime industry, the composition of lime is expressed as oxide equivalents of the elements present in it, even though these elements are analytically determined as elements and not as oxides. The content of Ca is expressed as CaO and the content of Mg is expressed as MgO.

The contents of the other constituents are calculated and expressed as oxides:

- the content of Silicon (Si) is expressed as SiO<sub>2</sub>,
- the content of Aluminium (Al) as Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,
- the content of Iron (Fe) as F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,
- the content of Manganese (Mn) as Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, and
- the Sulphur (S) content as SO<sub>3</sub>.

However, these indicated oxides are not identical with the actual forms in which these elements are present in Hydrated lime:

- Silicon (Si) can be present in the form of Ca<sub>2</sub>(SiO<sub>4</sub>), Ca<sub>2</sub>Mq<sub>2</sub> (Si<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>) or in other forms.
- Aluminium (Al) can be present in the form of Ca<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (Dicalciumaluminate) or in other forms.
- Iron (Fe) can be present in the form of Ca<sub>4</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub> (Braunmuellerit), Ca<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (Dicalciumferrit), or other forms.
- Manganese (Mn) can be present as Ca<sub>2</sub>MnO<sub>4</sub> (Dicalciummanganate) or in other forms.
- Sulphur (S) is present as sulphates.

The loss on ignition comprises water (from  $Ca(OH)_2$ , formed during water absorption of CaO) and  $CO_2$  (from carbonate residues not transformed to oxides during the burning of limestone or from re-carbonisation of CaO due to contact of the product to atmospheric  $CO_2$ ).

## **Chapter 3:Impact on Human Health**

## Absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion in mammals

Rate and extent of oral absorption:

A worst-case value of 100 % absorption following oral exposure to burnt dolomitic lime has been assumed for use in the risk characterisation for systemic effects.

Rate and extent of dermal absorption:

A worst-case value of 100 % absorption following dermal exposure to burnt dolomitic lime has been assumed for use in the risk characterisation for systemic effects.

Rate and extent of inhalational absorption

A worst-case value of 100 % absorption following inhalation exposure to burnt dolomitic lime has been assumed for use in the risk characterisation for systemic effects

Distribution:

Following absorption of burnt dolomitic lime into the systemic circulation, the calcium and magnesium ions are widely distributed throughout the body, while the hydroxide ion is neutralised by the tightly controlled pH regulation mechanisms of the body (buffer capacity of extracellular body fluids, respiratory and renal compensation).

Potential for accumulation:

Bioaccumulation of calcium in bones and teeth is a natural, physiological process.

Rate and extent of excretion:

significant

inhalation

The absorbed calcium and magnesium are excreted in urine, faeces and sweat.

Toxicologically metabolite

There is no metabolism of the three dissociation products, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> as these are chemically and biologically not further degradable.

Acute toxicity

Rat LD<sub>50</sub> oral LD<sub>50</sub> dermal

No suitable study available.

 $LD_{50} > 2000 \text{ mg kg}^{-1}$ 

Rat LC<sub>50</sub> Mouse LC<sub>50</sub> inhalation

No suitable study available.

Mouse LC<sub>50</sub> inhalatio Skin irritation

Classified with R38 Classified with R41

Eye irritation

Classified with R37.

Respiratory tract irritation

Two studies in humans involving exposures to hydrated lime and/or burnt lime have shown that burnt dolomitic lime causes sensory irritation of the nose, eye and throat. There is no information on the respiratory effects of burnt dolomitic lime at exposure concentrations higher than 5 mg m<sup>-3</sup>; however, on the basis of its severe skin and eye irritant properties and its strong alkaline properties, it is most likely that overt tissue damage would occur at higher concentrations.

Skin sensitization

There are no studies which have investigated the skin sensitisation potential of burnt dolomitic lime or its magnesium component, magnesium oxide. However, as the recommended risk mitigation measures resulting from failure to identify a threshold for the irritant properties of the substance will prevent skin exposure, testing for skin sensitisation is deemed unnecessary. In addition, Ca, Mg and OH are abundant, natural components of the body and are unlikely to have skin sensitisation potential.

## Repeated dose toxicity

Species/ target/critical effect

The repeated dose systemic effects of burnt dolomitic lime (due to its calcium and magnesium content), are those of excess calcium (hypercalciuria, kidney stones, hypercalcemia, renal insufficiency, lethargy, coma and death) and excess magnesium (diarrhoea, hypotension and muscular weakness) in the body.

Burnt dolomitic lime also causes local irritative effects on the external surfaces of the body (skin, eye, respiratory tract and gastrointestinal tract). These are caused by the hydroxide ion.

Calcium NOAEL $_{long-term}$ : 42 mg/kg/d, extensive oral repeated dose studies in humans;

Magnesium NOAELlong-term: 4.2 mg/kg/d, extensive oral repeated dose studies in humans;

No NOAEL is available for the local effects of burnt dolomitic lime via the oral route.

No data are available for the dermal route. The UK CA considers that the investigation of these effects can be waived provided risk management measures resulting in the prevention of skin exposure are implemented.

Local NOAEC: 1 mg/m³ (20-min), human studies.

Lowest relevant oral NOAEL/LOAEL

Lowest relevant dermal NOAEL/LOAEL

Lowest relevant inhalation NOAEL/LOAEL

## Genotoxicity

Burnt dolomitic lime has no significant *in vivo* genotoxic activity below the threshold for irritation.

### Carcinogenicity

Species/type of tumour

Lowest dose with tumours

Burnt dolomitic lime is not carcinogenic provided the repeated dose effects of excess calcium and magnesium and the local irritative effects of the hydroxide ion are avoided.

Not applicable.

#### Reproductive toxicity

Species/reproduction target/critical effect

Lowest relevant NOAEL
Species/developmental target /
critical effect
Lowest relevant NOAEL

Limited information is available. However, provided exposures to burnt dolomitic lime contribute to an overall calcium body burden that does not exceed the oral UL value of 42 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup> and contribute to a supplemental magnesium body burden that does not exceed the oral UL value of 4.2 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup>, fertility effects are unlikely to occur.

Not applicable.

Burnt dolomitic lime is not a developmental toxicant.

Not applicable.

### **Neurotoxicity / Delayed neurotoxicity**

2-day acute neurotoxicity study in rats

13-weeks neurotoxicity study in rats

12-month chronic neurotoxicity study in rats

Burnt dolomitic lime is not neurotoxic. Not applicable.

Not applicable.

Not applicable,

### Medical data

None submitted.

| Summary  | Value  | Study  | Safety<br>factor |
|--|--|--|------------------|
| ADI (if residues in food or feed)                    | Not required.  |  |                  |
|  | Ca tolerable Upper Level (UL) = 42 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> , but needs to account for other sources of exposure to Ca especially through the diet.   | Extensive oral database in humans on calcium salts;      | None<br>applied. |
| AEL (short, medium, long-term)                       | Mg tolerable Upper Level (UL) = 4.2 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> , but needs to account for other potential sources of supplemental exposure to Mg such as dietary supplements, laxatives and antacids. | Extensive oral database in humans on magnesium salts;    | None<br>applied  |
| AEC <sub>inhalation</sub> (short, medium, long-term) | 0.3 mg m <sup>-3</sup>   | Human<br>volunteers, 20 min<br>exposure to burnt<br>lime | 3.2              |
| Drinking water limit                                 | Not required.  |  |                  |
| ARfD (acute reference dose)                          | Not required   |  |                  |

## **Acceptable exposure scenarios** (including method of calculation)

During use of burnt dolomitic lime-based biocidal products for the treatment of manure and other digestive tract contents (PT 3), primary exposure to operators essentially occurs from conveying the product from the supply bags to the process (manual, semi-automated, and automated mixing/loading scenario). Estimates of inhalation exposures during manual mixing and loading are based on a specific study where such exposure was measured. Other exposure calculations are based on the ART model for inhalation estimates and RISKOFDERM for dermal aspects.

The risk assessment has shown that through the application of personal protective equipment (Tier 2 exposure assessment), dermal and eye exposure is prevented and inhalation exposure during individual tasks is reduced to levels of 0.1, 0.03-0.425, 0.95-1.425, and 0.04-0.58 mg m<sup>-3</sup> for automated mixing and loading, semi-automated mixing and loading, removing empty bags, and for manual mixing and loading, respectively). The corresponding worst case aggregate calcium ( 0.90 mg kg bw<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup>) and magnesium body burdens ( 0.37 mg kg bw<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup>) estimated for the combined activities of semi-automated loading and equipment cleaning are significantly lower than the respective UL values (42 and 4.2 mg kg bw<sup>-1</sup>day<sup>-1</sup> for calcium and magnesium respectively).

The inhalation concentration levels for automated mixing and loading is below the AEC for local effects of  $0.3~mg~m^{-3}$ . However, the predicted concentrations for the other tasks exceed the AEC.

A number of options have been identified to either refine the assessment or manage both the risk of both local dermal and respiratory effects arising from the uses of limes which include:

Professional users

- 1. Consideration of a requirement for submission of additional exposure monitoring data for scenarios where the predicted air concentrations are more than 40 times the AEC (i.e. where RPE is assumed to be insufficient to control exposure) to refine the exposure assessment;
- Consideration of a requirement for submission of a systematic health survey among users to provide assurance that (despite the usual assumption of a maximum protection factor of 40 for RPE) users do not experience local adverse effects;
- 3. Limiting the grade of material to the most coarse and least dusty to avoid supplying products with "high dustiness" emission potential for uses without a high degree of technical or engineering control of exposure, i.e. manual, and semi-automated handling;
- 4. Application of technical/engineering controls when:
  - a. handling products (e.g. local exhaust ventilation, LEV) - it is recognised that there might only be limited scope for manual operations;
  - b. when handling empty bags (e.g. LEV and dust suppression techniques such as wetting empty bags or misting airborne dust);
  - c. during maintenance (e.g. LEV and use of vacuum cleaners during maintenance);
- 5. Use of PPE including RPE to control personal exposures:
  - a. Recommending Type 5 coveralls with hoods (EN ISO 13882-1) when handling products, contaminated sacks, and during other tasks such as cleaning and maintenance;
  - b. RPE with a work place protection factor of 10 during automated handling;
  - c. RPE with a WPF of 40 during manual and semiautomated handling; and
  - d. A need for operators to be properly trained in the use of the required RPE; and
- 6. Good occupational hygiene practice, i.e. use of pre-work creams and washing off contamination after tasks.

Not applicable

Not applicable

Not applicable

Workers (re-entry) Non-professional users Indirect exposure as a result of use

## Chapter 4: Fate and Behaviour in the Environment

## Route and rate of degradation in water

Hydrolysis of active substance and relevant metabolites ( $DT_{50}$ ) (state pH and temperature)

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

Readily biodegradable (yes/no) Inherent biodegradability Biodegradation in seawater

Non-extractable residues

Distribution in water / sediment systems (active substance)

Distribution in water / sediment systems (metabolites)

Hydrated dolomitic lime dissociates into  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $OH^{-}$  ions when in contact with water.

Not applicable: see hydrolysis

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Not relevant. The dissociation products Ca<sup>2+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> are natural constituents of any environmental compartment.

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Not applicable: no metabolites

## Route and rate of degradation in soil

Mineralization (aerobic)

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

Non-extractable residues

Field studies (state location, range or median with number of measurements)

Anaerobic degradation

Soil photolysis

Relevant metabolites - name and/or code, % of applied a.s. (range and maximum)

Soil accumulation and plateau concentration

Hydrated dolomitic lime dissociates into  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $OH^-$  when in contact with water. No further degradation is possible. Hydrated dolomitic lime forms Calcium carbonate in soil due to incorporation of  $CO_2$ .

 $DT_{50}$  values for carbonisation ranging between 1.36 and 2.34 hours have been estimated on the basis of pH measurements in soil over time.

Not applicable: see "mineralisation"

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Not applicable: see "mineralisation"

Not applicable: see "mineralisation". Hydrated dolomitic lime can form calcium carbonate in soil due to incorporation of  $CO_2$ .

## Adsorption/desorption

No study available: When applied to soil, burnt (dolomitic) lime is transformed to hydrated (dolomitic) lime upon contact with water. Hydrated (dolomitic) lime dissociates into Ca<sup>2+</sup>, (Mg<sup>2+</sup>), and OH<sup>-</sup>. These compounds are omnipresent, they occur naturally in high rates in soils, groundwater and surface waters.

The fate of lime and its constituents in soils is the object of research of the soil sciences and is well understood. It is known that under the climatic conditions of Western-Europe, high losses of lime take place due to leaching of  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $OH^-$  from soil. Consequently, natural waters (groundwater and surface water) always contain  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $Mg^{2+}$  in considerable quantities.

To compensate agricultural soils for lime losses and to maintain the soil pH at favourable

levels (target pH depends on soil texture), lime must be regularly applied to agricultural soils. Heavy soils (when used as arable land) need to receive 500 kg lime (calculated as CaO) per ha and year under low-rainfall conditions (<600 mm/year) and 700 kg Lime per ha and year under high-rainfall conditions (>750 mm/year), while sandy soils need to receive lower amounts in the range of 300 to 500 lime per ha and year, depending on rainfall. It is recommended that every 3 to 4 years the lime demand should be determined by soil analysis. Depending on the results of this analysis, up to 9 tons of lime (calculated as CaO) can be applied by one application to heavy soils while the maximum quantity for sandy soils is 3 tons (calculated as CaO).

A study has been performed in which hydrated lime was mixed with dry soil after which water was added to the mixture. Analysis of water percolating through the soil lime mixture has shown that only immediately after addition of hydrated lime to soil a significant increase in pH of the percolate was detected, corresponding to the analysed calcium hydroxide concentration in the percolate. This result shows that calcium hydroxide itself is not prone to leaching when present in moist soil.

### Fate and behaviour in air

Burnt dolomitic lime is not volatile: estimated vapour pressure  $< 10^{-5}$  Pa.

## Monitoring data, if available

Soil (indicate location and type of study) Surface water (indicate location and type of study)

Ground water (indicate location and type of study)

Air (indicate location and type of study)

No data available

## **Chapter 5: Effects on Non-target Species**

Note all endpoints are based on nominal concentrations (as hydrated lime equivalents) and are from static studies.

# Toxicity data for aquatic species (most sensitive species of each group)

| Species             | Time-scale Endpoint       |   | Toxicity                  |  |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| Fish                |                           |   |                           |  |
| Oncorhynchus mykiss | 96 h                      | LC <sub>50</sub>                        | 50.3 mg l <sup>-1</sup>   |  |
| Invertebrates       |                           |   |                           |  |
| Daphnia magna       | 48 h EC <sub>50</sub>     |   | 49.1 mg l <sup>-1</sup>   |  |
| Algae               |                           |   |                           |  |
| Pseudokirchneriella | 72 h                      | EyC <sub>50</sub>                       | 99.87 mg l <sup>-1</sup>  |  |
| subcapitata         | 72 h ErC <sub>50</sub> 18 |   | 184.57 mg l <sup>-1</sup> |  |
| Microorganisms      |                           |   |                           |  |
| Activated sludge    | 3 hours                   | EC <sub>50</sub> Respiration inhibition | 300.4 mg/L                |  |

Effects on earthworms or other soil non-target organisms

Acute toxicity to earthworms (Annex IIIA, point XIII.3.2)
Reproductive toxicity to earthworms (Annex IIIA, point XIII.3.2)

 $LC_{50}$  (14 d) = > 5000 mg a.s. kg<sup>-1</sup> dw NOEC (56 d) = 2000 mg a.s. kg<sup>-1</sup> dw

## Effects on soil micro-organisms

Nitrogen mineralization

Carbon mineralization

NOEC: 8, 10 and 12 g/kg soil dry weight after 28, 48 and 96 days of exposure, respectively.  $EC_{50}$ : 9.7 g/kg, > 10 g/kg and > 12 g/kg soil dry weight on days 28, 48 and 96 days after application, respectively.

The dehydrogenase activity was determined after 28, 48 and 96 days of exposure. NOEC: 4 g/kg soil dry weight after 28, 48 and 96 days of exposure.  $EC_{50}$ : > 12.0 g/kg, 8.1 g/kg and 8.7 g/kg soil dry weight on days 28, 48 and 96 days after application, respectively.

Effects on plants

(Annex IIIA, XIII.3.4)

Toxicity to plants

Spinacia oleracea was the most sensitive species based on shoot fresh weight:  $EC_{50} = 2670 \text{ mg/kg}$  soil dry weight

Spinacia oleracea, Brassica napus and Beta vulgaris:

NOEL = 1080 mg/kg soil dry weight

#### **Effects on terrestrial vertebrates**

Acute toxicity to mammals
Acute toxicity to birds
Dietary toxicity to birds
Reproductive toxicity to birds

| No study available, waiver provided. |
|--------------------------------------|
| No study available, waiver provided. |
| No study available, waiver provided. |
| No study available, waiver provided. |

## **Effects on honeybees**

Acute oral toxicity
Acute contact toxicity

| No study available, waiver provided. |
|--------------------------------------|
| No study available, waiver provided. |

## Effects on other beneficial arthropods

Acute oral toxicity

Acute contact toxicity

No study available, waiver provided.

No study available, waiver provided.

## **Bioconcentration**

| Bioconcentration factor (BCF)  | No study available, waiver provided. |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Depuration time $(DT_{50})$ $(DT_{90})$                                  | N/A                                  |  |  |  |
| Level of metabolites ( %) in organisms accounting for > 10 % of residues | N/A                                  |  |  |  |

## **Chapter 6: Other End Points**

No other endpoints are considered relevant.

## Appendix II: List of Intended Uses

Burnt dolomitic lime has been evaluated for its intended use as a veterinary hygiene biocidal product (PT 3).

The product is for use by professional users. Burnt dolomitic lime is mixed into animal by-products (e.g. manure and other digestive tract contents) and in large scale operations, this application is largely automated. In small scale operations, burnt dolomitic lime can also be manually loaded into the dosing equipment of the mixer. The method of application for the main use of burnt dolomitic lime is automated dosing of dry powder. Treatment is performed only once for each batch of animal by-product. The frequency of treatments depends on the size of the sewage treatment plant or farm. Depending on the pathogen that needs to be controlled, the storage time of the lime-treated material can be prolonged (up to 3 months).

| Product Type                 | Veterinary hygiene biocidal product (PT 3)  |  |  |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Object and/or situation      | Disinfectant for the treatment of manure and other digestive tract contents   |  |  |
| Formulation                  | Powder or aqueous suspension (20-45 wt % of active substance)   |  |  |
| Product name                 | Neutralac QM  |  |  |
| Concentration Used           | 7.5 – 30 kg burnt dolomitic lime per m³ liquid manure   |  |  |
| Application                  | Single application of burnt dolomitic lime by automatic dosing  |  |  |
| Applied amount per treatment | Applied quantity of burnt dolomitic lime equivalent to 10 – 30 % of the dry solids weight of solid manure   |  |  |
| Organisms controlled         | Bacteria, viruses and parasites present within animal by-products (e.g. manure and other digestive tract contents)  |  |  |
| Categories of User           | Professional  |  |  |
| Packaging                    | Bags; paper or plastic lined paper; 20-50 kg Big bags; polypropylene plastic plait; 500-1000 kg IBC; polyethylene; 500-1000 l   |  |  |
| Type of Application          | Automated dosing of dry powder into substrate.  |  |  |
| Storage                      | Bagged material should be stored under dry conditions. Bulk material is stored (silos) in closed systems.   |  |  |
| Remarks                      | Neutralac QM can also be delivered as bulk, commonly by 25 tons batches. The internal surface of the silo is plastic coated aluminium for transportation of powder and stainless steel for transportation of aqueous suspensions. |  |  |

Data supporting burnt dolomitic lime for its use against the intended target organisms have demonstrated sufficient efficacy for Approval to be recommended.

To date, there are no known resistance issues when using burnt dolomitic lime against the target organisms.

# **Appendix III: List of studies**

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