9.4. Exposure scenario 4: Use by professional worker - Use in electroplating or metal surface treatment

Market sector: Electroplating and surface treatment

PC 14: Metal surface treatment products, including galvanic and electroplating products

Sector of use:

SU 17, General manufacturing, e.g. machinery, equipment, vehicles, other transport equipment.

Environment contributing scenario(s):	
Use in electroplating or metal surface treatment	ERC 8c
Worker contributing scenario(s):	
Handling of solutions	PROC 8b
Small scale handling of solutions	PROC 9
Handling of medium dusty materials	PROC 26
Open or semi-closed wet chemical process	PROC 4
Plating	PROC 13

Explanation on the approach taken for the ES

During this use, the substance is chemically transformed into silver. Any subsequent handling steps after transformation of the substance are not in the scope of this ES.

9.4.1. Environmental contributing scenario 1: Use in electroplating or metal surface treatment

9.4.1.1. Conditions of use

The conditions of use are as described in the generic exposure scenario (GES) below.

9.4.1.2. Releases

The GES and associated risk assessment are concerned with releases of silver to waste-water and air during the use by professional workers of AgCN in electroplating or metal surface treatment. This waste-water is assumed to be treated at a municipal STP before discharge to freshwater. Exposure assessment for the aquatic environment is based on calculation of the maximum safe tonnage (Msafe) of AgCN that can be used for electroplating or metal surface treatment by professional workers; modelling of environmental exposure is based on adjustment to release factors (RFs) defined by ERC 8c.

1. Title					
ES4: Use by professional workers -	ES4: Use by professional workers - Use in electroplating or metal surface treatment				
Life cycle	Use of silver cyanide in electroplating or metal surface				
Life Cycle	treatment				
Systematic title based on use	ERC:				
descriptor	ERC 8c				
2. Operational conditions and risk ma	nagement measures				
2.1 Control of environmental exposure					
Environmental related free short title	Use by professional in electroplating or metal surface				
Environmental related free short title	treatment				
Systematic title based on use	ERC 8c (Widespread use leading to inclusion into/onto				
descriptor (environment)	article (indoor))				
	Professional use of silver cyanide for electroplating or metal				
Processes, tasks, activities covered	surface treatment:				
(environment)	As defined by ERC 8c release scenario adjusted for				
	monetary value of silver.				

	Estimates based on ERC 8c for 'Widespread use leading to		
Environmental Assessment Method	inclusion into/onto article (indoor)' adjusted for monetary		
Zivii oiiii oiii oii oii oii oii oii oii	value of silver are used for calculation of maximum tonnage		
	that can be used safely without risk to the environment.		
Product characteristics			
Silver cyanide as solid or aqueous solut	ion.		
Environmental assessment is based on	adjustment to ERC 8c release factors and default		
characteristics for environmental compa	rtments detailed in the ECHA technical guidance and EUSES		
model.			
Amounts used			
Maximum annual safe use at a site	93 kg AgCN		
(Msafe) ¹⁴	(75 kg Ag metal equivalent)		
Frequency and duration of use	T		
	220 days per year per site (SpERC for Industrial use of		
Pattern of release to the environment	metals and metal compounds in metallic coating'15; this		
	assumes an average working year)		
Environment factors not influenced b			
Receiving surface water flow rate	STP: 2,000 m ³ /d (default)		
Dilution conscitu freehunter	Receiving water: 18,000 m³/d (default)		
Dilution capacity, freshwater Dilution capacity, marine	Env ES: Discharge to freshwater via STP: DF = 10 (default) NR		
Other given operational conditions at			
None	lecting environmental exposure		
	t process level (source) to prevent release		
Appropriate process control systems sha			
	sures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and		
releases to soil	sures to reduce or mint discribing so, an emissions and		
Waste water:			
ES Discharge to freshwater via STP:			
	f available monitoring data and literature)		
Release factor after on-site treatment: 30,000 g/T (i.e. ERC RF adjusted for monetary value of Ag as			
detailed in section 9.02)			
Air:			
Release factor after on-site treatment: 1	5,000 g/T (ERC RF adjusted to 10% based on monetary		
value of silver as detailed in section 9.02			
Organizational measures to prevent/limit release from site			
Safety data sheet and instructions for professional use			
Conditions and measures related to municipal sewage treatment plant (if applicable)			
Municipal Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)	Yes		
Discharge rate of the Municipal STP	2 000 m ³ /d (default)		
Fate of the sludge from Municipal			
STP	Worst case scenario assumed that sludge is applied to land		
Conditions and measures related to e	external treatment of waste for disposal		
Not relevant for professional use			
Conditions and measures related to e	external recovery of waste		
Not relevant for professional use			
3. Exposure and risk estimation			
Environment [based on total Ag emi	ssions]		
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All Msafe exposure scenarios for use of AgCN are based on the maximum amount of silver (metal equivalent) that can be safely used in a specific application without an unacceptable level of risk to the environment. It is therefore important to consider the total use of silver compounds for each specific downstream use at an individual site and where relevant, combine the contribution from each silver compound if a number of different Ag compounds are used for the same downstream use.

15 ARCHE (2013) Industrial use of metals and metal compounds in metallic coating. SpERC code Eurometaux 5.1 v2.1. Available online at http://www.arche-consulting.be/metal-csa-toolbox/SPERCs-tool-for-metals/

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Compartme nt	Unit	PNEC	PECregional	C _{local}	PEC	RCR	Methods for calculation of environmental concentrations
ES Discharge to STP	mg Ag/L	0.025 mg/L	6.06 x10 ⁻⁶ mg/L	1.01 x10 ⁻³ mg/L	1.01 x10 ⁻³ mg/L	0.04	ERC RFs adjusted for monetary value of silver applied to Msafe tonnage and dilution factor at municipal sewage works
ES Freshwater via STP	mg Ag/L	4.0 x10 ⁻⁵ mg/L	6.06 x10 ⁻⁶ mg/L	2.62 x10 ⁻⁵ mg/L	3.23 x10 ⁻⁵ mg/L	0.81	ERC RFs adjusted for monetary value of silver applied to Msafe tonnage and Ag-specific values for STP removal efficiency and dilution in ultimate receiving water body
Freshwater sediment via STP	mg /kg w.w.	96.4 mg/kg w.w	2.13 mg/kg w.w	1.34 mg/kg w.w	3.47 mg/k g w.w	0.36	ERC RFs adjusted for monetary value of silver applied to Msafe tonnage and Ag-specific values for STP removal efficiency and dilution in ultimate receiving water body
Terrestrial	mg Ag/kg w.w.	1.24 mg/kg w.w.	0.086 mg/kg w.w.	1.70 x10 ⁻² mg/kg w.w.	0.103 mg/k g w.w.	0.083	Modelled increase in soil concentrations due to deposition from atmospheric emissions and application of sewage sludge to land
* All concentrations reported as Ag equivalent due to the silver metal PNEC used for assessment.							

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

Environment

Scaling tool: Metals EUSES IT tool (free download:

http://www.arche-consulting.be/Metal-CSA-toolbox/du-scaling-tool)

Scaling of the release to air and water environment includes:

- Refining of the release factor to air and waste water and/or and the efficiency of the air filter and wastewater treatment facility.
- Adjustment of the flow rate for the receiving water body and subsequent dilution factor.

9.4.1.3. Exposure and risks for man via the environment

Assessment of risks for man via the environment is not relevant for this use, due to electroplating and metal surface treatment being performed using a solution and at very low quantities.

9.4.2. Worker contributing scenario 1: Handling of solutions (PROC 8b)

9.4.2.1. Conditions of use

Task(s) covered with this contributing scenario: Transfer processes, such as replenishment.

Task(s) covered with this contributing scenario: Transfer processes, such as	replenishment.
	Method
Product (article) characteristics	
Physical form of substance: Solution	External Tool (MEASE)
• Maximum emission potential of the substance: Very low (Only the highest emission potential (EP) is reported. Lower EPs (e.g. if materials of lower dustiness are being handled in parallel) are thus automatically covered in this assessment.)	External Tool (MEASE)
• Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhal: 0%; Dermal: 0%]	External Tool (MEASE)
Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/	exposure
• Maximum duration of exposure: > 240 min (not restricted) [Effectiveness Inhal: 0%; Dermal: 0%]	External Tool (MEASE)
Technical and organisational conditions and measures	
Pattern of use: Non-dispersive use	External Tool (MEASE)
Pattern of exposure control: Direct handling	External Tool (MEASE)
Contact level: Intermittent	External Tool (MEASE)
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and h	nealth evaluation
• Respiratory protective equipment (RPE) as precautionary measure: RPE protecting from local effects via inhalation (Due to potential adverse effects of the substance to the respiratory tract, RPE (minimum assigned protection factor of 10) is prescribed on a precautionary basis for all workplaces unless inhalation exposure to the substance can be excluded.)	
• Gloves as precautionary measure: Gloves protecting from local effects to the skin (low hazard) (Due to the potential adverse effects of the substance to skin, protective gloves according to EN 374 have to be worn at all workplaces. Additionally, face protection is required to be worn as appropriate.)	
• Eye protection: Eye protection to be worn to protect from adverse effects to the eyes (Due to the adverse effects of the substance to the eyes, direct contact of the eyes with the substance is to be avoided including hand to eye transfer after touching contaminated surfaces. Suitable eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn.)	

9.4.2.2. Exposure and risks for workers

The exposure concentrations and risk characterisation ratios (RCR) are reported in the following table.

Table 22. Exposure concentrations and risks for workers

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk characterisation
Inhalation, systemic, long-term	50 μg/m³ (External Tool (MEASE))	RCR = 0.142
Inhalation, systemic, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Inhalation, local, long-term		Qualitative (see below)
Inhalation, local, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Dermal, systemic, long-term	34.29 μg/kg bw/day (External Tool (MEASE))	RCR = 0.069
Dermal, local, long-term		Qualitative (see below)
Dermal, local, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Eye, local		Qualitative (see below)

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk characterisation
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.211

Remarks on exposure data

External Tool (MEASE)

Dermal, systemic, long-term:
 For calculation of systemic exposure, the exposure estimate for total dermal loading as obtained in MEASE (reported in mg/day) is divided by a body weight of 70 kg for workers.

Conclusion on risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local or acute systemic effects via inhalation, for local dermal effects and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.2.3.

Under the prescribed conditions of use, exposure is well below the DNELs and local effects are not expected. Therefore, risks are adequately controlled.

9.4.3. Worker contributing scenario 2: Small scale handling of solutions (PROC 9)

9.4.3.1. Conditions of use

Task(s) covered with this contributing scenario: Transfer processes, such as replenishment (including manual replenishment).

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Product (article) characteristics				
Physical form of substance: Solution	External Tool (MEASE)			
• Maximum emission potential of the substance: Very low (Only the highest emission potential (EP) is reported. Lower EPs (e.g. if materials of lower dustiness are being handled in parallel) are thus automatically covered in this assessment.)	External Tool (MEASE)			
• Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhal: 0%; Dermal: 0%]	External Tool (MEASE)			
Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/	exposure			
• Maximum duration of exposure: > 240 min (not restricted) [Effectiveness Inhal: 0%; Dermal: 0%]	External Tool (MEASE)			
Technical and organisational conditions and measures				
Pattern of use: Non-dispersive use	External Tool (MEASE)			
Pattern of exposure control: Direct handling	External Tool (MEASE)			
Contact level: Intermittent	External Tool (MEASE)			
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and I	nealth evaluation			
• Respiratory protective equipment (RPE) as precautionary measure: RPE protecting from local effects via inhalation (Due to potential adverse effects of the substance to the respiratory tract, RPE (minimum assigned protection factor of 10) is prescribed on a precautionary basis for all workplaces unless inhalation exposure to the substance can be excluded.)				
• Gloves as precautionary measure: Gloves protecting from local effects to the skin (low hazard) (Due to the potential adverse effects of the substance to skin, protective gloves according to EN 374 have to be worn at all workplaces. Additionally, face protection is required to be worn as appropriate.)				

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• Eye protection: Eye protection to be worn to protect from adverse effects to the eyes (Due to the adverse effects of the substance to the eyes, direct contact of the eyes with the substance is to be avoided including hand to eye transfer after touching contaminated surfaces. Suitable eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn.)	

9.4.3.2. Exposure and risks for workers

The exposure concentrations and risk characterisation ratios (RCR) are reported in the following table.

Table 23. Exposure concentrations and risks for workers

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk characterisation
Inhalation, systemic, long-term	50 μg/m³ (External Tool (MEASE))	RCR = 0.142
Inhalation, systemic, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Inhalation, local, long-term		Qualitative (see below)
Inhalation, local, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Dermal, systemic, long-term	34.29 μg/kg bw/day (External Tool (MEASE))	RCR = 0.069
Dermal, local, long-term		Qualitative (see below)
Dermal, local, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Eye, local		Qualitative (see below)
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.211

Remarks on exposure data

External Tool (MEASE)

Dermal, systemic, long-term:
 For calculation of systemic exposure, the exposure estimate for total dermal loading as obtained in MEASE (reported in mg/day) is divided by a body weight of 70 kg for workers.

Conclusion on risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local or acute systemic effects via inhalation, for local dermal effects and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.2.3.

Under the prescribed conditions of use, exposure is well below the DNELs and local effects are not expected. Therefore, risks are adequately controlled.

9.4.4. Worker contributing scenario 3: Handling of medium dusty materials (PROC 26)

9.4.4.1. Conditions of use

Task(s) covered with this contributing scenario: Transfer processes, such as replenishment (including manual replenishment).

	Method
Product (article) characteristics	
Physical form of substance: Solid	External Tool (MEASE)
Maximum emission potential of the substance: Medium (Only the highest)	External Tool (MEASE)

	Method
emission potential (EP) is reported. Lower EPs (e.g. if materials of lower dustiness are being handled in parallel) are thus automatically covered in this assessment.)	
• Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhal: 0%; Dermal: 0%]	External Tool (MEASE)
Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/	exposure
• Maximum duration of exposure: > 240 min (not restricted) [Effectiveness Inhal: 0%; Dermal: 0%]	External Tool (MEASE)
Technical and organisational conditions and measures	
Pattern of use: Non-dispersive use	External Tool (MEASE)
Pattern of exposure control: Direct handling	External Tool (MEASE)
Contact level: Intermittent	External Tool (MEASE)
• Exterior local exhaust ventilation: Lower confidence limit (industrial use) (Standard efficiency) [Effectiveness Inhal: 75%]	External Tool (MEASE)
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and h	nealth evaluation
• Respiratory protective equipment (RPE): RPE with minimum APF = 10 (APF = assigned protection factor according to EN 529. At minimum any combination of particle filter class P2 with mask according to EN 140, EN 1827 or EN 136 or filtering half mask (FF P2) according to EN 149 or combination of P1 filter with face piece according EN 12942 or any RPE providing higher APFs according to EN 529 is required.) [Effectiveness Inhal: 90%]	External Tool (MEASE)
Gloves: Protective gloves according to EN 374 have to be worn. Gloves have to be changed according to manufacturer's information or when damaged, whatever is the earlier. [Effectiveness Dermal: 90%]	External Tool (MEASE)
• Eye protection: Eye protection to be worn to protect from adverse effects to the eyes (Due to the adverse effects of the substance to the eyes, direct contact of the eyes with the substance is to be avoided including hand to eye transfer after touching contaminated surfaces. Suitable eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn.)	

9.4.4.2. Exposure and risks for workers

The exposure concentrations and risk characterisation ratios (RCR) are reported in the following table.

Table 24. Exposure concentrations and risks for workers

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk characterisation
Inhalation, systemic, long-term	100 μg/m³ (External Tool (MEASE))	RCR = 0.284
Inhalation, systemic, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Inhalation, local, long-term		Qualitative (see below)
Inhalation, local, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Dermal, systemic, long-term	14.14 μg/kg bw/day (External Tool (MEASE))	RCR = 0.028
Dermal, local, long-term		Qualitative (see below)
Dermal, local, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Eye, local		Qualitative (see below)
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.312

Remarks on exposure data

External Tool (MEASE)

Dermal, systemic, long-term:
 For calculation of systemic exposure, the exposure estimate for total dermal loading as obtained in MEASE (reported in mg/day) is divided by a body weight of 70 kg for workers.

Conclusion on risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local or acute systemic effects via inhalation, for local dermal effects and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.2.3.

Under the prescribed conditions of use, exposure is well below the DNELs and local effects are not expected. Therefore, risks are adequately controlled.

9.4.5. Worker contributing scenario 4: Open or semi-closed wet chemical process (PROC 4)

9.4.5.1. Conditions of use

	Method	
Product (article) characteristics		
Physical form of substance: Solution	External Tool (MEASE)	
• Maximum emission potential of the substance: Very low (Only the highest emission potential (EP) is reported. Lower EPs (e.g. if materials of lower dustiness are being handled in parallel) are thus automatically covered in this assessment.)	External Tool (MEASE)	
• Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhal: 0%; Dermal: 0%]	External Tool (MEASE)	
Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/	exposure	
• Maximum duration of exposure: > 240 min (not restricted) [Effectiveness Inhal: 0%; Dermal: 0%]	External Tool (MEASE)	
Technical and organisational conditions and measures		
Pattern of use: Non-dispersive use	External Tool (MEASE)	
Pattern of exposure control: Non-direct handling	External Tool (MEASE)	
Contact level: Intermittent	External Tool (MEASE)	
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation		
• Respiratory protective equipment (RPE) as precautionary measure: RPE protecting from local effects via inhalation (Due to potential adverse effects of the substance to the respiratory tract, RPE (minimum assigned protection factor of 10) is prescribed on a precautionary basis for all workplaces unless inhalation exposure to the substance can be excluded.)		
• Gloves as precautionary measure: Gloves protecting from local effects to the skin (low hazard) (Due to the potential adverse effects of the substance to skin, protective gloves according to EN 374 have to be worn at all workplaces. Additionally, face protection is required to be worn as appropriate.)		
• Eye protection: Eye protection to be worn to protect from adverse effects to the eyes (Due to the adverse effects of the substance to the eyes, direct contact of the eyes with the substance is to be avoided including hand to eye transfer after touching contaminated surfaces. Suitable eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn.)		

9.4.5.2. Exposure and risks for workers

The exposure concentrations and risk characterisation ratios (RCR) are reported in the following table.

Table 25. Exposure concentrations and risks for workers

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk characterisation
Inhalation, systemic, long-term	100 μg/m³ (External Tool (MEASE))	RCR = 0.284
Inhalation, systemic, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Inhalation, local, long-term		Qualitative (see below)
Inhalation, local, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Dermal, systemic, long-term	3.43 μg/kg bw/day (External Tool (MEASE))	RCR < 0.01
Dermal, local, long-term		Qualitative (see below)
Dermal, local, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Eye, local		Qualitative (see below)
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.291

Remarks on exposure data

External Tool (MEASE)

Dermal, systemic, long-term:
 For calculation of systemic exposure, the exposure estimate for total dermal loading as obtained in MEASE (reported in mg/day) is divided by a body weight of 70 kg for workers.

Conclusion on risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local or acute systemic effects via inhalation, for local dermal effects and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.2.3.

Under the prescribed conditions of use, exposure is well below the DNELs and local effects are not expected. Therefore, risks are adequately controlled.

9.4.6. Worker contributing scenario 5: Plating (PROC 13)

9.4.6.1. Conditions of use

	Method	
Product (article) characteristics		
Physical form of substance: Solution	External Tool (MEASE)	
• Maximum emission potential of the substance: Very low (Only the highest emission potential (EP) is reported. Lower EPs (e.g. if materials of lower dustiness are being handled in parallel) are thus automatically covered in this assessment.)	External Tool (MEASE)	
• Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhal: 0%; Dermal: 0%]	External Tool (MEASE)	
Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure		
• Maximum duration of exposure: > 240 min (not restricted) [Effectiveness Inhal: 0%; Dermal: 0%]	External Tool (MEASE)	
Technical and organisational conditions and measures		
Pattern of use: Non-dispersive use	External Tool (MEASE)	
Pattern of exposure control: Direct handling	External Tool (MEASE)	

	Method	
Contact level: Intermittent	External Tool (MEASE)	
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation		
Gloves: Protective gloves according to EN 374 have to be worn. Gloves have to be changed according to manufacturer's information or when damaged, whatever is the earlier. [Effectiveness Dermal: 90%]	External Tool (MEASE)	
• Respiratory protective equipment (RPE) as precautionary measure: RPE protecting from local effects via inhalation (Due to potential adverse effects of the substance to the respiratory tract, RPE (minimum assigned protection factor of 10) is prescribed on a precautionary basis for all workplaces unless inhalation exposure to the substance can be excluded.)		
• Eye protection: Eye protection to be worn to protect from adverse effects to the eyes (Due to the adverse effects of the substance to the eyes, direct contact of the eyes with the substance is to be avoided including hand to eye transfer after touching contaminated surfaces. Suitable eye protection equipment (e.g. goggles or visors) must be worn.)		

9.4.6.2. Exposure and risks for workers

The exposure concentrations and risk characterisation ratios (RCR) are reported in the following table.

Table 26. Exposure concentrations and risks for workers

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk characterisation
Inhalation, systemic, long-term	50 μg/m³ (External Tool (MEASE))	RCR = 0.142
Inhalation, systemic, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Inhalation, local, long-term		Qualitative (see below)
Inhalation, local, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Dermal, systemic, long-term	3.43 μg/kg bw/day (External Tool (MEASE))	RCR < 0.01
Dermal, local, long-term		Qualitative (see below)
Dermal, local, acute		Qualitative (see below)
Eye, local		Qualitative (see below)
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.149

Remarks on exposure data

External Tool (MEASE)

• Dermal, systemic, long-term:
For calculation of systemic exposure, the exposure estimate for total dermal loading as obtained in MEASE (reported in mg/day) is divided by a body weight of 70 kg for workers.

Conclusion on risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local or acute systemic effects via inhalation, for local dermal effects and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.2.3.

Under the prescribed conditions of use, exposure is well below the DNELs and local effects are not expected. Therefore, risks are adequately controlled.