9.8. Exposure scenario 8: Widespread use by professional workers - Use in photographic applications

Market sector: Photo-chemicals

Product category used: PC 30: Photo-chemicals

Sector of use: SU 7: Printing and reproduction of recorded media

Environment contributing scenario(s):					
CS 1	Use in photographic applications	ERC 8c			
Worker contribution	Worker contributing scenario(s):				
CS 2	Handling of preparations at non-dedicated facilities	PROC 8a			
CS 3	Handling of preparations at dedicated facilities	PROC 8b			
CS 4	Small scale handling of preparations	PROC 9			
CS 5	Open or semi-closed process	PROC 4			
CS 6	Mixing or blending in batch process	PROC 5			
CS 7	Application of the substance by rolling or brushing	PROC 10			

Explanation on the approach taken for the ES

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

9.8.1. Env CS 1: Use in photographic applications (ERC 8c)

9.8.1.1. Conditions of use

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

9.8.1.2. Releases

The GES and associated risk assessment are concerned with releases of TCA to waste-water and air during the use by professional workers of TCA in photographic applications. 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 TCA that can be used for photographic applications by professional workers; modelling of environmental exposure is based on adjustment to release factors (RFs) defined by ERC 8c.

1. Title					
ES8: Use by professional workers - Use in electroplating or metal surface treatment					
Life cycle	Professional use of TCA in photographic applications				
Systematic title based on use	ERC:				
descriptor	ERC 8c				
2. Operational conditions and risk management measures					
2.1 Control of environmental exposure					
Environmental related free short title	Use by professional in photographic applications				
Systematic title based on use	ERC 8c (Widespread use leading to inclusion into/onto				
descriptor (environment)	article (indoor))				
Processes, tasks, activities covered	Professional use of TCA in photographic applications.				

(environment)	As defined by ERC 8c release scenario adjusted for
	monetary value of gold
Environmental Assessment Method	Estimates based on ERC 8c for 'Widespread use leading to inclusion into/onto article (indoor)' adjusted for monetary value of gold are used for calculation of maximum tonnage that can be used safely without risk to the environment.
Product characteristics	
TCA as aqueous solution.	
	adjustment to ERC 8c release factors and default artments detailed in the ECHA technical guidance and EUSES
Amounts used	
Maximum annual safe use at a site	130 kg TCA
(Msafe)	(75 kg Au equivalent)
Frequency and duration of use	
Pattern of release to the environment	220 days per year per site (surface treatment SpERC for industrial setting; this assumes an average working year)
Environment factors not influenced I	by risk management
	STP: 2,000 m ³ /d (default)
Receiving surface water flow rate	Receiving water: 18,000 m ³ /d (default)
Dilution capacity, freshwater	Discharge to freshwater via STP: DF = 10 (default)
Dilution capacity, marine	NR
Other given operational conditions a	ffecting environmental exposure
None	
Technical conditions and measures	at process level (source) to prevent release
Appropriate process control systems sh	all be implemented.
Technical onsite conditions and mea releases to soil	sures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and
Waste water:	
ES Discharge to freshwater via STP:	
Release to domestic waste-water	
and off-site municipal sewage treatmen	t plant (STP)
Efficiency 88.7% (based on standard To relation to SPM normalised to organic o	GD parameters & measured partition coefficient for TCA in arbon)
Release factor after on-site treatment: 1 of Au as detailed in section 9.02)	30,000 g/T (ERC 8c RF adjusted to 10% for monetary value
Air:	
	5,000 g/T (ERC 8c RF adjusted to 10% based on monetary

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 of the Municipal STP	Worst case scenario assumed that sludge is applied to land			
Conditions and measures related to external treatment of waste for disposal				
Not relevant for professional use				
Conditions and measures related to external recovery of waste				

Not relevant for professional use

3. Exposure and risk estimation

Environment

ERC 8c

ES 8 Use by professional worker - Use in photographic applications

Compartm ent	Unit	PNEC	PEC _{regio} nal	Clocal	PEC	RCR	Methods for calculation of environmental concentrations
ES Discharge to STP	mg TCA/L	0.2 mg/L	2.05 x10 ⁻⁷ mg/L	1.0 x10 ⁻ ³ mg/L	1.0 x10 ⁻ ³ mg/L	0.0050	10% RF for ERC 8c applied to Msafe tonnage and dilution factor at municipal STP
ES Freshwater via STP	mg TCA/L	1.04 x10 ⁻³ mg/L	2.05 x10 ⁻⁷ mg/L	7.73 x10 ⁻⁵ mg/L	7.75 x10 ⁻⁵ mg/L	0.075	10% RF for ERC 8c applied to Msafe tonnage and value for STP removal efficiency measured on measured partition coefficient. Plus dilution in ultimate receiving water body based on TGD default
Freshwater sediment via STP	mg TCA/ kg w.w.	4.5 mg/kg	4.11 x10 ⁻⁴ mg/kg	0.332 mg/kg	0.333 mg/kg	0.74	10% RF for ERC 8c applied to Msafe tonnage. Partitioning to SPM/sediment based on measured partition coefficient.

Terrestrial	mg TCA/ kg w.w.	3.65 mg/kg	1.89 x10 ⁻³ mg/kg	5.32 x10 ⁻⁶ mg/kg	1.89 x10 ⁻³ mg/kg	0.0095	Modelled increase in soil concentrations due to deposition from atmospheric emissions and application of sewage sludge to land
4. Guidance	to DU to	evaluate	whether h	e works in	side the b	oundaries	set by the ES
Environment	Environment						
Scaling tool: Metals EUSES IT tool (free download: http://www.arche-consulting.be/Metal-CSA- coolbox/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. 							

9.8.1.3. Exposure and risks for man via the environment

Not relevant. TCA is used as an aqueous solution in small quantities. Emissions to air are therefore considered to be negligible.

9.8.2. Worker CS 2: Handling of preparations at non-dedicated facilities (PROC 8a)

Task(s) covered with this contributing scenario: Transfer and filling process.

9.8.2.1. Conditions of use

Product (Article) characteristics

• Physical form of substance: Liquid

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.

• Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhalation: 0%, Dermal: 0%]

Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure

• Maximum duration of exposure: 15 - 60 min [Effectiveness Inhalation: 80%, Dermal: 80%] A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure. Please note that whenever a process step with reduced exposure duration needs to be conducted in addition to another process step, the RCRs of these process steps need to be summed up and the result has to be below 1 to demonstrate safe use.

Technical and organisational conditions and measures

• Pattern of use: Wide dispersive use

Pattern of exposure control: Direct handling

Contact level: Intermittent

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: 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%]

• 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.

9.8.2.2. Exposure and risks for workers

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

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk quantification
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.01 mg/m³ (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.071
Dermal, systemic, long term	7E-3 mg/kg bw/day (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.175
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.246

Table 9.75. Exposure concentrations and risks for workers

Remarks on exposure data from external estimation tools:

MEASE 1.02.01

Explanations: 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.

Risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local effects or acute systemic effects via inhalation and via the dermal route and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.4.2. Under the prescribed conditions of use, exposure is below the DNEL and local effects are not expected. Therefore, risks are adequately controlled.

9.8.3. Worker CS 3: Handling of preparations at dedicated facilities (PROC 8b)

Task(s) covered with this contributing scenario: Transfer and filling process.

9.8.3.1. Conditions of use

Product (Article) characteristics

Physical form of substance: Liquid

• 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.

Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhalation: 0%, Dermal: 0%]

Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure

• Maximum duration of exposure: 15 - 60 min [Effectiveness Inhalation: 80%, Dermal: 80%] A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure. Please note that whenever a process step with reduced exposure duration needs to be conducted in addition to another process step, the RCRs of these process steps need to be summed up and the result has to be below 1 to demonstrate safe use.

Technical and organisational conditions and measures

Pattern of use: Wide dispersive use

Pattern of exposure control: Direct handling

Contact level: Intermittent

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: 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%]

• 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.

9.8.3.2. Exposure and risks for workers

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

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk quantification
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.01 mg/m³ (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.071
Dermal, systemic, long term	7E-3 mg/kg bw/day (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.175
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.246

Table 9.76. Exposure concentrations and risks for workers

Remarks on exposure data from external estimation tools:

MEASE 1.02.01

Explanations: 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.

Risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local effects or acute systemic effects via inhalation and via the dermal route and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.4.2.

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

9.8.4. Worker CS 4: Small scale handling of preparations (PROC 9)

Task(s) covered with this contributing scenario: Transfer and filling process.

9.8.4.1. Conditions of use

Product (Article) characteristics

• Physical form of substance: Liquid

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.

Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhalation: 0%, Dermal: 0%]

Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure

• Maximum duration of exposure: 15 - 60 min [Effectiveness Inhalation: 80%, Dermal: 80%] A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure. Please note that whenever a process step with reduced exposure duration needs to be conducted in addition to another process step, the RCRs of these process steps need to be summed up and the result has to be below 1 to demonstrate safe use.

Technical and organisational conditions and measures

Pattern of use: Wide dispersive use

Pattern of exposure control: Direct handling

Contact level: Intermittent

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: 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%]

• 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.

9.8.4.2. Exposure and risks for workers

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

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk quantification
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.01 mg/m³ (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.071
Dermal, systemic, long term	7E-3 mg/kg bw/day (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.175
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.246

Table 9.77. Exposure concentrations and risks for workers

Remarks on exposure data from external estimation tools:

MEASE 1.02.01

Explanations: 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.

Risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local effects or acute systemic effects via inhalation and via the dermal route and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.4.2. Under the prescribed conditions of use, exposure is below the DNEL and local effects are not

expected. Therefore, risks are adequately controlled.

9.8.5. Worker CS 5: Open or semi-closed process (PROC 4)

Task(s) covered with this contributing scenario: Mixing and blending.

9.8.5.1. Conditions of use

Product (Article) characteristics

• Physical form of substance: Liquid

• 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.

• Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhalation: 0%, Dermal: 0%]

Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure

• Maximum duration of exposure: 60 - 240 min [Effectiveness Inhalation: 40%, Dermal: 40%] A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure. Please note that whenever a process step with reduced exposure duration needs to be conducted in addition to another process step, the RCRs of these process steps need to be summed up and the result has to be below 1 to demonstrate safe use.

Technical and organisational conditions and measures

• Pattern of use: Wide dispersive use

Pattern of exposure control: Non-direct handling

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: 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%]

• 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.

9.8.5.2. Exposure and risks for workers

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

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk quantification
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.06 mg/m³ (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.429
Dermal, systemic, long term	2E-4 mg/kg bw/day (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR < 0.01
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.434

Remarks on exposure data from external estimation tools:

MEASE 1.02.01

Explanations: 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.

Risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local effects or acute systemic effects via inhalation and via the dermal route and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.4.2. Under the prescribed conditions of use, exposure is below the DNEL and local effects are not expected. Therefore, risks are adequately controlled.

9.8.6. Worker CS 6: Mixing or blending in batch process (PROC 5)

9.8.6.1. Conditions of use

Product (Article) characteristics

• Physical form of substance: Liquid

• 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.

Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhalation: 0%, Dermal: 0%]

Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure

• Maximum duration of exposure: 60 - 240 min [Effectiveness Inhalation: 40%, Dermal: 40%] A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure. Please note that whenever a process step with reduced exposure duration needs to be conducted in addition to another process step, the RCRs of these process steps need to be summed up and the result has to be below 1 to demonstrate safe use.

Technical and organisational conditions and measures

• Pattern of use: Wide dispersive use

Pattern of exposure control: Non-direct handling

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: 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%]

• 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.

9.8.6.2. Exposure and risks for workers

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

Table 9.79	. Exposure concentrations and risks for workers
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Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk quantification
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.06 mg/m³ (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.429
Dermal, systemic, long term	5E-3 mg/kg bw/day (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.125
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.554

Remarks on exposure data from external estimation tools:

MEASE 1.02.01

Explanations: 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.

Risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local effects or acute systemic effects via inhalation and via the dermal route and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.4.2. Under the prescribed conditions of use, exposure is below the DNEL and local effects are not expected. Therefore, risks are adequately controlled.

9.8.7. Worker CS 7: Application of the substance by rolling or

brushing (PROC 10)

9.8.7.1. Conditions of use

Product (Article) characteristics

• Physical form of substance: Liquid

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.

Content in preparation: Not restricted [Effectiveness Inhalation: 0%, Dermal: 0%]

Amount used (or contained in articles), frequency and duration of use/exposure

• Maximum duration of exposure: 15 - 60 min [Effectiveness Inhalation: 80%, Dermal: 80%] A reduction of exposure duration can be achieved, for example, by the installation of ventilated (positive pressure) control rooms or by removing the worker from workplaces involved with relevant exposure. Please note that whenever a process step with reduced exposure duration needs to be conducted in addition to another process step, the RCRs of these process steps need to be summed up and the result has to be below 1 to demonstrate safe use.

Technical and organisational conditions and measures

• Pattern of use: Wide dispersive use

Pattern of exposure control: Direct handling

Contact level: Intermittent

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: 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%]

• 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.

9.8.7.2. Exposure and risks for workers

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

Table 9.80. Exposure concentrations and risks for workers

Route of exposure and type of effects	Exposure concentration	Risk quantification
Inhalation, systemic, long term	0.01 mg/m ³ (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.071
Dermal, systemic, long term	7E-3 mg/kg bw/day (MEASE: 1.02.01)	RCR = 0.175
Combined routes, systemic, long-term		RCR = 0.246

Remarks on exposure data from external estimation tools:

MEASE 1.02.01

Explanations: 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.

Risk characterisation

Further information on the risk characterisation for local effects or acute systemic effects via inhalation and via the dermal route and local effects to the eyes is given in Section 9.0.4.2.

Under the prescribed conditions of use, exposure is below the DNEL and local effects are not

expected. Therefore, risks are adequately controlled.