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Acronyms

6EAP	6 th Environmental Action Plan
A	
ACEA	Association of European Car Manufacturers
ADD	Average Daily Dose
AF	Assessment Factor
Ag	Silver
a.(i.) s.b.l.	Association (internationale) Sans But Lucratif (Non-profit (International) Association)
AoA	Analysis of Alternatives
ASTM	American Society of Testing of Materials
ATP	Adaptation to Technical Progress
Au	Gold
B	
BAT	Best Available Technique (see IPPC Directive)
BCF	Bio-Concentration Factor (lab derived and accounts for uptake of water only)
BDI	Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie
BIAC	Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD
BLM	Biotic Ligand Model
BMD	Bench Mark Dose
BREF	BAT Reference Documents
C	
C&L	Classification and Labelling
CA	Competent Authority
CARACAL	Competent Authorities for Reach And Classification And Labelling
CAS	Chemical Abstracts System
CBI	Confidential Business Information
CEC	Cation Exchange Capacity
CEFIC	European Chemical Industry Council
CEN	Centre for European Standardization
CLP	Classification, Labelling and Packaging Directive
CMR	Substances classified as carcinogens, mutagens or toxic to reproduction
COM	European Commission
CRO	Consultant Research Organisation
CRS	Chromium-Reducible Sulphide
CSA	Chemical Safety Assessment
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
CSR	Chemical Safety Report
CWG	Cost-sharing Work Group
D	
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (UK)

DG	Directorate-General (within the EU Commission)
DG ENTR	Directorate-General Enterprise (within the EU Commission)
DG ENV	Directorate-General Environment (within the EU Commission)
DNEL	Derived No-Effect Level
DOC	Dissolved Organic Carbon
DU	Downstream User
E	
EASE	Estimation and Assessment of Substance Exposure (model)
EC	European Council
EC50	Effect Concentration (50%)
ECB	European Chemicals Bureau
ECETOC	European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals
ECHA	European Chemicals Agency
ECJ	European Court of Justice
EEA	European Environment Agency
EEB	European Environmental Bureau
Eh	Redox Potential
EHS	Environment, Health and Safety
EINECS	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances
ELINCS	European List of Notified Chemical Substances
ELV	Emission Limit Values
ELV	End-of-life Vehicles Directive (2000/53/EC)
EM	Eurometaux
EMAS	Eco Management and Audit Scheme
EOL	End of Life
EOW	End of Waste
EP	European Parliament
EPA	Environment Protection Agency
EPER	European Pollutant Emissions Register
EPMA	European Powder Metallurgy Association
EPMF	European Precious Metals Federation
EOS	Environmental Quality Standards
ERC	Environmental Release Category
ES	Exposure Scenario
eSDS	Extended SDS
ESIS	Existing Substances Information System
ETAP	Environmental Technologies Action Plan (Commission Proposal COM(2002)122)
EuP	Energy Using Products Directive
EUSES	European Union System for the Evaluation of Substances (model)
ESR	Existing Substances Regulation
ETAP	Environmental Technology Action Plan
F	
FOC	Fraction Organic Carbon
FTE	Full Time Employment

G	
GEHS	Group on Environment & Health Sciences of Metals (Eurometaux)
GEMAS	Geochemical Mapping of Agricultural and grazing land Soil of Europe
GES	Generic Exposure Scenario
GHG	Green House Gas
GHS	Global Harmonisation System for classification, labelling and packaging
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice
H	
HERAG	Health Risk Assessment Guidance for metals
HPVCs	High Production Volume Chemicals
HTF	PMC Hydrazine Task Force
I	
IC50	Inhibition of Growth Concentration (50%)
IEW	Industrial Electrical Waste
IOELV	Indicative Occupational Exposure Limit Values
IP	Intellectual Property
IPA	International Platinum Group Metals Association
IPMI	International Precious Metals Institute
IPP	Integrated Product Policy (Commission Proposal COM(2003)302)
IPPC	Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (Directive 96/61/EC)
Ir	Iridium
ISO	International Standardisation Organization
ITS	Integrated Testing Strategy
IUCLID	International Uniform Chemical Information Database
J	
JRC	Joint Research Centre
K	
L	
LADD	Lifetime Average Daily Dose
LBMA	London Bullion Market Association
LC50	Lethal Concentration (50%)
LCA	Life Cycle Analysis/Assessment
LCI	Life Cycle Inventory
LLNA	Local Lymph Node Assay
LME	London Metal Exchange
LoA	Letter of Access
LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level
LOEC	Lowest Observed Effect Concentration
LPPM	London Platinum and Palladium Market association

LR	Lead Registrant
LtU	Licence to Use
LWG	Legal Work Group
LPVCs	Low Production Volume Chemicals
M	
MAD	Mutual Acceptance of Data Agreement
MATC	Maximum Acceptable Toxicant Concentration
MBI	Market Best Instruments
MC	Management Committee
MEASE	Metal-specific Estimation and Assessment of Substance Exposure (model)
MECLAS	Metals Classification tool (for complex materials)
MEL	Maximum Exposure Limits
MERAG	Metals environmental risk assessment guide
M / I	Manufacturer / Importer
MRL	Minimum Risk Level
MS	Member State
MSC	ECHA's Member State Committee
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheets
MTD	Maximum Tolerated Dose
N	
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NIMBY	Not in my backyard
NOAEC	No Observed Adverse Effect Concentration
NOAEL	No Observed Adverse Effect Level
NOEC	No Observed Effect Concentration
NTF	PMC Nano Task Force
O	
OEDB	Occupational Exposure Database
OECD	Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limits
OES	Occupational Exposure Standards
OH	Occupational Health
OJ	Official Journal of the European Communities
OM	Organic Matter
Os	Osmium
P	
PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PAYT	Pay as you throw
PBT	Persistent Bio accumulative Toxic Substances
Pd	Palladium
PEC	Predicted Environmental Concentration
PEG	ECHA Partners Expert Group
PEG	PGM Experts Group

PEL	Permissible Exposure Limits
PGM	Platinum Group Metals (Pt, Pd, Rh, Ru, Ir and Os)
PM	Precious Metals (Ag, Au and PGM)
PM	Particulate Matter
PM CN -	Precious Metals Cyanides
PMC or PMRC	Precious Metals and Rhenium Consortium
PNEC	Predicted No-Effect Concentration
POP	Persistent Organic Pollutants
PRTR	Pollutants release and Transfer Register
Pt	Platinum
R	
RA	Risk Assessment
RAC	ECHA Risk Assessment Committee
RCR	Risk Characterisation Ratio
RM	Risk Management
Re	Rhenium
REACH	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restrictions of Chemicals
Rh	Rhodium
RiCoG	Eurométaux' Rigorous Containment Guide
RIP	ECHA's REACH Implementation Project
RIP-oN1	ECHA's REACH Implementation Project on the identification of Nanomaterials
RIVM	Dutch National Institute of Public Health and the Environment
RMI	Raw Materials Initiative
RMM	Risk Management Measures
RoHS	Restriction of certain Hazardous Substances (Directive 2002/96/EC)
RRM	Risk Reduction Measure
RRS	Risk Reduction Strategy
Ru	Ruthenium
R&D	Research and Development
S	
(non-)SCC	(non-) Strictly Controlled Conditions
SCOEL	Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits
SCP	Sustainable Consumption and Production
SDS	Safety Data Sheets
SEA	Socio-Economic Analysis
SEAC	ECHA Socio-Economic Analysis Committee
SEG	Scientific Expert Group
SETAC	Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
SIDS	Screening Information Data Sheet
SIAM	SIDS Initial Assessment Meeting
SIAP	SIDS Initial Assessment Profile
SIAR	SIDS Initial Assessment Report
SIDS	Screening Initial Data Set
SIEF	Substance Information Substance Forum
SME	Small or Medium sizes Enterprise
spERC	Metal-specific Environmental Release Category

STP	Sewage Treatment Plant
T	
TAP	Technical Advisory Panel
TDP or T/D	Transformation Dissolution Protocol
TF	Task Force
TGD	Technical Guidance Document
TK	Toxicokinetics
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TRED	Total Regional Effluent Discharge
(E-)TRV	(Eco-)Toxicity Reference Value
TWA	Time weighted average
U	
UN	United Nations
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UVCB	Substance of Unknown or Variable composition [...]
UWM	Unit World Model
V	
vPvB	Very persistent very bioaccumulative
W	
WEEE	Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Directive 2002/96/EC)
WG	Work Group
WGC	World Gold Council
WFD	Waste Framework Directive
WFD	Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC)
WHO	World Health Organisation
WSR	Waste Shipment Regulation (Regulation 259/93/EEC)
WVM	Wirtschaftsvereinigung Metalle (German Metals Federation)
WWTP	Waste Water Treatment Plant