# European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals Targeted Risk Assessment (ECETOC TRA) Tool

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#### **Outline**

- ECETOC TRA:
  - Background on REACH
  - Overview of ECETOC TRA
    - Background
    - Worker, Consumer, and Environmental modules
      - Including current status and future plans for tool improvement
- Another initiative of interest: HESI mixtures activity



# Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) - Introduction

- All pre-REACH existing chemicals in commerce manufactured or imported at >= 1 ton per year must be registered
- For substances classified as dangerous, an exposure assessment and risk characterization is required for each end-use of each product (evaluation)
  - All life cycle stages
    - Human direct use worker and consumer
    - Human indirect environmental emissions
    - Ecological receptors environmental emissions
  - Include mitigation measures if needed
- **European Commission estimates:** 
  - 30,000 substances to be registered
  - 5,000 6,000 substances to be evaluated



#### **REACH - Timeline**

# Registration Dossiers including safety assessments to be completed by:

- 2010 for all substances manufactured/imported at >= 1000 t/yr, and some lower tonnages depending upon classification
- 2013 for substances M/I at >= 100 t/yr
- 2018 for substances M/I at >= 1 t/yr



## **ECETOC Background**

- European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals
  - Is a scientific, non-profit making, non-commercial trade association with a mission to act as an independent, credible, peer-reviewed technical resource to all concerned with the identification of research needs and provision of scientific rationale for the assessment of health effects and environmental impact
  - Membership consists of companies who manufacture or use chemicals
- Goal: scientific-based pragmatic approach to efficiently and consistently screen chemicals based upon risk potential



### **ECETOC Targeted Risk Assessment Tool Overview**

- Web-based, access and documentation on (<u>www.ecetoc.org</u>)
- Intentionally conservative assumptions to prevent false negatives
- Risk-based, tiered approach
- Tool evaluates uses and identifies handling procedures associated with safe use
- Covers worker, consumer and environmental exposures
- ECETOC currently making improvements based upon input from the European Chemical Agency and other stakeholders



## **ECETOC TRA - Background**

- Core TRA concepts developed during 2002/3
  - Presentations made at various scientific meetings
- Early web-versions available in 4Q/03. Final version posted 2Q/04.
   TRA report published 1Q/04 (220+pp)-on www.ecetoc.org
- Subsequent to 2004, 1500+ registered users
  - Evaluation by various industry and regulatory bodies
  - Chem. Safety Assessment (CSA) Tech. Guidance Doc. has endorsed the worker part of the TRA as a 'first line Tier 1 tool' for REACH
- TRA Task Force 're-constituted' end Nov 2006 with the aim of identifying necessary science improvements and translating these into related Information Technology improvements
- Commission REACH-IT project foresees the TRA as serving a key role in the CSA/CSR IT tool



## Core Operating Philosophy for the TRA

- A simple tiered process for determining which circumstances of use (Exposure Scenarios) constitute a concern or not
  - Expectation that the tool incorporates a certain inherent conservatism i.e. No false negatives
  - // Implies suitable level of verifications of integrated proposals against a range of examples
- Examines the conditions arising from reasonable foreseeable use (following recommended Risk Mitigation Measures (RMMs)) and not 'worst case' extremes
- The TRA covers a range of conditions that can be expected to be required for the responsible stewardship of products
- Limited iteration at Tier 1 i.e. 'deferring' considerations that require professional judgements to be made until Tier 2
- Ensuring that the tool is accessible to non-experts but demands technical understanding consistent with 'responsible supply' of chemicals
- Maintaining transparency in the development and operation of the TRA tool
- Ensuring that the core principles on which the tool operates have wide applicability and are based on robust science
  - **Adequate verification of new concepts**



#### **ECETOC TRA - Worker**

- Based upon the Estimation and Assessment of Substance Exposure (EASE) model
  - Established UK Health and Safety Executive occupational exposure model
  - Categorizes exposure based upon historical data in the UK's National Exposures Database
  - Exposure predicted based upon conditions of use and physicalchemical properties



#### **ECETOC TRA - Consumer**

- Simple linear equations
- Product-type based assessment
  - // Inhalation, dermal and oral routes and aggregate as appropriate
  - No risk mitigation measures in place (consistent with REACH consumer guidance)
  - Screening assumes, for example, 100% substance in a product is released to air for inhalation exposure
    - does not consider physical-chemical properties



#### **ECETOC TRA - Environment**

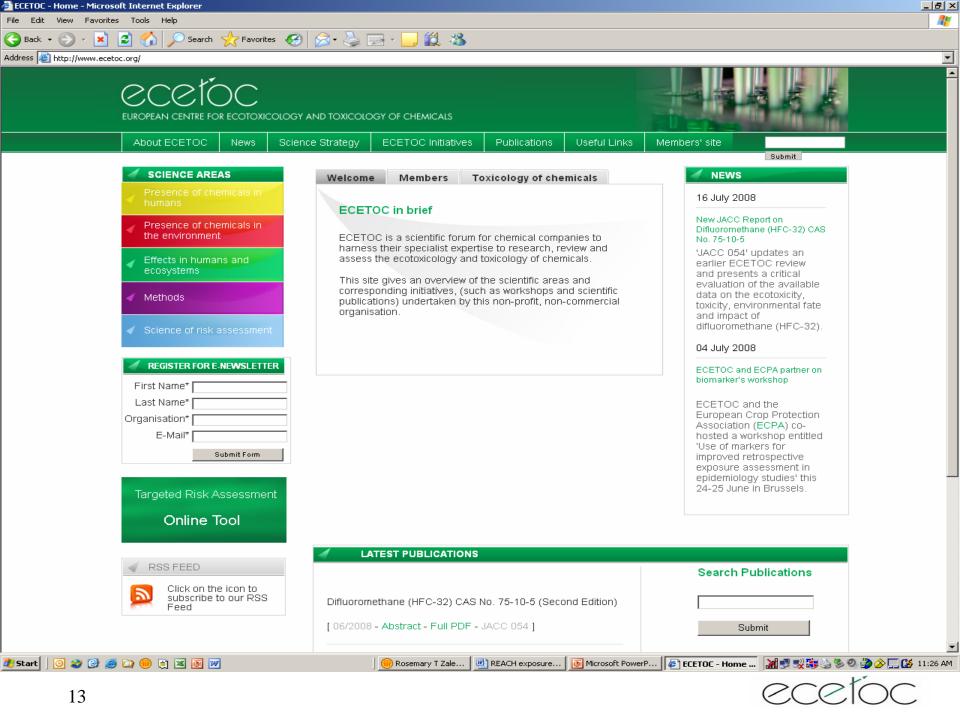
- Current web version very simplified, undergoing update
- Update is based upon a spreadsheet version of the European Union Substance Evaluation System (EUSES) multimedia model

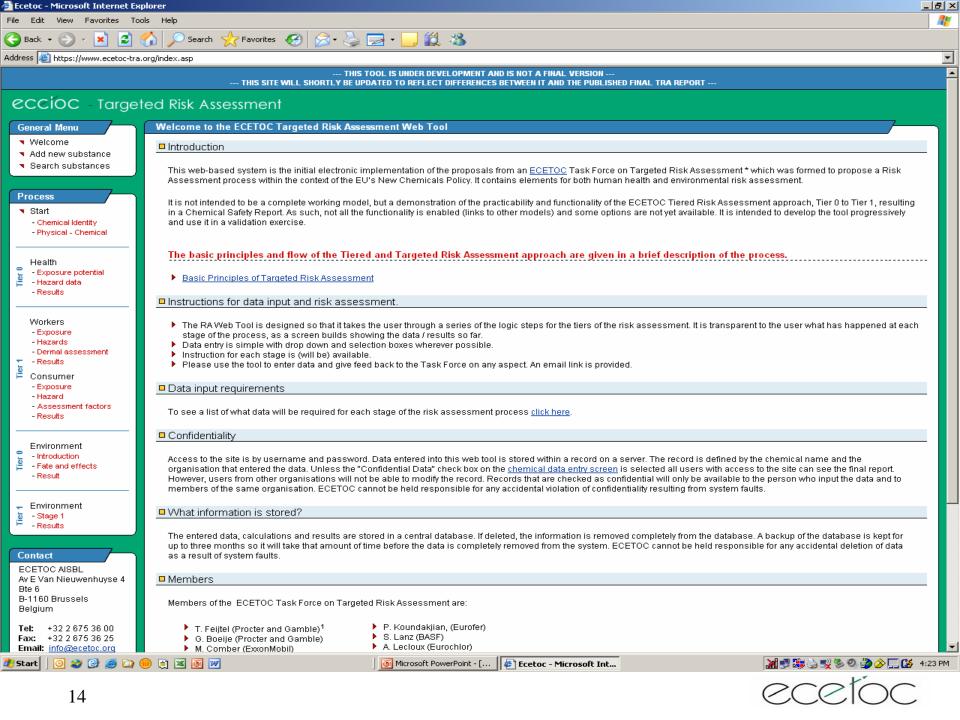


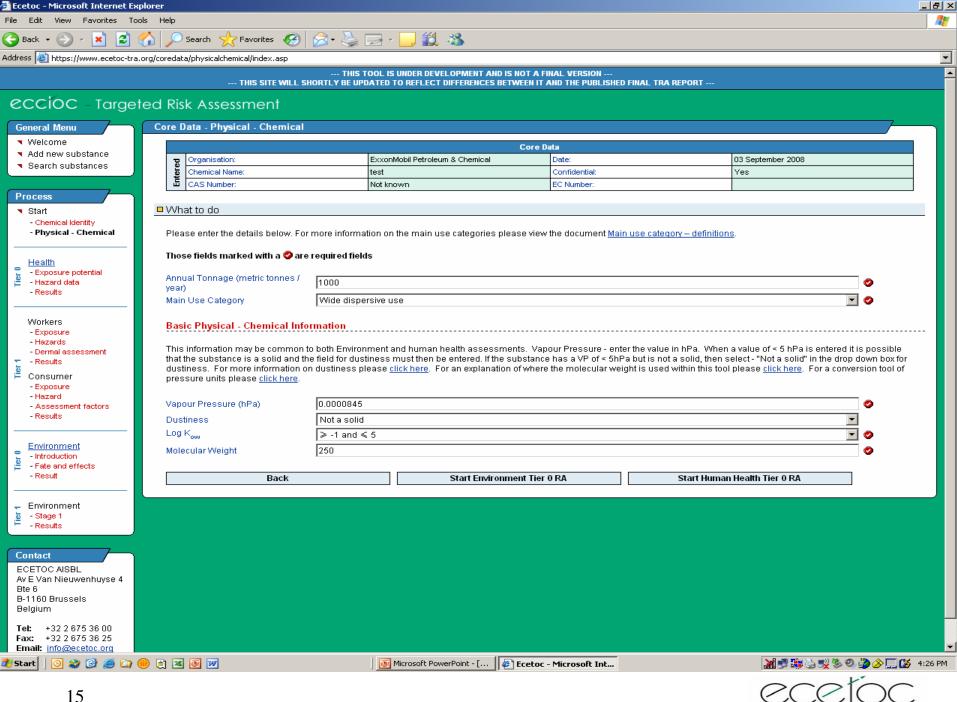
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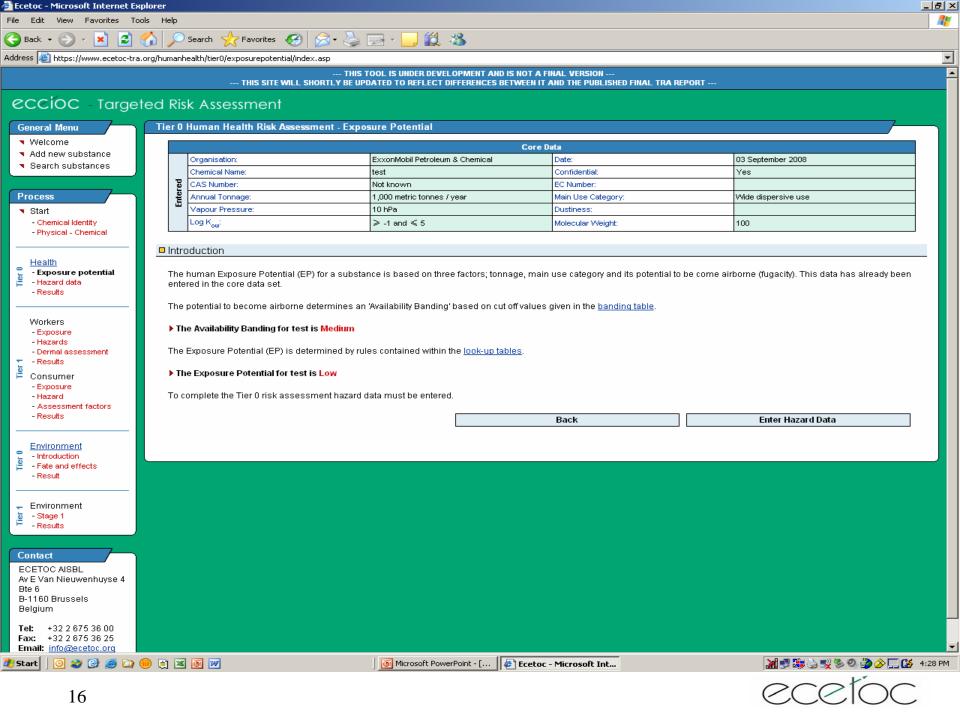
- Next few slides run through a test case example using the web-based TRA tool
- Note that the tool is in the process of being updated, and improvements to-date are not incorporated in the web version
- Slides provided to present an idea of:
  - how the tool works
  - tool input
  - tool output

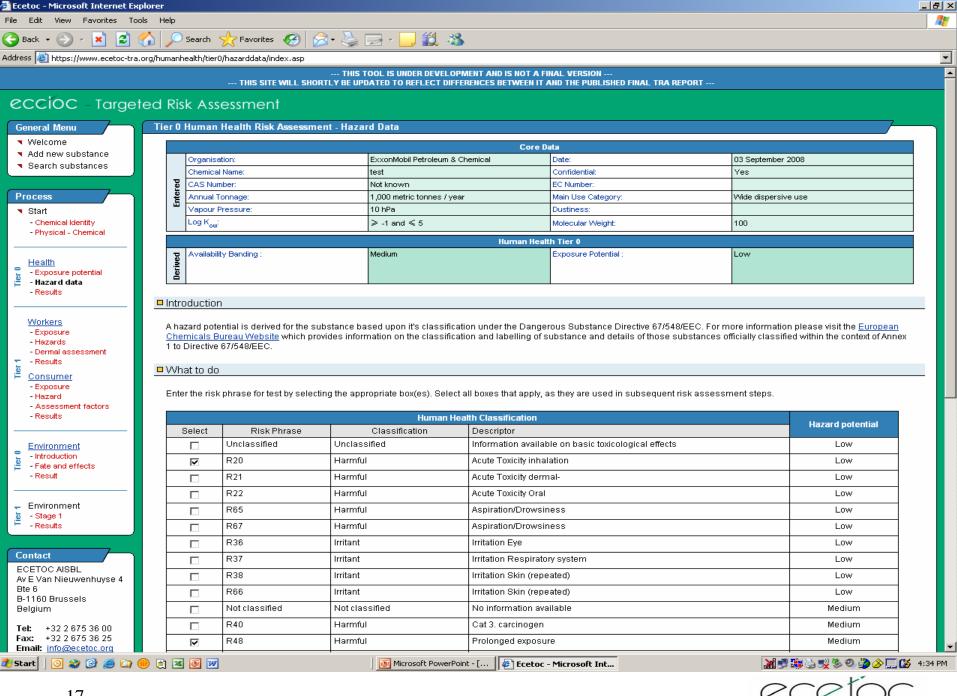


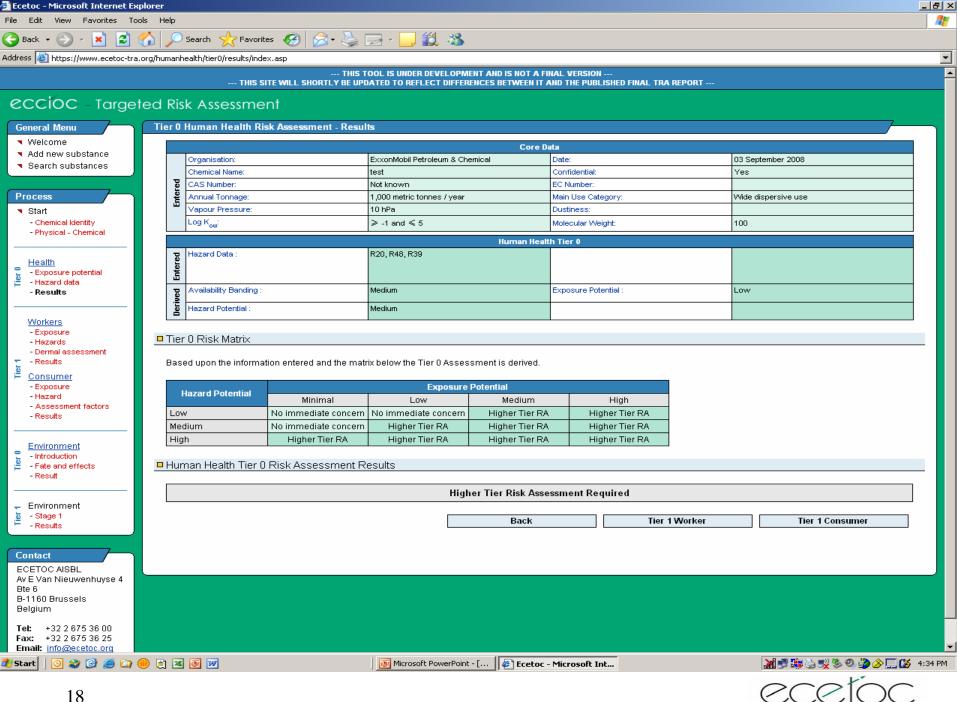


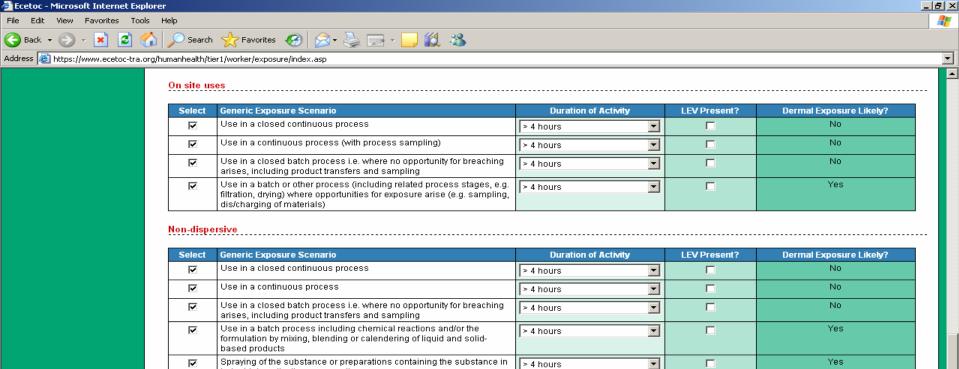










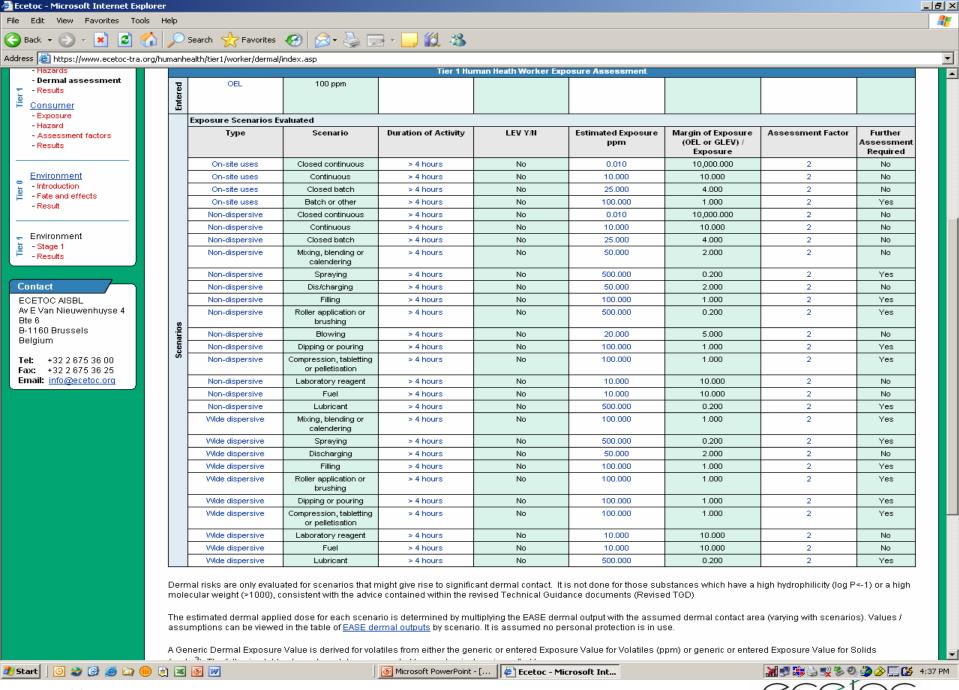


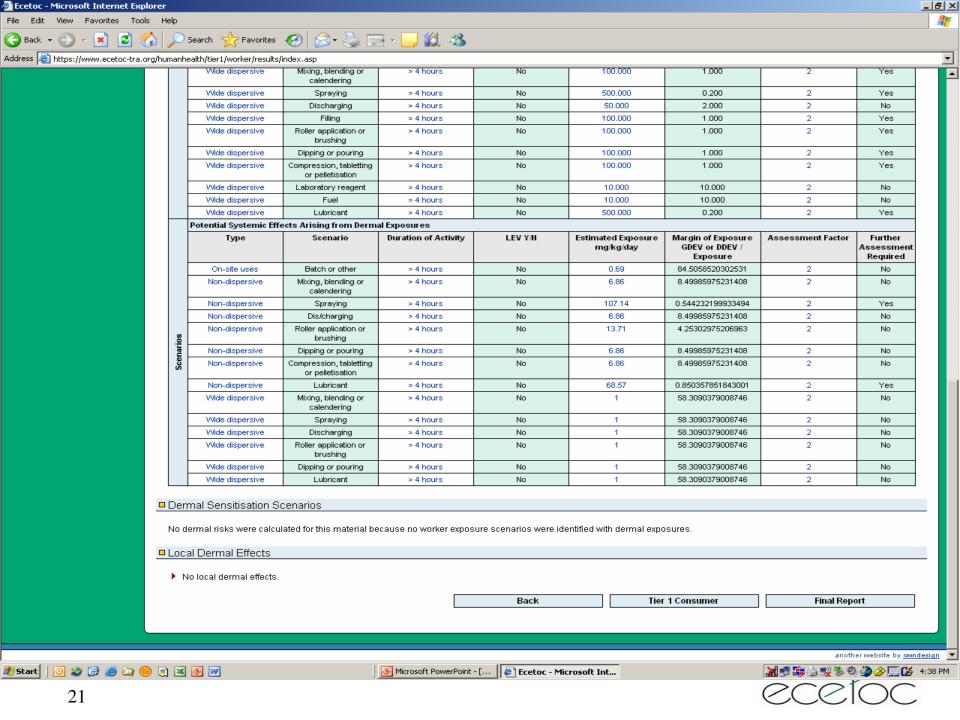
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V	Use in a batch process including chemical reactions and/or the formulation by mixing, blending or calendering of liquid and solid-based products	> 4 hours		Yes
V	Spraying of the substance or preparations containing the substance in industrial applications e.g. coatings	> 4 hours		Yes
~	Dis/charging the substance (or preparations containing the substance) to/from vessels	> 4 hours		Yes
V	Filling containers with the substance or its preparations	> 4 hours		No
V	Roller application or brushing of adhesives and other surface coatings	> 4 hours		Yes
V	Use as a blowing agent in the manufacture of foams, etc	> 4 hours		No
V	Use for coating/treatment of articles, etc (including cleaning). by dipping or pouring	> 4 hours		Yes
V	Production of products or articles from substance by compression, tabletting or pelletisation	> 4 hours		Yes
V	Use as a laboratory reagent	> 4 hours		No
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V	Use as a lubricant (including metal working fluids)	> 4 hours		Yes

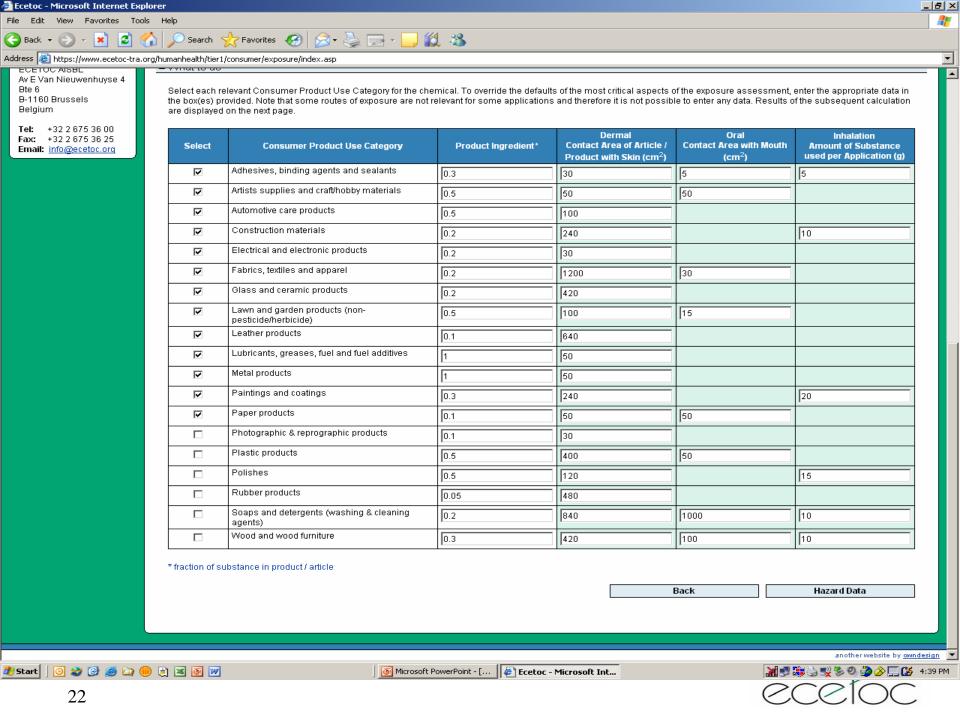
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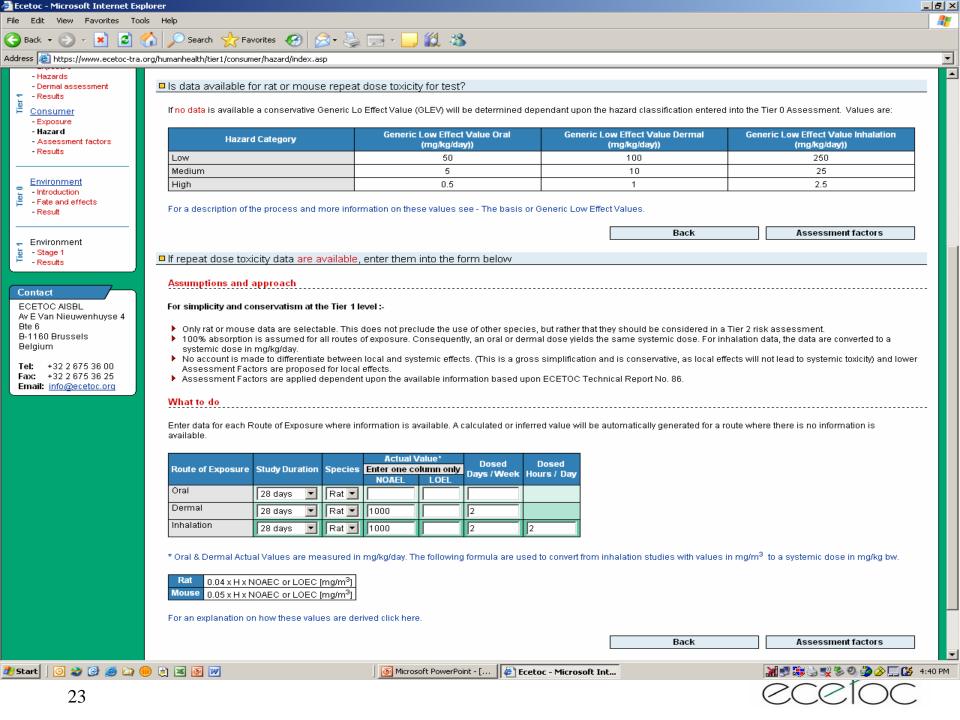
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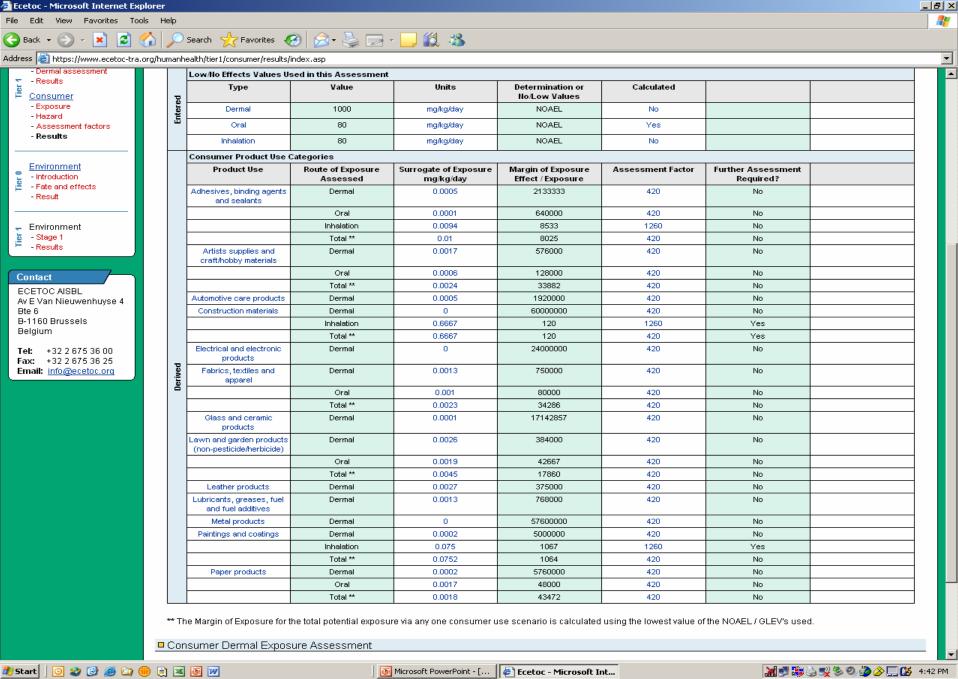


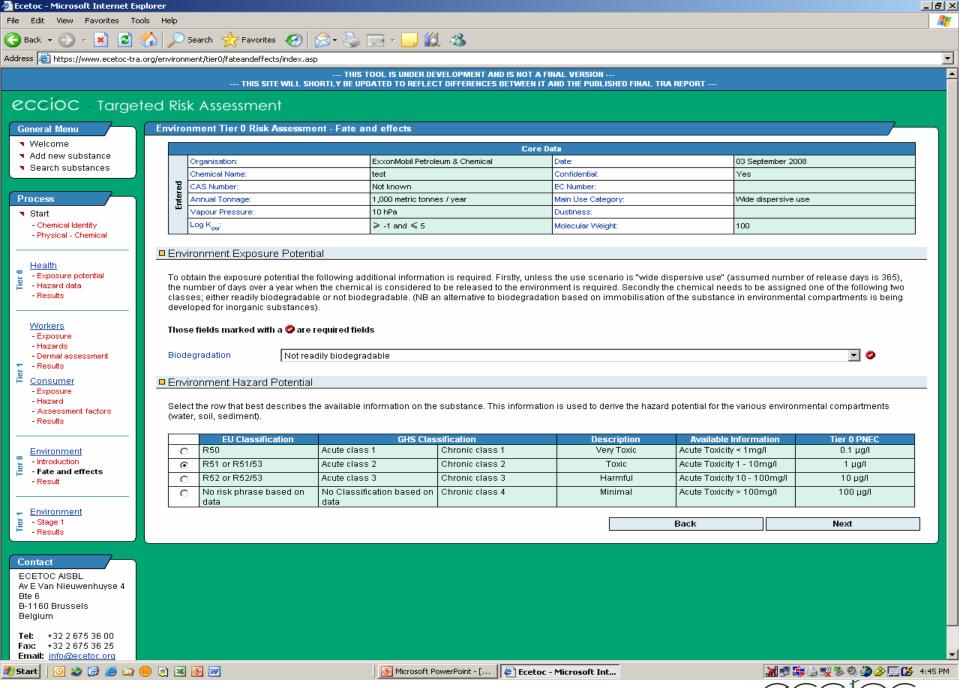


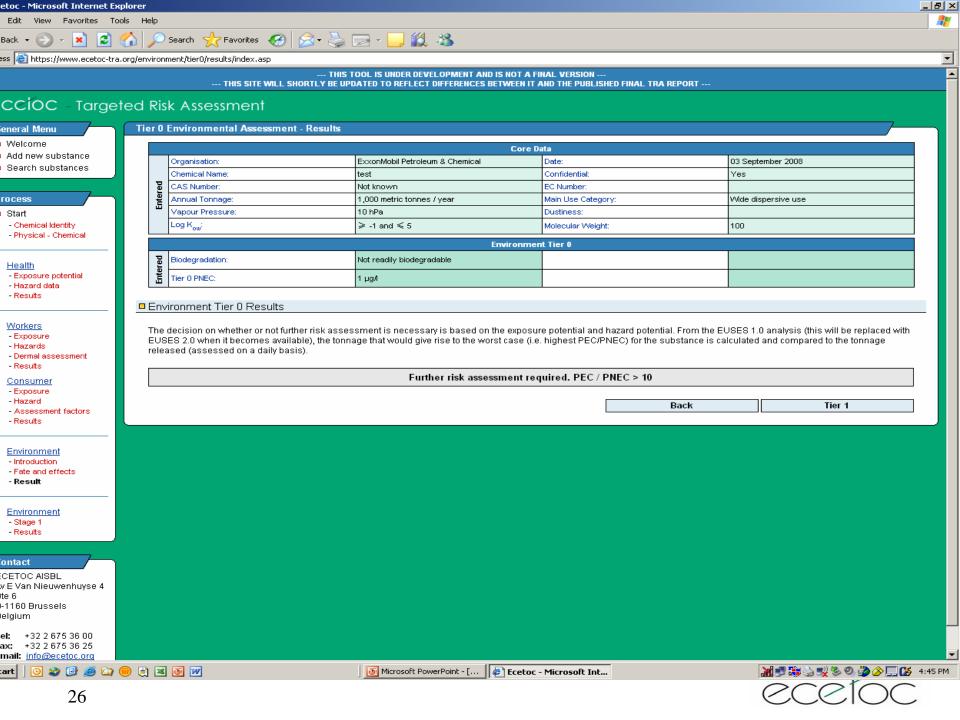












## Science & Functionality Needs Scoped

#### The TRA Task Force has now

- // Identified potential improvements (science, workability and functionality) arising from user comments and operating experiences
- Considered content and outcome and impact of REACH Implementation Projects
- Accounted for comments on the TRA received
- Undertaken an analysis of value/merits of each proposal
- Tried to predict/account for the anticipated direction/format of REACH IT platform (and supporting concepts)



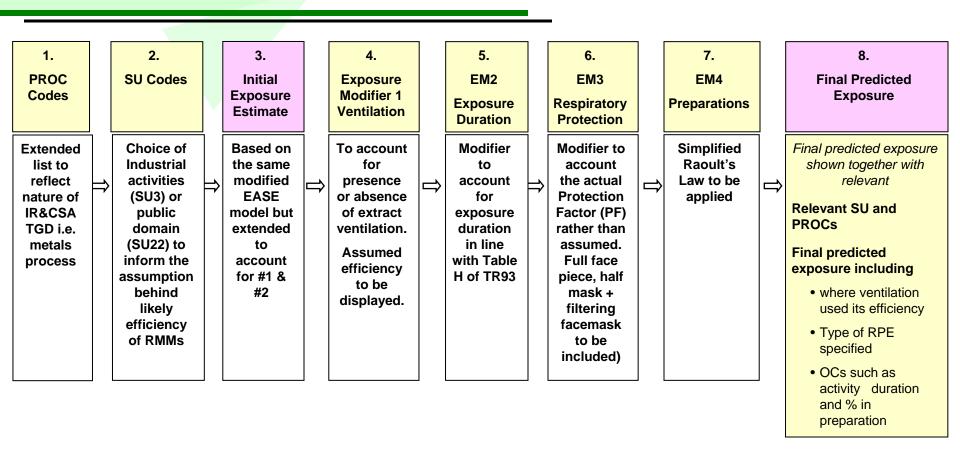
## **ECETOC TRA – Improvement Plans**

#### Worker:

- Workflows to be re-ordered to be consistent with REACH expectations (initial prediction followed by ability to add exposure modifiers (change in operational conditions or RMMs) ex. default 8 hrs no ventilation, can use LEV etc.
- To be expanded to cover all REACH process categories
- Exposure predictions further refined to discriminate between industrial and professional
- Outputs will reflect all primary determinants, still based upon EASE coupled with consensus around what constitutes typical worst case



#### Schematic for Updated TRA





## **ECETOC TRA – Improvement Plans**

#### • Consumer:

- // Improvements identified in conjunction with key REACH stakeholders (e.g., RIVM, ECHA)
- Serves as a tiered entry to CONSEXPO (higher tier consumer exposure model)
- Will align with REACH expectations
- Additional scenarios
- Refinement and enhanced documentation of scenario defaults



## **ECETOC TRA – Improvement Plans**

#### • Environment:

- ECETOC Task Force developed and validating a spreadsheet version of EUSES, now in final stages of testing
- Aligned with REACH expectations



### Summary

#### TRA v2 retains the same philosophy as v1 while including enhancements that reflect user feedback

- ECETOC has tried to retain 'user friendliness' e.g. access by DUs as well as use by specialist groups
- Enhancing transparency as an output of the tool itself (together with an Addendum to original report TR93)
- Maintaining alignment with expectations of the CSA TGD

#### ECETOC anticipates having:

- A web and/or Excel-based version of individual components (worker, consumer, environmental) available by mid 4Q/08 for ECETOC member companies to review
- An integrated TRA tool (worker, consumer, environment supported by integrated data entry/output planned for 1Q/09
- // Public release est. 2Q/09
  - A stand-alone exposure estimation tool
  - To be integrated with REACH-IT tools



## International Life Sciences Institute Health and Environmental Sciences Institute Risk Assessment Methodology (RAM) **Technical Committee**

# Project on Risk Assessment of Chemical Mixtures

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# Mixtures Project Participation

#### **INDUSTRY**

Bayer CropScience
The Coca-Cola Company
The Dow Chemical Company
Dow Corning
ExxonMobil Biomed. Sciences, Inc.
Pfizer, Inc.
The Procter & Gamble Company
Rohm and Haas Company
Syngenta Ltd.

#### **GVT/ACADEMIA/OTHER**

Centers for Disease Control, ATSDR
Colorado State University
Imperial College London
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
University of Guelph
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# Mixtures Project: History

- Initiated in 2005 as part of RAM
- Aims to develop a decision-framework to advance and improve mixtures risk assessment methodology
- Current project focused at present on the potential application of a threshold of toxicological concern (TTC) approach to mixtures risk assessment as a critical "decision point."

# Mixtures Project: Objective

How to prioritize those environmental chemical mixtures that should be subject to in-depth risk assessment and those that are expected to be of lesser concern?

Examine the applicability of the Toxicological Threshold of Concern (TTC) concept to chemical mixtures as a screening-level, prioritization approach

 TTC proposes that a de minimis value can be identified for many chemicals based on SAR

Focus is on low-level exposures (individual chemical levels at or below low-observed or no-observed effect levels)

# Project Plan and Scope of Work

# Goal: Develop a framework for applying the TTC concept to determine if a mixture requires further assessment

- Perform a review/analysis of available synergy literature
- Analyze/review different methodologies used to calculate/determine synergy
- Define the steps of a TTC screening tool
- Develop criteria for case studies to test the TTC approach
- Select and perform case studies to illustrate the TTC approach
- Integrate findings to support, modify, or reject the TTC screening tool
- If outcome supports the approach, develop step-by-step process to integrate into the IPCS framework currently under development