

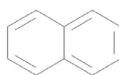
NAPHTHALENE

This EQS dossier was prepared by the Sub-Group on Review of the Priority Substances List (under Working Group E of the Common Implementation Strategy for the Water Framework Directive).

The dossier was reviewed by the Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER), whose comments have been addressed as follows: Where possible, the concentrations (i.e. whether nominal or measured) used in the cited studies have been indicated. Further explanation has been added regarding the non-use of a SSD approach to determine the AA-QS, and regarding the application of an additional assessment factor for the marine sediment EQS.

This dossier is a revision of the 2005 EQS fact sheet for naphthalene, which was not totally consistent with the revised Technical Guidance for deriving EQS (E.C., 2011) and did not include the latest ecotoxicological and toxicological data contained in the final version of the European Union Risk Assessment Report (E.C., 2003) made available in the context of the assessment of existing chemicals (Regulation 793/93/EEC). The present fact sheet reviews the EQS for naphthalene based on this new document and on a report in preparation provided by RIVM (Verbruggen, in prep.) which was made available to the assessor.

1 CHEMICAL IDENTITY

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|---|---|
| Common name | Naphthalene |
| Chemical name (IUPAC) | Naphthalene |
| Synonym(s) | - |
| Chemical class (when available/relevant) | Polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) |
| CAS number | 91-20-3 |
| EC number | 202-049-5 |
| Molecular formula | C ₁₀ H ₈ |
| Molecular structure |  |
| Molecular weight (g.mol ⁻¹) | 128.2 |

2 EXISTING EVALUATIONS AND REGULATORY INFORMATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Legislation | |
| Annex III EQS Dir. (2008/105/EC) | No (existing priority substance included in Annex I EQS Dir.) |
| Existing Substances Reg. (793/93/EC) | Priority List #1. Substance #020. Rapporteur: UK EU-RAR finalised 2003 |
| Pesticides(91/414/EEC) | No |
| Biocides (98/8/EC) | Product Type #19 (Repellents and attractants) – To be phased out by 21/08/2009 Decision Reference: Commission Decision 2008/681/EC |
| PBT substances | Not investigated by EU-PBT Working Group |
| Substances of Very High Concern (1907/2006/EC) | Not investigated |

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| POPs (Stockholm convention) | Not investigated |
| Other relevant chemical regulation (veterinary products, medicament, ...) | No |
| Endocrine disrupter (E.C., 2004 and E.C., 2007¹) | Not investigated |

¹ Commission staff working document on implementation of the Community Strategy for Endocrine Disrupters.

3 PROPOSED QUALITY STANDARDS (QS)

3.1 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY STANDARD (EQS)

QS_{water_eco} for protection of pelagic organisms is 2 µg.l⁻¹ for both freshwater and marine waters, and is deemed the “critical QS” for derivation of an Environmental Quality Standard.

Data are available on 3 trophic levels for both acute and chronic ecotoxicity. Many acute data are available, including 7 and 6 taxonomic groups of freshwater and marine organisms, respectively. Many chronic data are also available, including 5 and 6 taxonomic groups of freshwater and marine organisms, respectively. Significant differences between freshwater and marine species cannot be demonstrated from the information available. An assessment factor of 10 was applied to derive the AA-QS_{water_eco} (using the assessment factor method) and no additional assessment factor was applied to derive the marine EQS in view of the substantial marine dataset and the presence of specific taxonomic groups (echinoderms). An assessment factor of 5 was applied to the chronic-HC₅ for derivation of the MAC-QS for both freshwater and marine water.

| | Value | Comments |
|---|-------|--|
| Proposed AA-EQS for [freshwater] [µg.l ⁻¹] | 2 | Critical QS is QS _{water_eco} |
| Proposed AA-EQS in [marine water] [µg.l ⁻¹] | 2 | See section 7 |
| Proposed MAC-EQS for [freshwater] [µg.l ⁻¹] | 130 | See section 7.1 |
| Proposed MAC-EQS for [marine water] [µg.l ⁻¹] | 130 | |

3.2 SPECIFIC QUALITY STANDARD (QS)

| Protection objective ² | Unit | Value | Comments |
|--|--|---|-----------------|
| Pelagic community (freshwater) | [µg.l ⁻¹] | 2 | See section 7.1 |
| Pelagic community (marine water) | [µg.l ⁻¹] | 2 | |
| Benthic community (freshwater) | [µg.kg ⁻¹ _{dw}] | 138 | See section 7.1 |
| Benthic community (marine) | [µg.kg ⁻¹ _{dw}] | 138 | |
| Predators (secondary poisoning) | [µg.kg ⁻¹ _{biota ww}] | 12 266 | See section 7.2 |
| | [µg.l ⁻¹] | 23.8 (fresh water) 23.8 (marine water) | |
| Human health via consumption of fishery products | [µg.kg ⁻¹ _{biota ww}] | 2 435 | See section 7.3 |
| | [µg.l ⁻¹] | 4.7 (fresh water) 4.7 (marine water) | |
| Human health via consumption of water | [µg.l ⁻¹] | 140 | |

² Please note that as recommended in the Technical Guidance for deriving EQS (E.C., 2011), “EQSs [...] are not reported for ‘transitional and marine waters’, but either for freshwater or marine waters”. If justified by substance properties or data available, QS for the different protection objectives are given independently for transitional waters or coastal and territorial waters.

4 MAJOR USES AND ENVIRONMENTAL EMISSIONS

All data hereunder are extracted from Naphthalene EU-RAR (E.C., 2003).

4.1 USES AND QUANTITIES

There are two sources for the manufacture of naphthalene in the EU. These are coal tar (which accounts for the majority of the production) and petroleum. For the purposes of the assessment the total annual production of naphthalene in the EU has been taken to be 200,000 tonnes based on site-specific information. This figure includes a production tonnage of 20,000 tonnes per annum of "naphthalene oil" which is understood to be at least 90% pure. Lower grade naphthalene oil, containing about 60% naphthalene, has a separate CAS number and has not been considered in the assessment. Companies producing naphthalene are located in the UK, Belgium, France, Italy, Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Austria and Spain. Production figures from individual producers ranged from 4,000 to 70,000 tonnes per annum.

Figures for the amount of naphthalene used within the EU vary. For the purposes of the assessment a value of approximately 140 000 tonnes per annum has been taken in the EU-RAR, with the remaining tonnage being exported. This value was derived from the most recent information available for the specific uses summarised in the table below.

Approximate tonnages of naphthalene assumed in the assessment

| Process | Approximate annual continental tonnages used in assessment |
|--|--|
| Phthalic anhydride production | 40 000 |
| Manufacture of dyestuffs | 46 000 |
| Naphthalene sulphononic acid manufacture | 24 000 |
| Alkylated naphthalene solvent production | 15 000 |
| 2-naphthol production | 12 000 |
| Pyrotechnics manufacture | 15 |
| Mothballs manufacture | 1 000 |
| Grinding wheels manufacture | 350 |

4.2 ESTIMATED ENVIRONMENTAL EMISSIONS

The EU-RAR (E.C., 2003) considers the release of naphthalene to the environment from its production, its use as a chemical intermediate, the formulation and use of pyrotechnics, the formulation and use of mothballs and the production of grinding wheels. Releases of naphthalene to the environment also arise from indirect sources, particularly from vehicle emissions. Releases from these sources have been estimated and included in calculating PECs at the regional and continental levels. The vast majority (~99.5%) of emissions occur initially to air. Emissions from traffic are estimated to account for 87% of the total emissions to air.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL BEHAVIOUR

5.1 ENVIRONMENTAL DISTRIBUTION

| | | Master reference | |
|---|--|--|---|
| Water solubility (mg.l ⁻¹) | 31.9 | Mackay <i>et al.</i> , 1992 <i>in</i> E.C., 2003; E.C., 2008b | |
| Volatilisation | Naphthalene is readily volatilised from surface water. Its half-life for volatilisation from water up to 1m deep is approx. 7 hours. | | |
| Vapour pressure (Pa) | 11.2 at 25°C | Mackay <i>et al.</i> , 1992 <i>in</i> E.C., 2003; E.C., 2008b | |
| Henry's Law constant (Pa.m ³ .mol ⁻¹) | 50 at 25°C | Mackay <i>et al.</i> , 1992 <i>in</i> E.C., 2003; E.C., 2008b | |
| Adsorption | Naphthalene is expected to adsorb to sediments to a moderate extent. The value 1 349 is used as K_{OC} for derivation of QS. | | |
| Organic carbon – water partition coefficient (K _{OC}) | log K _{OC} = 3.13 (<i>calculated from K_{OW}</i>) K _{OC} = 1 349 | Karickhoff <i>et al.</i> , 1979 | |
| Sediment – water partition coefficient (K _{sed-water}) | 35 (<i>calculated from K_{OC}</i>) | E.C., 2011 | |
| Bioaccumulation | The BCF value of 515 is used for derivation of QS_{biota secpois}. Thus, BMF₁ = BMF₂ = 1 (Bleeker, 2009; E.C., 2011). | | |
| Octanol-water partition coefficient (Log K _{ow}) | 3.34 | Mackay <i>et al.</i> , 1992 <i>in</i> E.C., 2003; E.C., 2008b | |
| BCF | Annelids | <i>Arenicola marina</i> (marine worms): 160 (oesophageal glands), 300 (stomach wall) | Lyes, 1979 ³ |
| | Molluscs | <i>Mytilus edulis</i> (marine bivalve): 27 – 38 | Hansen <i>et al.</i> , 1978 ³ |
| | Crustaceans | <i>Daphnia magna</i> : 50 | Eastmond <i>et al.</i> , 1984 ³ |
| | | <i>Daphnia pulex</i> : 131 <i>Diporeia spp.</i> : 311, 459, 736 | Southworth <i>et al.</i> , 1978 ³ Landrum <i>et al.</i> , 2003 |
| | Fish | <i>Pimephales promelas</i> : 427 <i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i> : 895, 999 <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> : 66, 76 <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> : 300 | Call & Brook (1977) ^{3,4} Jonsson <i>et al.</i> , 2004 RIITI, 1979 McCarthy and Jimenez, 1985 |
| If normalised to 5% lipid weight, values from Jonsson <i>et al.</i> (2004) result in a worst case BCF for fish of 515. This latter value is chosen for back calculation of QS _{biota} into water as well as default BMF values of 1 according to Draft Technical Guidance Document on EQS derivation (E.C., 2011). | | | |

³ As cited *in* Veith *et al.*, 1979, cited itself *in* E.C., 2003.

⁴ Note that this reference can not be traced back. Therefore, it can not be used with confidence.

5.2 ABIOTIC AND BIOTIC DEGRADATIONS

| | | Master reference |
|---|--|------------------|
| Photodecomposition, oxidation and hydrolysis are not considered to be significant pathways for polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon degradation in the soil environment (Sims and Overcash, 1983 as cited in E.C., 2003). | | |
| Hydrolysis | PAH are chemically stable, with no functional groups that results in hydrolysis. Under environmental conditions, therefore, hydrolysis does not contribute to the degradation of anthracene (Howard <i>et al.</i> , 1991). | E.C., 2008b |
| Photolysis | The main abiotic transformation is photochemical decomposition, which in natural water takes place only in the upper few centimetres of the aqueous phase. PAHs are photodegraded by two processes, direct photolysis by light with a wavelength < 290 nm and indirect photolysis by least one oxidizing agent (Volkering and Breure, 2003). Singlet oxygen usually plays the main role in this process. The degradation is related to the content of oxygen dissolved (Moore and Ranamoorthy, 1984). When PAHs are absorbed on particles, the accessibility for photochemical reactions may change, depending on the nature of the particles. It was shown by Zepp and Schlotzhauer that for PAHs in true solution in "pure" water or seawater, direct photolysis is considerably more significant than photooxidation by means of singlet oxygen. There are great differences in photochemical reactivity between the various PAHs. | E.C., 2008b |
| | The half-life for photolysis in water lies in the range 25 – 550 hours depending on the experimental conditions used. | E.C., 2003 |
| Biodegradation | The results of the only standardised screening test for inherent biodegradability for naphthalene suggest that naphthalene is not inherently biodegradable (2% degradation after 4 weeks). However, numerous other 'non-standard' biodegradation tests suggest that it is easily degraded under aerobic and denitrifying conditions, particularly where acclimated microorganisms are used, with naphthalene falling below measurable levels within 8-12 days in a number of tests. Naphthalene has therefore been considered to be inherently biodegradable in the Final EU-RAR (E.C., 2003). | E.C., 2003 |

6 AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTAL CONCENTRATIONS

6.1 ESTIMATED CONCENTRATIONS

| Compartment | | Predicted environmental concentration (PEC) | Master reference |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|------------------|
| Freshwater ($\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$) | PEC _{continental} | 0.0025 | E.C., 2003 |
| | PEC _{regional} | 0.03 | |
| | PEC _{local} – production (worst case) | 0.31 | |
| | PEC _{local} – use as intermediate (site-sp.) | 0.031 | |
| | PEC _{local} – use as intermediate | 0.042 | |

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|---|---|-------------------|------------|
| | PEC _{local} – pyrotechnics manufacture | 2.35 | |
| | PEC _{local} – mothballsmanufacture | 0.03 | |
| | PEC _{local} - grinding wheels manufacture | 294 | |
| Marine waters ($\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$) | - | No data available | E.C., 2003 |
| Freshwater sediment ($\mu\text{g.kg}^{-1}$ dw) | PEC _{continental} | 0.075 | E.C., 2003 |
| | PEC _{regional} | 1 | |
| | PEC _{local} – production (worst case) | 8.7 | |
| | PEC _{local} – use as intermediate (site-sp.) | 0.87 | |
| | PEC _{local} – use as intermediate | 1.2 | |
| | PEC _{local} – pyrotechnics manufacture | 66 | |
| | PEC _{local} – mothballsmanufacture | 0.83 | |
| | PEC _{local} - grinding wheels manufacture | 8 232 | |
| Marine sediment ($\mu\text{g.kg}^{-1}$ dw) | - | No data available | E.C., 2003 |
| Biota (freshwater) | | No data available | |
| Biota (marine) | | No data available | |
| Biota (marine predators) | | No data available | |

6.2 MEASURED CONCENTRATIONS

| Compartment | | Measured environmental concentration (MEC) | Master reference |
|--|-----------------------|--|---|
| Freshwater ($\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$) | | PEC 1: 0.12 PEC 2: 1.17 | James <i>et al.</i> , 2009 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | | 0.005 – 2.24 | E.C., 2003 |
| Marine waters (coastal and/or transitional) ($\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$) | | 0.3 | E.C., 2003 |
| WWTP effluent ($\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$) | | No data available | |
| Sediment ($\mu\text{g.kg}^{-1}$ dw) | Sed < 2 mm | PEC 1: 117 PEC 2: 97 | James <i>et al.</i> , 2009 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | | Sed 20 μm | |
| | Sed 63 μm | | |
| | | Freshwaters | Up to 750 |
| | Estuarine and coastal | Up to 91 | |
| | Urban areas | Up to 7 720 | |
| Biota ($\mu\text{g.kg}^{-1}$ ww) | Invertebrates | PEC 1: 6 PEC 2: 6 | James <i>et al.</i> , 2009 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | | Fish | |

| Compartment | | Measured environmental concentration (MEC) | Master reference |
|--------------------|------------------|---|-------------------------|
| | Marine predators | No data available | |

⁽¹⁾ data originated from EU monitoring data collection

7 EFFECTS AND QUALITY STANDARDS

Final Coal Tar Pitch High Temperature EU-RAR (E.C., 2008b) states that “PAHs can be toxic via different modes of action, such as non-polar narcosis and phototoxicity. The last is caused by the ability of PAHs to absorb ultraviolet A (UVA) radiation (320–400 nm), ultraviolet B (UVB) radiation (290–320 nm), and in some instances, visible light (400–700 nm). This toxicity may occur through two mechanisms: photosensitization, and photomodification. Photosensitization generally leads to the production of singlet oxygen, a reactive oxygen species that is highly damaging to biological material. Photomodification of PAHs, usually via oxidation, results in the formation of new compounds and can occur under environmentally relevant levels of actinic radiation (Lampi *et al.*, 2006). The photo[induced]toxic effects can be observed after a short period of exposure, which explains why for PAHs like anthracene, fluoranthene and pyrene, where photo[induced]toxicity is most evident, the acute toxicity values are even lower than the chronic toxicity values. According to some authors (Weinstein and Oris, 1999) there is a growing body of evidence which suggests that photo[induced] toxic PAHs may be degrading aquatic habitats, particularly those in highly contaminated areas with shallow or clear water. For example, the photoinduced chronic effects of anthracene have been reported at those UV intensities occurring at depths of 10 to 12 m in Lake Michigan (Holst and Giesy, 1989). In addition to direct uptake of PAHs from the water column, another potential route of exposure for aquatic organisms is their accumulation from sediments (see e.g. Clements *et al.*, 1994; Kukkonen and Landrum, 1994), followed by subsequent solar ultraviolet radiation exposures closer to the surface. Ankley *et al.* (2004) also concluded in their peer review that PAHs are present at concentrations in aquatic systems such that animals can achieve tissue concentrations sufficient to cause photoactivated toxicity. Although UV penetration can vary dramatically among PAH-contaminated sites, in their view it is likely that at least some portion of the aquatic community will be exposed to UV radiation at levels sufficient to initiate photoactivated toxicity. They do recognize that at present time, the ability to conduct PAH photoactivated risk assessment of acceptable uncertainty is limited by comprehensive information on species exposure to PAH and UV radiation during all life stages. PAH exposure and uptake, as well as UV exposure, are likely to vary considerably among species and life stages as they migrate into and out of contaminated locations and areas of high and low UV penetration. For all but sessile species, these patterns of movements are the greatest determinant of the risk for photoactivated toxicity.”

Despite these uncertainties, it is thought that the photo[induced]toxic effects cannot be ignored in the effects assessment and EQS derivation processes. Therefore these effects are also considered in this dossier and it should be noted that the UV exposure levels of the selected studies did not exceed the UV levels under natural sun light conditions.

7.1 ACUTE AND CHRONIC AQUATIC ECOTOXICITY

Ecotoxicity data reported in the tables hereunder were extracted exclusively from the finalised version of EU-RAR (E.C., 2008b) and a RIVM report in preparation (Verbruggen, in prep.) which was made available to the assessor.

Final naphthalene EU-RAR (E.C., 2003) indicates that care must be taken when interpreting data from tests based on nominal concentrations because naphthalene can rapidly volatilise from solution in case of e.g. poorly sealed test beakers. Therefore, whenever it was possible, for each species, endpoints were reported for tests for which results were based on measured concentrations (reported as (m) in the tables hereunder) rather than nominal concentrations (reported as (n) in the tables hereunder). Also, when available, information was given on the type of exposure, i.e.: static (s), static closed (sc), renewal (r), renewal closed (rc), or continuous flow (cf).

Given that many PAH chemicals are phototoxic, information on the absence/presence of light as well as the type of light was reported in the tables as much as possible.

In the tables below, all data reported were considered valid for effects assessment purposes when they could be given a reliability index (Klimisch code) of 1 or 2, or were considered useful as supporting information for effects assessment purposes, i.e. could be given a reliability index (Klimisch code) of 2/3. Information on reliability was retrieved from the RIVM report in preparation (Verbruggen, in prep.). Information on reliability was not available in the finalised version of EU-RAR (E.C., 2008b) but no data

extracted only from the RAR that were not also evaluated by RIVM are key data for QS derivation. Finally, it is to be noted that naphthalene is highly volatile and that many toxicity studies were therefore rejected by RIVM "*due to high uncertainty in exposure concentrations, either because analysis showed that the concentrations in static systems dropped very quick or because exposure concentrations were not analytically verified*" (Verbruggen, in prep.). Still, there are many valid toxicity data available for this substance.

7.1.1 Organisms living in the water column

| ACUTE EFFECTS | | | Klimisch code | Master reference |
|---|-------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| Micro-organisms Bacteria ($\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$) | Freshwater | <i>Nitrosomonas</i> / unknown duration IC ₅₀ – inhibition ammonia consumption = 29 (n, sc) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 4 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Blum and Speece, 1991 |
| | | <i>Tetrahymena pyriformis</i> / 60h IC ₅₀ – growth = 188.85 | Assessed by E.C., 2003 | Schultz <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| | | <i>Anabaena flos-aqua</i> / 2h EC ₅₀ – nitrogen fixation – continuous light = 24 (m, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Bastian and Toetz, 1985 |
| | Marine | <i>Vibrio fischeri</i> / 15mn EC ₅₀ – bioluminescence – dark = 0.72 (n, s) EC ₅₀ – bioluminescence – visible light = 0.7 (n, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | El-Alawi <i>et al.</i> , 2001 |
| | | <i>Vibrio fischeri</i> / 30mn / Lumistox test EC ₅₀ – bioluminescence – dark = 1.89 (m, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Loibner <i>et al.</i> , 2004 |
| | | | | |
| Algae & aquatic plants (mg.l^{-1}) | Freshwater | <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> / 4h EC ₅₀ – growth (photosynthesis) = 2.96 (m, s) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Millemann <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| | | <i>Nitzschia palae</i> / 4h EC ₅₀ – growth (photosynthesis) = 2.82 (m, s) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Millemann <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| | | <i>Scenedesmus vacuolatus</i> / 24h EC ₅₀ – growth (cell number) = 3.8 (m, sc) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Walter <i>et al.</i> , 2002 |
| | Marine | <i>Skeletonema costatum</i> / unknow duration EC _{30 to 50} – growth = 0.4 | Assessed by E.C., 2003 | Østgaard <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| | | <i>Champia parvula</i> / 14d / female EC ₅₀ – growth – light:dark=16:8h = 2.2 (n, rc) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Thursby <i>et al.</i> , 1985 |
| | | <i>Champia parvula</i> / 14d / tetrasporophyte EC ₅₀ – growth – light:dark=16:8h = 1.378 (n, rc, geo. mean) | | |
| Invertebrates (mg.l^{-1}) | Freshwater | <i>Physa gyrina</i> / 48h LC ₅₀ = 5.02 (m, rc) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Millemann <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| | Molluscs | | | |
| | Crustaceans | <i>Daphnia magna</i> / 48h LC ₅₀ – light:dark=16:8h = 3.4 or 4.1 ⁵ (m, s) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2/3 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Crider <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| | | <i>Daphnia magna</i> / 48h EC ₅₀ - immobility = 2.16 (m, sc) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Millemann <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| | | <i>Daphnia magna</i> / 48h EC ₅₀ – immobility – dark = 1.664 (m, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Bisson <i>et al.</i> , 2000 |
| | | <i>Daphnia pulex</i> / 96h LC ₅₀ – light:dark=12:12h = 1 (m, sc) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Trucco <i>et al.</i> , 1983 |
| | | <i>Diporeia spp.</i> / 5d EC ₅₀ – immobility = 1.587 (m, r) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Landrum <i>et al.</i> , 2003 |

⁵ Value depending on data treatment (3.4 applying linear regression versus 4.1 applying probit analysis)

| ACUTE EFFECTS | | Klimisch code | Master reference |
|---------------|--|--|---|
| | <i>Gammarus minus</i> / 48h LC ₅₀ = 3.93 (m, sc) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Millemann <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| Marine | <i>Neanthes arenaceodentata</i> / 96h LC ₅₀ = 1.069 (m, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Rossi and Neff, 1978 |
| Annelids | | | |
| Molluscs | <i>Mytilus edulis</i> / 48h EC ₅₀ – feeding filtration = 0.922 (m, r) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Donkin <i>et al.</i> , 1991; Donkin <i>et al.</i> , 1989 |
| Crustaceans | <i>Artemia salina</i> / larvae nauplii / 24h EC ₅₀ – immobility – constant illumination = 3.19 (m, s) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Foster and Tullis, 1984 |
| | <i>Callinectes sapidus</i> / adult / 48h LC ₅₀ – constant artificial illumination = 2.3 (m, cf, geo. mean) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Sabourin, 1982 |
| | <i>Cancer magister</i> / 1 st instar larvae / 96h LC ₅₀ – light:dark=13:11h > 2 (m, r) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Caldwell <i>et al.</i> , 1977 |
| | <i>Calanus finmarchicus</i> / 96h LC ₅₀ = 2.4 (m, sc) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Falk-Petersen <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| | <i>Elasmopus pecteniscrus</i> / 96h LC ₅₀ = 2.68 (n, rc) | 2/3 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Lee and Nicol, 1978a |
| | <i>Eualis suckleyi</i> / 96h LC ₅₀ = 1.39 (m, cf) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Rice and Thomas, 1989 |
| | <i>Eurytemora affinis</i> / adult / 24h LC ₅₀ = 3.8 (m, sc) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Ott <i>et al.</i> , 1978 |
| | <i>Hemigrapsus nudus</i> / 8d LC ₅₀ = 1.863 (n, cf, geo. mean) EC ₅₀ – locomotory dysfunction = 1.648 (n, cf, geo. mean) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Gharrett and Rice, 1987 |
| | <i>Neomysis Americana</i> / 96h LC ₅₀ = 1.043 (m, cf, geo. mean) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Smith and Hargreaves, 1983 |
| | <i>Neomysis Americana</i> / 96h LC ₅₀ = 1.066 (m, r, geo. mean) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Hargreaves <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| | <i>Oithona davisae</i> / 48h LC ₅₀ = 7.19 (m, s) EC ₅₀ – immobility = 4.48 (m, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Barata <i>et al.</i> , 2005 |
| | <i>Palaemonetes pugio</i> / adult / 24h LC ₅₀ = 2.6 (s) | 4 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Anderson <i>et al.</i> , 1974 |
| | <i>Palaemonetes pugio</i> / adult / 24 – 96h LC ₅₀ = 2.35 (n, s) | 4 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Tatem, 1975 |
| | <i>Palaemonetes pugio</i> / 48h LC ₅₀ – fluorescent constant light = 2.111 (m, r) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Unger <i>et al.</i> , 2008 |

| ACUTE EFFECTS | | | Klimisch code | Master reference |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| | | <i>Paracartia grani</i> / 48h LC ₅₀ – light:dark=12:12h = 2.517 (m, s, geo. mean) EC ₅₀ – immobility – light:dark=12:12h = 2.467 (m, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Calbet <i>et al.</i> , 2007 |
| | | <i>Parhyale hawaiiensis</i> / 24h LC ₅₀ = 6 (n, sc) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Lee and Nicol, 1978b |
| | | <i>Penaeus aztecus</i> / 24 – 96h LC ₅₀ = 2.5 (s) | 4 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Anderson <i>et al.</i> , 1974 |
| | | <i>Scylla serrata</i> / intermoult juvenile / 96h LC ₅₀ = 17 (n) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 | Kulkarni and Masurekar, 1983 |
| | Sediment Insects | <i>Chironomus tentans</i> / 4 th instar larvae / 48h EC ₅₀ – immobility – dark = 2.81 (m, sc) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Millemann <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| | | <i>Chironomus riparius</i> / 96h / 1 st instar, <24h LC ₅₀ – mercury light = 0.6 (m, s) LC ₅₀ – UV light = 0.65 (m, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Bleeker <i>et al.</i> , 2003 |
| | | <i>Somatochlora cingulata</i> / 96h LC ₅₀ = 1 – 2.5 (n) | 4 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Correa and Coler, 1983 |
| Fish (mg.l ⁻¹) | Freshwater | <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> / 96h / fry, 1g LC ₅₀ = 2.1 (m, cf) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Moles <i>et al.</i> , 1981 |
| | | <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> / 96h / fry, 0.3g, 7d LC ₅₀ = 3.22 (m, cf) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Moles, 1980 |
| | | <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> / 96h LC ₅₀ – light:dark=16:8h = 1.6 (m, cf)) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | DeGraeve <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| | | <i>Oreochromis mossambicus</i> / 96h LC ₅₀ = 7.9 (n, r) | 4 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Dangé, 1986 |
| | | <i>Pimephales promelas</i> / 96h / 31 – 35d LC ₅₀ =6.08 (m, cf) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Holcombe <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| | | <i>Pimephales promelas</i> / 96h / 1-2 mo, 0.27g LC ₅₀ – light:dark=16:8h =1.99 (m, sc) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Millemann <i>et al.</i> , 1984 |
| | | <i>Pimephales promelas</i> / 96h / 0.9g, 46mm LC ₅₀ – light:dark=16:8h =7.8 (m, cf) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | DeGraeve <i>et al.</i> , 1982 |
| | Marine | <i>Cyprinodon variegatus</i> / 24 – 96h LC ₅₀ = 2.4 (s) | 4 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Anderson <i>et al.</i> , 1974 |
| | | <i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i> / 96h / 8.2±2cm LC ₅₀ – light:dark=14:10h =5.3 (m, r) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | DiMichele and Taylor, 1978 |
| | | <i>Onchorhynchus gorbuscha</i> / 96h / 325mg, 32mm LC ₅₀ = 1.2 (m, cf) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Moles and Rice, 1983 |

| ACUTE EFFECTS | | | Klimisch code | Master reference |
|---|-------------------|--|--|------------------------------|
| | | <i>Onchorhynchus gorbuscha</i> / 48h / fry LC ₅₀ = 0.961 (m, cf) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Rice and Thomas, 1989 |
| | Sediment | No information available | | |
| Amphibians (mg.l⁻¹) | Freshwater | <i>Xenopus laevis</i> / 96h / larvae, 3w LC ₅₀ – light:dark=12:12h = 2.1 (m, cf) | Assessed by E.C., 2003 2/3 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Edmisten and Bantle, 1982 |
| | | <i>Xenopus laevis</i> / 96h Frog Embryo Teratogenesis Assay- Xenopus (FETAX). No effects at saturated concentrations. | Assessed by E.C., 2003 | Schultz and Dawson, 1995 |

| CHRONIC EFFECTS | | | Valid according to | Master reference |
|---|---------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Algae & aquatic plants (mg.l ⁻¹) | Freshwater Algae | <i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i> / 72h EC ₁₀ – growth > 4 270 (m, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Bisson <i>et al.</i> , 2000 |
| | Macrophytes | <i>Scenedesmus vacuolatus</i> / 24h NOEC _{growth (cell number) – fluorescent light} = 1.2 (m, sc) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Walter <i>et al.</i> , 2002 |
| | | <i>Lemna gibba</i> / 8d EC ₁₀ – growth rate – partial UV light = 32 (m, r) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Ren <i>et al.</i> , 1994 |
| | Marine Macrophytes | <i>Champia parvula</i> / 14d / female EC ₁₀ – growth – light:dark=16:8h = 0.85 (n, rc) <i>Champia parvula</i> / 14d / tetrasporophyte EC ₁₀ – growth – light:dark=16:8h = 0.47 (n, rc) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Thursby <i>et al.</i> , 1985 |
| Invertebrates (mg.l ⁻¹) | Freshwater Crustaceans | <i>Daphnia magna</i> / 28d NOEC = 3 | 4 acc ^{ing} to E.C., 2003 | Parkhurst, 1982 |
| | | <i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> / 7d / ind<24h EC ₁₀ – reproduction light:dark=16:8h = 0.514 (m, r) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Bisson <i>et al.</i> , 2000 |
| | | <i>Hyalella azteca</i> / 10d / org.=2-3w, 0.5-1mm NOEC _{mortality} = 1.161 (m, r) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Lee <i>et al.</i> , 2002 |
| | | Marine Molluscs | <i>Mytilus edulis</i> / 48h / fertilized eggs EC ₁₀ – larval development – dark = 4.037 (m, sc, average) EC ₁₀ – larval development – light:dark=14:10h = 8.241 (m, sc, average) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM |
| | Crustaceans | <i>Cancer magister</i> / 40d / Alaska larvae NOEC _{larval development – ligh:dark=13:11h} = 0.021 (m, cf) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Caldwell <i>et al.</i> , 1977 |
| | | <i>Cancer magister</i> / 60d / Oregon larvae NOEC _{larval development – ligh:dark=13:11h} ≥ 0.17 (m, cf) | | |
| | | <i>Eurytemora affinis</i> / 10d NOEC _{feeding rate, egg production} ≥ 0.05 (m, r) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Berdugo <i>et al.</i> , 1977 |
| | Echinoderms | <i>Eurytemora affinis</i> / lifetime, 15d NOEC _{repro} < 0.014 (m, sc, one concentration tested) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Ott <i>et al.</i> , 1978 |
| | | <i>Paracartia grani</i> / 48h / eggs 1.3 < NOEC _{egg hatching – light:dark=12:12h} < 6.4 (m, r, one concentration tested) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Calbet <i>et al.</i> , 2007 |
| | | <i>Paracentrotus lividus</i> / 48h / fertilized eggs EC ₁₀ – larval development – dark = 0.649 (m, sc, average) EC ₁₀ – larval development – light:dark=14:10h = 0.741 (m, sc, average) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Bellas <i>et al.</i> , 2008 |

| CHRONIC EFFECTS | | | Valid according to | Master reference | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | <i>Psammechinus miliaris</i> / 48h / fertilized eggs, 2-8 cells, <4 h NOEC _{larval development – light:dark=16:8h} ≥ 0.355 (m, sc) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | AquaSense, 2005 | |
| | | <i>Strongylocentrus droebachiensis</i> / eggs / ELS / 96h LC ₁₀ = 0.94 (m, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Falk-Petersen <i>et al.</i> , 1982 | |
| | | <i>Strongylocentrus droebachiensis</i> / eggs / ELS / 96h LC ₁₀ = 0.58 (m, s) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Saethre <i>et al.</i> , 1984 | |
| | Sediment Insects (freshwater) | <i>Tanytarsus dissimilis</i> / life-cycle / spiked water, no sediment NOEC _{egg hatching, adult emergence – light:dark=16:8h} < 0.5 (m, cf) | 2-3 acc ^{ing} to RIVM 3 acc ^{ing} to the assessor (see text hereunder) | Darville and Wilhm, 1984 | |
| Fish (mg.l ⁻¹) | Freshwater | <i>Danio rerio</i> / 96h / larvae NOEC _{malformations} ≥ 0.388 (m, r, one concentration tested) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Petersen and Kristensen, 1998 | |
| | | <i>Micropterus salmoides</i> / 7 d incl. 4 post-hatch / eggs 2-4 d post spawning LC ₁₀ = 0.037 (m, cf) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Black <i>et al.</i> , 1983 | |
| | | <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> / 40d / fry, 1g NOEC _{growth} = 0.37 (m, cf) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Moles <i>et al.</i> , 1981 | |
| | | <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> / 27 d incl. 4 post-hatch / eggs 20 min post fertilization LC ₁₀ = 0.02 (m, cf) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Black <i>et al.</i> , 1983 | |
| | | <i>Pimephales promelas</i> / 30d / embryo-larvae NOEC _{growth – light :dark=16:8h} = 0.45 (m, cf) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | DeGraeve <i>et al.</i> , 1982 | |
| | Marine | <i>Gadus morhua</i> / 4d / eggs / ELS LC ₁₀ = 1 (m, s, geo. mean) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Falk-Petersen <i>et al.</i> , 1982 | |
| | | <i>Gadus morhua</i> / 4d / eggs / ELS LC ₁₀ > 0.7 (m, s, weighted average) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Saethre <i>et al.</i> , 1984 | |
| | | <i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i> / 40d / 325 mg, 32 mm NOEC _{growth} = 0.12 (m, cf) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Moles and Rice, 1983 | |
| | | Sediment | No information available | | |
| | Tunicates | Marine Ascidians | <i>Ciona intestinalis</i> / 20h / fertilized eggs EC _{10 – larval development – dark} = 0.61 (m, sc, average) EC _{10 – larval development – light:dark=14:10h} = 3.025 (m, sc, average) | 2 acc ^{ing} to RIVM | Bellas <i>et al.</i> , 2008 |

| Available ecotoxicological information for organisms living in water column | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Fresh water species | Marine species |
| Acute | 7 taxonomic groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - algae, crustaceans, and fish - micro-organisms, molluscs, insects, amphibians | 6 taxonomic groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - algae, crustaceans and fish - micro-organisms, annelids, molluscs |
| Chronic | 5 taxonomic groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - algae, crustaceans, and fish - macrophytes and insects | 6 taxonomic groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - algae, crustaceans and fish - cnidarians, molluscs, and echinoderms |

The Technical Guidance Document on EQS derivation (E.C., 2011) states that “*in principle, ecotoxicity data for freshwater and saltwater organisms should be pooled for organic compounds, if certain criteria are met*” and that “*the presumption that for organic compounds saltwater and freshwater data may be pooled must be tested, except where a lack of data makes a statistical analysis unworkable.*”

For naphthalene in fact, there are enough data to perform a “*meaningful statistical comparison*” and the statistical analysis made showed no evidence of “*a difference in sensitivity between freshwater vs saltwater organisms*” (F-test 0.19; t-test 0.99; Verbruggen, in prep.). Moreover, the mode of action (cf. reference to narcosis above) is an additional information allowing no to differentiate between the two media.

Therefore, in this case, the data sets may be combined for QS derivation according to the Technical Guidance Document on EQS derivation (E.C., 2011).

Determination of the MAC

• Assessment Factor Method

The majority of the results from short-term tests lie in the range 1-10 mg.l⁻¹, except for some data on prokaryotes (bacteria and cyanophyta). All of the organisms tested appear to show similar sensitivity in the short-term tests, which is characteristic of narcotic effects. The predicted values were 7.8 mg.l⁻¹ (LC₅₀ for fish), 6.1 mg.l⁻¹ (LC₅₀ for daphnia) and 3.8 mg.l⁻¹ (EC₅₀ for algae), all of which fit closely the range of measured values whilst being towards the high end. Therefore, assessment factors of 10 and 100 applied to the lowest acute data seem conservative enough for derivation of MAC-QS_{freshwater, eco} and MAC-QS_{marine water, eco}, respectively. The effect concentration of 0.4 mg.l⁻¹ for *Skeletonema costatum* is the lowest value of the dataset. However, exposure duration is unknown and the percentage of affected organisms is unclear (30 to 50%). Therefore, the value obtained on *Chironomus riparius* with a 96h exposure *via* water – which is of the same order of magnitude as for the diatom *Skeletonema* – is preferred for derivation of the MAC_{water, eco}. Applying the above cited assessment factors results in a MAC_{freshwater, eco} of 60 µg.l⁻¹ and a MAC_{marine water, eco} of 6 µg.l⁻¹.

• SSD Method

If the acute data sets for freshwater and marine species are combined, the combined data set appears sufficient to apply a statistical derivation approach to derive the MAC-QS_{water, eco} values. Indeed, data appropriate for the derivation of a Species Sensitivity Distribution (SSD) include 7 taxonomic groups (algae, annelids, bacteria, crustaceans, molluscs, fish and amphibians) but it is not deemed necessary to include macrophytes as sensitive species to naphthalene given the high EC₁₀ obtained for *Lemna gibba* after a chronic exposure of 8d, i.e. 32 mg.l⁻¹.

In its report in preparation (Verbruggen, in prep.), RIVM proposes such an assessment based on the combined freshwater and marine datasets. The Species Sensitivity Distribution (SSD) curves after the goodness of fit has been tested are reported hereunder for acute ecotoxicity.

Selected acute toxicity data of naphthalene to freshwater species (Verbruggen, in prep.)

| Taxon | Species | LC50 or EC50 [$\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$] |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Algae | Nitzschia palea | 2820 |
| Algae | Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata | 2960 |
| Algae | Scenedesmus vacuolatus | 3800 |
| Amphibia | Xenopus laevis | 2100 |
| Crustacea | Daphnia magna | 1896 a |
| Crustacea | Diporeia spp. | 1587 |
| Crustacea | Gammarus minus | 3930 |
| Cyanophyta | Anabaena flos-aqua | 24000 |
| Insecta | Chironomus riparius | 600 b |
| Mollusca | Physa gyrina | 5020 |
| Pisces | Oncorhynchus mykiss | 2212 c |
| Pisces | Pimephales promelas | 4572 d |

^a Geometric mean of 2160 and 1664 $\mu\text{g/L}$ for the most sensitive parameter (immobility) at a standard exposure time of 48 h

^b Most sensitive lifestage exposed under light conditions including some UV-A

^c Geometric mean of 2100, 3220, and 1600 $\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$

^d Geometric mean of 1680, 1990, and 7900 $\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$

Selected acute toxicity data of naphthalene to marine species (Verbruggen, in prep.)

| Taxon | Species | LC50 or EC50 [$\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$] |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Algae | <i>Champia parvula</i> | 1378 ^a |
| Annelida | <i>Neanthes arenaceodentata</i> | 1069 |
| Bacteria | <i>Vibrio fischeri</i> | 710 ^b |
| Crustacea | <i>Artemia salina</i> | 3190 |
| Crustacea | <i>Calanus finmarchicus</i> | 2400 |
| Crustacea | <i>Elasmopus pecteniscrus</i> | 2680 |
| Crustacea | <i>Eualis suckleyi</i> | 1390 |
| Crustacea | <i>Eurytemora affinis</i> | 3800 |
| Crustacea | <i>Hemigrapsus nudus</i> | 1100 ^c |
| Crustacea | <i>Neomysis Americana</i> | 825 ^d |
| Crustacea | <i>Oithona davisae</i> | 4480 ^e |
| Crustacea | <i>Palaemonetes pugio</i> | 2111 |
| Crustacea | <i>Paracartia grani</i> | 2467 ^e |
| Crustacea | <i>Parhyale hawaiiensis</i> | 6000 |
| Mollusca | <i>Callinectes sapidus</i> | 2301 ^f |
| Mollusca | <i>Mytilus edulis</i> | 922 |
| Pisces | <i>Fundulus heteroclitus</i> | 5300 |
| Pisces | <i>Oncorhynchus gorboscha</i> | 1200 ^g |

^a Geometric mean of 1000 and 1900 $\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$ for the most sensitive lifestage (tetrasporophyte)

^b Geometric mean of 700 and 720 $\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$ at standard exposure time (15 min)

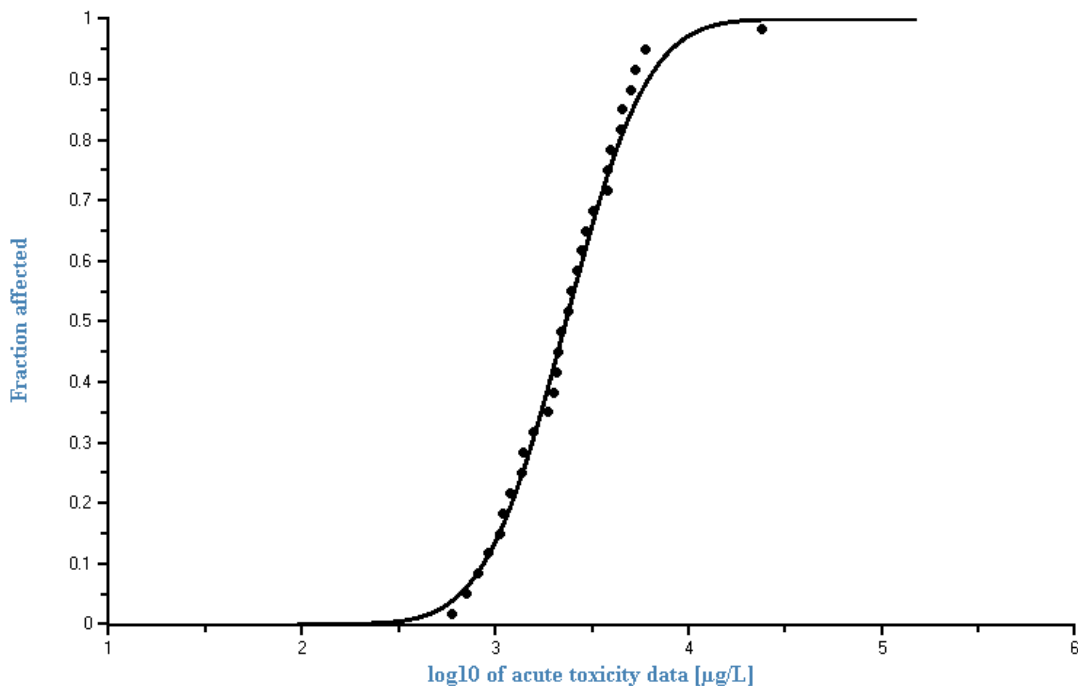
^c Lowest value obtained with continuous exposure instead of intermittent exposure

^d Geometric mean of 800 and 850 $\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$ at highest test temperature of 25 °C

^e Most sensitive parameter (immobility)

^f Lowest value at highest salinity of 30‰

^g Most relevant exposure time (96 h) and probably also most relevant life-stage for acute toxicity testing



Species sensitivity distribution for the acute toxicity of naphthalene to freshwater and marine species (Verbruggen, in prep.).

The HC_5 of this SSD is $650 \mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$, the HC_{50} is $2324 \mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$. The $MAC_{\text{water, eco}}$ is by default derived applying an assessment factor of 10 to the HC_5 . However, in their report in preparation, the RIVM states that “the number of toxicity data and the taxonomic diversity is high and the differences in species sensitivity are low, which is characteristic of narcotic effects.”

The RIVM proposes the above direct comparison for nine species from five taxonomic groups of the no-effect level and the 50% effect levels. The values are different by a factor of 5 or less.

Acute no effect levels (10% cut-off by means of EC10) versus 50% effect levels (EC50) for naphthalene

| Taxon | Species | EC50/EC10 or LC50/LC10 (mg.l^{-1}) |
|------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Amphibia | <i>Xenopus laevis</i> | 1.6 |
| Algae | <i>Scenedesmus vacuolatus</i> | 2.2 |
| Algae | <i>Champia parvula</i> | 1.4 – 2.1 |
| Bacteria | <i>Vibrio fischeri</i> | 4.8 |
| Crustacea | <i>Calanus finmarchicus</i> | 1.1 |
| Crustacea | <i>Oithona davisae</i> | 1.8 |
| Crustacea | <i>Paracartia grani</i> | 1.6 |
| Crustacea | <i>Parhyale hawaiiensis</i> | 1.6 |
| Cyanophyta | <i>Anabaena flos-aqua</i> | 2.5 |

Given that the $MAC_{\text{water, eco}}$ has to be protective of any acute toxicity effects but that the values used in the SSD are 50% effective concentrations and given the little difference between 50% effect levels and no effect levels, RIVM considered an assessment factor of 5 as sufficient to apply to the HC5 to derive the $MAC_{\text{freshwater, eco}}$. Given the large number of marine data in the dataset and the presence of non standard species such as seaweed, annelids and molluscs, an extra assessment factor for the $MAC_{\text{marine water, eco}}$ was not deemed necessary. Thus, both $MAC_{\text{freshwater, eco}}$ and $MAC_{\text{marine water, eco}}$ could be set to $130 \mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$.

There are no acute data below these proposed values of $130 \mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$. Therefore, this value seems sufficiently conservative and is proposed as $MAC_{\text{freshwater, eco}}$ and $MAC_{\text{marine water, eco}}$ rather than the values obtained by the assessment factor method.

Determination of the AA-QS_{water, eco}

• Assessment Factor Method

Longer-term studies are also available to derive AA-QS_{water, eco}. Species sensitivities are again rather comparable between taxa but less than for acute data as fish and daphnia appear to be more sensitive than algae. The RIVM report (Verbruggen, in prep.) justifies the use of the two results on fish reported by Black et al. (1983) data – while it was disregarded by naphthalene RAR – as follows: The data reported for Black et al. (1983) show a clear dose-response relationship.

“The LC₁₀ for survival after 4 days post-hatching is 20 $\mu\text{g/L}$. Clearly, this is the lowest usable effect concentration for naphthalene in freshwater species. In the RAR of naphthalene the study of Black et al., was disregarded because the method could not be repeated with toluene and it generally gives much lower results than standard studies. After reconsideration, it was concluded in the RAR of coal tar pitch that the value could be used.

There are some differences between the studies with toluene and naphthalene. First, for toluene the difference with the other toxicity data is several orders of magnitude, while for naphthalene, there are several studies which show the onset of chronic effects or effects on sensitive life stages around the value of 20 $\mu\text{g/L}$. For the most sensitive strain of Dungeness crabs a NOEC of 21 $\mu\text{g/L}$ was found in a 40-d study (Caldwell et al., 1977). In this study only two exposure concentrations are used. Although well-performed, the statistical power of this test is limited. For the marine herbivorous copepod Eurytemora affinis one concentration of 14 $\mu\text{g/L}$ tested in a 15-d study resulted in significant effects (Ott et al., 1978). However, a 10-d study with the same species resulted in no significant effects up to 50 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (Berdugo et al., 1977).

Second, the EC₁₀ for toluene is also an order of magnitude lower than that for naphthalene, while naphthalene is a compound with a log K_{ow} that is 0.6 unit higher than that of toluene. For this reason, the EC₁₀ for naphthalene would be expected to be lower than the EC₁₀ for toluene, which is apparently not the case.

Further, both EC₁₀s do not originate from the same publication, or at least toluene has been omitted from the publication. If a read-across is performed with the data for phenanthrene instead of toluene with data from the same study (Black et al., 1983), the data are very well in line with another study with the same species and with data for other species tested with phenanthrene. Therefore, the EC₁₀ is considered to be useful in this case.”

The available data cover 5 freshwater taxonomic groups as well as 6 marine taxonomic groups, including echinoderms. Hence an assessment factor of 10 applied to the lowest chronic value of 0.02 mg.l^{-1} obtained from a 27d-study on salmonid *Oncorhynchus mykiss* is deemed relevant to derive both AA-QS_{freshwater, eco} and AA-QS_{marine water, eco}.

• SSD Method

Valid chronic toxicity data are available for more than 10 species originating from seven taxonomic groups. Usable value for an additional eighth taxa representing the insects is missing. Indeed, in a full life-cycle study with the midge *Tanytarsus dissimilis*, it was concluded that concentrations below $500 \mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$ resulted in minimal effects (Darville and Wilhm, 1984) but details on the dose-response relationship for this species are missing and some results are ambiguous (deletion of results of one control and one treatment subunits for the reason that no hatching was observed). With this value missing on insects, a species sensitivity distribution can in principle not be applied. For comparative purposes the SSD was tentatively realised by RIVM in their report (resulting in a HC₅ of $25 \mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$) but the data did not fit well to a log-normal distribution and effects for one species that were observed in one study were not always observed in the other or differences existed even between different strains for the same species. Moreover, there were some effects observed even below the lowest EC₁₀. The wide range of NOEC or EC₁₀ values for different species, also

raised some question whether there were “more specific modes of toxic action involved besides the baseline toxicity caused by narcosis”. RIVM considered that “part of the differences might also be explained from the difficulties in maintaining constant exposure concentration in toxicity”.

Because of all these uncertainties, a species sensitivity distribution can in principle not be applied and assessment factor method is applied exclusively to derive AA-QS_{water, eco}.

| Tentative QS _{water} Assessment factor method | Relevant study for derivation of QS | AF | Tentative QS |
|---|---|----|------------------------|
| MAC _{freshwater, eco} | SSD-HC ₅ = 0.65 mg.l ⁻¹ | 5 | 130 µg.l ⁻¹ |
| MAC _{marine water, eco} | | 5 | 130 µg.l ⁻¹ |
| AA-QS _{freshwater, eco} | <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> / 27 d incl. 4 post-hatch / eggs 20 min post fertilization LC ₁₀ = 0.02 mg.l ⁻¹ | 10 | 2 µg.l ⁻¹ |
| AA-QS _{marine water, eco} | | 10 | 2 µg.l ⁻¹ |

7.1.2 Sediment-dwelling organisms

The toxicity of naphthalene was studied exposing the sediment-dwelling crustacean *Rhepoxynius abronius* during 10d *via* spiking of muddy sand (2.58% organic matter) (Boese *et al.*, 1998). The endpoints were mortality and reburial and irradiation of the crustaceans with UV light had little effect on these parameters. The EC₅₀ for reburial of *Rhepoxynius abronius* after 10 days of exposure is 227 µmol.g⁻¹ for an OC content of 2.58%. This value corresponds to a concentration of 29 101 mg.kg⁻¹ for the same OC content and to a value of 56 397 mg.kg⁻¹ when normalized to an OC content of 5% as recommended by the Draft Technical Guidance Document on EQS derivation (E.C., 2011).

RIVM notes in its report that although this value is an EC₅₀, the exposure time (10-d) as well as the endpoint (reburial) are rather chronic than acute. Nevertheless, the difference with the LC₅₀ is negligible (LC₅₀ normalised to 5% OC content is 57 889 mg.kg⁻¹_{dw}). The long-term test on the freshwater sediment species *Tanytarsus* cited here before (see section 7.1.1., SSD method) can not be used for the above cited reasons, and in particular because the test was carried out in the absence of sediment.

Because of the dataset available (one acute test but no true long-term sediment test available and no saltwater sediment test representing different living and feeding conditions), assessment factors of 1000 and 10 000 should be applied to derive QS_{freshwater, sed} and QS_{marine water, sed} of 56 397 µg.kg⁻¹_{dw}, respectively 56 397 µg.kg⁻¹_{dw} as recommended by the TGD on EQS derivation (E.C., 2011).

| Tentative QS _{water, sed} Assessment factor method | Relevant study for derivation of QS | AF | Tentative QS |
|--|---|--------|---|
| AA-QS _{freshwater, sed.} | <i>Rhepoxynius abronius</i> / 10d LC ₅₀ of 57 889 mg.kg ⁻¹ _{dw} EC ₅₀ of 56 397 mg.kg ⁻¹ _{dw} | 1 000 | 56 397 µg.kg ⁻¹ _{dw} |
| AA-QS _{marine water, sed.} | | 10 000 | 5 639 µg.kg ⁻¹ _{ww} |
| AA-QS _{freshwater, sed.} | <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> / 27 d incl. 4 post-hatch / eggs 20 min post fertilization LC ₁₀ = 0.02 mg.l ⁻¹ | EqP | 53 µg.kg ⁻¹ _{ww} 138 µg.kg ⁻¹ _{dw} |
| AA-QS _{marine water, sed.} | | EqP | 53 µg.kg ⁻¹ _{ww} 138 µg.kg ⁻¹ _{dw} |

The values derived *via* the equilibrium partitioning approach are more conservative and therefore proposed as the QS_{water, sed} values.

As a matter of comparison, provisional ecotoxicological assessment criteria for naphthalene in seawater and sediment were agreed in November 1993 (Oslo and Paris Commissions, 1994). For seawater, the ecotoxicological assessment criteria was provisionally set as 1-10 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$, based on a NOEC of 40 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$ and an assessment factor of 10. Concentrations in sediment were calculated by applying the equilibrium partitioning approach and the provisional assessment criteria for sediment is 10-100 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}_{\text{dw}}$.

7.2 SECONDARY POISONING

Based on the Technical Guidance Document on EQS derivation (E.C., 2011), this substance does trigger the bioaccumulation criteria (e.g. $\log K_{OW} = 3.34$) although the toxicological data available do not seem to demonstrate a high toxicological potential ($NOEC > 1\,000\text{ mg.kg}^{-1}_{\text{feed ww}}$).

| Secondary poisoning of top predators | | Master reference |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Mammalian oral toxicity | Mouse / Oral / 90d / absolute brain, liver and spleen weights for females NOAEL = $133\text{ mg.kg}^{-1}_{\text{bw.d}^{-1}}$ NOEC = $1\,104\text{ mg.kg}^{-1}_{\text{feed ww}}$ (CF=8.3) | Shopp et al (1984) <i>in</i> E.C., 2003 |
| | Dog / Oral / 7d / Haemolytic anaemia LOAEL = $220\text{ mg.kg}^{-1}_{\text{bw.d}^{-1}}$ LOEC = $8\,800\text{ mg.kg}^{-1}_{\text{feed ww}}$ (CF=40) <i>Poorly conducted study with no control</i> (as cited in E.C., 2003) | Zuelzer and apt (1949) <i>in</i> E.C., 2003 |
| | Reprotoxicity: Overall naphthalene only produces fetotoxicity at maternally toxic doses in animals, and does not produce developmental toxicity at maternally subtoxic doses. | E.C., 2003 |
| Avian oral toxicity | No information available | |

For the back calculation of $QS_{\text{biota, hh}}$ into water, the BCF value of 515 is used as well as $BMF_1 = BMF_2 = 1$ (cf. section 5.1).

| Tentative $QS_{\text{biota secpois}}$ | Relevant study for derivation of QS | AF | Tentative QS |
|---------------------------------------|--|----|--|
| Biota | NOEC = $1\,104\text{ mg.kg}^{-1}_{\text{feed ww}}$ | 90 | $12\,266\text{ }\mu\text{g.kg}^{-1}_{\text{biota ww}}$ corresponding to $23.8\text{ }\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$ (freshwater) $23.8\text{ }\mu\text{g.l}^{-1}$ (marine water) |

7.3 HUMAN HEALTH

Based on the Technical Guidance Document on EQS derivation (E.C., 2011), this substance does trigger the criteria defined on the basis of the hazardous properties of the chemical of interest. Specific triggers include classification criteria according to the Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (E.C., 2008a), which are H302 (Harmful if swallowed) and H351 (Suspected of causing cancer). Based on this information, a $QS_{biota, hh}$ should be derived.

| Human health via consumption of fishery products | | Master reference |
|--|---|--|
| Mammalian oral toxicity | Mouse / Oral / 90d / absolute brain, liver and spleen weights for females NOAEL = $133 \text{ mg.kg}^{-1}_{bw.d^{-1}}$ NOEC = $1\ 104 \text{ mg.kg}^{-1}_{feed\ ww}$ (CF=8.3) | Shopp et al (1984) <i>in E.C., 2003</i> |
| | If naphthalene is considered to be not carcinogenic, due to its negative genotoxicity as suggested in an RIVM report (Baars <i>et al.</i> , 2001), then it is deemed acceptable to use the proposed TDI of $0.04 \text{ mg.kg}^{-1}_{bw.d^{-1}}$ as the Threshold Level. | Baars <i>et al.</i> , 2001 |
| CMR | Not classified as mutagenic nor reprotoxic. Classified as Carcinogenic category 2: suspected carcinogenic substance | E.C., 2008a |
| | No oral threshold values are available in the EU-RAR. | E.C., 2008b |
| | Potential of naphthalene for carcinogenicity is questioned and discussed by ATSDR, RIVM, and U.S. EPA. Conclusions are controversial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EPA classifies this compound as C, a possible human carcinogen, using criteria of the 1986 cancer guidelines (US-EPA, 1986). Using the 1996 Proposed Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment (US-EPA, 1996), the human carcinogenic potential of naphthalene via the oral or inhalation routes "cannot be determined" at this time based on human and animal data; however, there is suggestive evidence [observations of benign respiratory tumors and one carcinoma in female mice only exposed to naphthalene by inhalation (NTP, 1992)]. Additional support includes increase in respiratory tumors associated with exposure to 1-methylnaphthalene. An oral slope factor for naphthalene was not derived because of a lack of chronic oral naphthalene studies. - RIVM questioned the potential for carcinogenicity of naphthalene but concluded that it is not carcinogenic due to its negative genotoxicity, therefore basing their risk estimate on the threshold approach (Baars <i>et al.</i>, 2001). - ATSDR has published a Toxicological Profile for Naphthalene (ATSDR, 2005). Although ATSDR discusses the carcinogenicity data in its evaluation, it does not currently assess cancer potency or perform cancer risk assessments. | US-EPA, 1998 |
| | | |

According to the evaluations reported above, a clear conclusion cannot be drawn on the carcinogenic potential of naphthalene. There is no evidence of naphthalene being a genotoxic substance; therefore, it is considered acceptable to base the $QS_{biota, hh}$ on a Tolerable Daily Intake of $40 \text{ }\mu\text{g.kg}^{-1}_{bw.d^{-1}}$ as the Threshold Level.

For the back calculation of $QS_{biota, hh}$ into water, the BCF value of 515 is used as well as $BMF_1 = BMF_2 = 1$ (cf. section 5.1).

| Tentative QS _{biota hh} | Relevant data for derivation of QS | AF | Threshold Level (mg.kg ⁻¹ _{bw.d⁻¹}) | Tentative QS _{biota, hh} |
|----------------------------------|--|----|--|--|
| Human health | TPH fraction specific RfD of the TPHCWG method (TPHCWG, 1997) ⁽¹⁾ | | 0.04 | 2 435 µg.kg ⁻¹ _{biota ww} corresponding to 4.7 µg.l ⁻¹ (fresh and marine waters) |

⁽¹⁾ TPH = Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons; TPHCWG = Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons Criteria Working Group, Toxicology Technical Action Group

| Human health via consumption of drinking water | | Master reference |
|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Existing drinking water standard(s) | No existing regulatory standard | Directive 98/83/EC |
| Provisional calculated drinking water standard | 140 µg.l ⁻¹ | Baars <i>et al.</i> , 2001 and E.C., 2011 |

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