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Explanatory note for assessors of use map and SWED

The scope of this guidance is to describe the current uses of Imaging and printing products, used by the member of I&P Europe. The covered uses are Formulation, industrial/professional and consumer use of chemicals from the imaging and printing industry, e.g. pressroom chemicals (fountain solutions, washes, auxiliaries etc.,), digital printing inks, toner, photographic processing chemicals, coatings, offset plate processing, flexographic plate processing.

Currently there is neither sector specific information supporting environmental assessment (no SpERCs) nor consumer assessment (no SCEDs). Furthermore, no SWEDs have been developed for the service-life for workers. Therefore in all these cases the information presented in the Chesar file is the default value from Chesar.

Specific advice to assessors in relation to the use of SWEDs :

* information on typical concentration in the various mixture is provided in the SWEDs to support registrants in iterating the assessment if needed (when the RCR >1 with 100% cc°).
* in the SWED it is assumed for all contributing scenario that no LEV is in place but that it is suggested to change it to a ‘YES’ when safe use cannot be demonstrated at typical concentration.

Service life: When a substance does not remain in dried coatings, adhesives or comparable mixtures after application in/on the article, no service life stage is reported.