



Guidelines for estimation and measurement of emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds

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Agenda



- The demand,
- The context of the Gothenburg Protocol
- Organisation of the guidance and information available
- Next steps

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Context of the guidelines



☐ Gothenburg Protocol:

- ✓ Introduction of commitments for reduction of VOC emissions for Parties to the Convention in 2020
 - ✓ Mandatory Emission Limit Values (ELVs) for different activities (for VOCs, annex VI and annex XI)
 - ✓ Establishment of solvent management plans for activities using solvents covered by annex VI
- ### ☐ Why to develop Guidelines
- ✓ VOC a complex pollutant : group of substances with different chemical properties, stack emissions and fugitive emissions, complex measurement...

Necessity to develop guidelines

to facilitate the ratification of the Protocol by EECCA countries

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Types of ELVs present in annex VI of the Protocol



- ✓ **ELVs expressed as total organic carbon (TOC)**, which is a concentration of carbon in the gas stream, usually expressed in mg C per cubic meter (**mg C/m³**), in the standard conditions (STP), methane can be include or not,
- ✓ **ELVs related to one or several substances** which are assigned to specific risk phrases , expressed in mg of substances per cubic meter (**mg VOC/m³**) in the standard conditions (Article 5 of annex VI),
- ✓ **ELVs expressed as a total VOC emission, expressed in % of solvent input, or g VOC/unit of activity (g VOC/m², g VOC/kg dry extract, ...)** for some activities using solvents or % of petrol throughput for activities related to storage and handling of petrol,
- ✓ **Fugitive emission of VOC expressed in % of solvent input or in other unit**

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Content of the guidelines developed



- ✓ Context and aim of the guidelines
- ✓ Types of ELVs implemented in annex VI
- ✓ VOC measurement techniques
- ✓ Solvent management plan
- ✓ Control of ELVs for some activities
- ✓ Summary of measurement methodologies for the different activities covered by annex VI
- ✓ Example of development of a solvent management plan

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Process of adoption of the guidelines



- Guidelines produced by TFTEI for the 33rd Executive Body meeting in December 2015 for endorsement
- Endorsement of the Guidelines not possible due to additional questions raised by a country
- A drafting group set up aimed to answer to additional questions from this country to be produced just after the EB (the TFTEI TS + Belgium)
- Progress to be presented at the 34th EB meeting of May 2016 for endorsement of the document at the next EB meeting of December 2016
- Questions not received on time but just after the EB meeting in May 2016
- Deadline still achievable

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New questions



- 25 questions addressed
- Request for additional explanations and details (fugitive and total VOC emissions provided as annual average, what are standard conditions, how to exclude methane...)
- Request for additional definitions of words used (Rate, Normal conditions...)
- Many questions of the solvent management plans
- ...

In fact need for development of the pedagogy of the document

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New time schedule



- Treatment of the questions before September for submission to the next EB in December 2016.

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