

#### First Phase of Impact Assessment on Endocrine Disruptors:

## How to screen which chemicals would fall under different options for criteria to identify endocrine disruptors

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#### Scope of the screening methodology

- To assess in a limited amount of time the potential endocrine disrupting properties of approximately 700 substances subject to:
  - Plant Protection Products Regulation (PPPR) (approx. 400)
  - Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) (approx. 100)
  - REACH Regulation
  - Cosmetics Regulation
  - Water Framework Directive (WFD)

Sample of approx. 200 substances

 Apply the four policy options for criteria for identifying EDs in EC Roadmap based on available data



#### **CAVEATS**

- Does not substitute full evaluations of individual substances to be carried out by appropriate bodies in the future
- Does not pre-empt the regulatory conclusions that may eventually be made on the basis of such evaluations
- Screening methodology best estimate of which substances falling under the different ED IA policy options





### Option1. No policy change.

Interim criteria set in the BPR and the PPPR to be applied.

Substances are or may be considered as EDs if they are or have to be classified as:

- CLP "carcinogenic category 2" and "toxic for reproduction category 2", or
- CLP "toxic for reproduction category 2" and "toxic effects on the endocrine organs"

Substances not fulfilling above criteria will be considered not ED according to interim criteria





## Option 2. EDs identified according to WHO/IPCS definition

An endocrine disrupter is an exogenous substance or mixture **that alters function(s) of the endocrine system\*** and consequently causes **adverse health effects** in an intact organism, or its progeny, or (sub)populations" (IPCS/WHO, 2002).

Two elements: adversity and \*endocrine disrupting mode of action

**Need evidence for both** 





## Option 3: WHO definition and additional categories

Option 3 proposes two additional categories based on the strength of evidence for fulfilling the WHO/IPCS definition:

- Cat I (fulfils WHO definition, equivalent to option 2)
- Cat II (suspected ED) –evidence insufficient to place in Cat I
- Cat III (endocrine active substance) –evidence insufficient to place in Cat II





# Option 4: WHO definition with the inclusion of potency

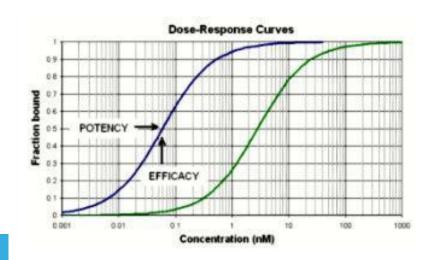


Potency refers to the amount of substance necessary to produce a certain effect. A substance A which produces an effect at 5 mg is 10 times more potent than a substance B which produces the same effect at 50 mg.

Applying a potency cut-off at 10 mg,

Substance A confirmed ED

Substance B not considered ED





### **Data Gathering: sources & strategy**

Rely on already existing readily accessible information

**Primarily:** evaluated data from the existing regulatory assessment reports, *including* EFSA conclusions, MS Draft Assessment Reports, REACH restriction dossiers, Support documents for identification of SVHC, opinions of Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety.

**Supplemented by additional information:** gathered from databases focusing on endocrine effects including non-regulatory studies such as JRC's Endocrine Active Substances Information System, TEDX, SIN list, ToxCast, and in case data are still lacking by targeted literature searching



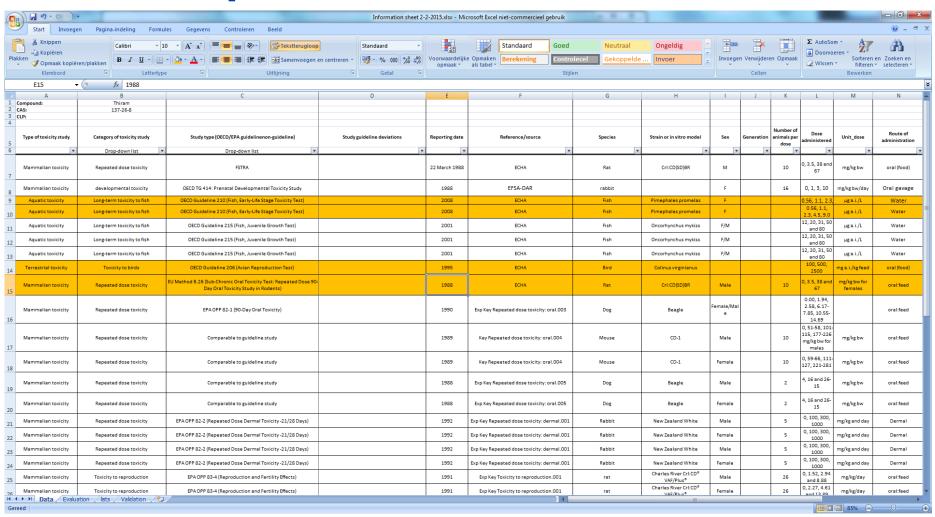
### Types of data to be captured

- Focus on endocrine effects from tests for which OECD Test Guidelines have already been developed
- Production/action of steroid hormones (estrogen, testosterone) impacts on reproduction, fertility, abnormalities in development, onset of puberty)and thyroid hormones (impact on growth and development)
- In vitro and in vivo mechanistic assays inform on endocrine mode of action
- Mammalian toxicity: reproductive toxicity, carcinogenicity and repeated dose toxicity
- Ecotoxicology: focus on mammals, fish and amphibians (birds to a limited extent)



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#### **Data Template**





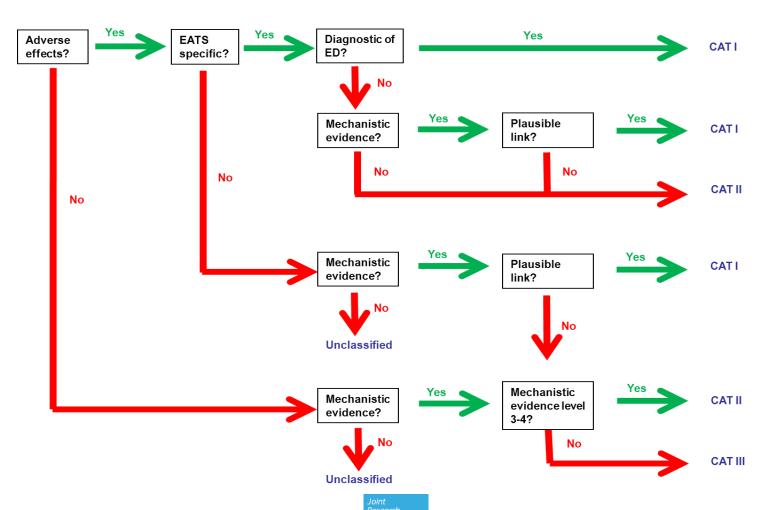
### **Data summary example**

OECD CF level	Study	Species	Endocrine effect	Direction	NO(A)EL	Specific for
5	Mammalian 2-generation	Rat	Female fertility	Decrease	28.4	N
			Ovary weight	Decrease	28.4	EAS
	Chronic/carcinogenic studies	Rat	Uterus weight	Increase	16.75	EAS
4	No data					
•	Tro data					
3	No data					
2	OT_ERa_ERb_1440_agonist		Receptor activation	Increase		E
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#### Practical implementation of methodology





#### **Concluding Remarks**

- Draft Screening Methodology submitted to contractor, includes:
  - data sources to be consulted
  - > type of data to extract
  - > template for recording and summarising data
  - decision trees to follow to apply options for criteria in a systematic manner to 700 substances,





#### **Concluding Remarks**

- Contractor applying methodology to sample subset (35 substances) to test practical operability
- > Fine tuning/adjustments according to feedback by end of June
- Methodology to be applied in a phased manner to PPPs, Biocides and selection from REACH, cosmetic ingredients and priority substances under water framework directive
- Many substances likely to be unclassified based on lack of mode of action data
- Distinguish between 4 options in roadmap
- Strike appropriate balance between resources, time constraints and depth of analysis



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