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ADDITIONS IN UPDATE 15-01

With this update the latest changes in substances, occupational exposure limits, measurement methods, physical-chemical properties and classification and labeling are processed until December 1, 2014. The most recent updates of hazard information in the CLP Regulation (known as ATP's) are also included in this update up to ATP 6. The number of substances with physical-chemical properties has been expanded to more than 51,000 substances.

The number of publicly available PDF documents with health substantiations that can be accessed from DOHSBase Compare has also been expanded to 945! These can be found in the folder .. \pdf\. The number of advisory documents from the Dutch Expert Committee on Occupational Safety (DECOS) of the Dutch Health Council is now 618. All of the advisory documents of DECOS are now available in DOHSBase Compare as a pdf-document. The 115 most recent documents of the International Agency on Research on Cancer (IARC) with a classification for carcinogenicity are included in this update. Also 24 recent substantiating documents for limits from NIOSH (REL: Recommended Exposure Limit) were added.

The number of publicly available measurement methods that can be opened from DOHSBase Compare (as a PDF document) has been extended to nearly 400! You can find them in the folder .. \meetmet_pdf\.

Finally, the layout of the program is modified. For users of DOHSBase Compare with a Windows XP computer this can be a problem (see the newpost on our website from September 30, 2014). If you work with Windows XP, we recommend that you switch to Windows 7 or 8, not only for a good operation of DOHSBase Compare.

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IOHA2015

From 25 to 30 April 2015 the 10th international scientific conference of the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) is organized in London (www.ioha2015.org). During this conference more than 5,000 occupational hygienists are expected from all around the world. We are extremely proud that we have three presentations at this conference. And they are all placed in the same session, so we have a whole session at our disposal! Our presentations cover the following topics: a call for harmonization of exposure assessment models; a study on the validation of different Control Banding systems; and 'what to do if there are no limits or DNEL?'. This last presentation is about the foundation and relevance of the kick-off values.

We hope to meet you during the IOHA2015 and especially during session 8C on Tuesday, April 28th, 2015!



KICK-OFF VALUES

In this version we also present the new, from H statements derived, kick-off values ("kick-off values 2014") for substances without a formal Occupational Exposure Limit. These new kick-off values were presented in the spring of 2014 during the symposia of the occupational hygiene associations in the Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States. The comments received during the past few months have been processed into the final version of the kick-off values.

In the Compare mode of the program, the calculations are still performed with the 'old' kick-off values from 2005. With the next update (2015-02), these omissions will be corrected and the Compare calculations shall be carried out with the kick-off values 2014 and the underlying Control Banding systems.

In the NL-versions also the 'old' kick-off values are also presented, next to the new kick-off values 2014. This is due to the requirements of the Dutch Labour Inspectorate about assessing exposure to chemicals (see also www.zelfinspectie.nl [in Dutch]).

PRICE ADJUSTMENT

We have adjusted our prices as of January 1, 2015. Our prices are as of that date:

Basic software (excluding licenses): € 250.00

Supplemented by user licenses:

- up to 10 licenses: € 150.00 per license
- from 11 licenses: € 130.00 per license

This makes the price for a stand-alone version is for one user at € 400.00.

These prices are exclusive of 21% VAT and per year.

The NL-Standard version is no longer offered for new subscriptions. We will cease to deliver this version from 2016-01. We strongly recommend the users of NL-Standard to make the transition to the Xtend version.

HYPERLINKS TO REACH/CLP INFORMATION

In the tab 'Limit Values' of DOHSBase Compare the DNEL/DMEL values are presented. Changes in DNEL /DMEL values are processed by the registrants in the database of ECHA and are presented in the Safety Data Sheets. However, there is no central overview of DNEL/DMEL's, for example in the form of a publication.

The harmonized CLP classification and labeling (C&L) is presented in the 'Properties' tab. These substances also have additional classifications. Furthermore, there are many thousands of substances without harmonized C&L. These substances have a notified C&L. That is, the registrants of the substance indicate which C&L according to them is applicable. Therefore you may find differences in the assessment in the C&L database of ECHA.

DOHSBase Compare has two hyperlinks to the database on the website of ECHA to provide you with the latest information. The first hyperlink makes it possible to verify the correct DNEL/DMEL value. You find the link to the DNEL/DMEL values on the 'Limits Value' tab on the right side of the box 'Source' with the 'To Internet' button. As the changes in DNEL/DMEL's are not reported as such, this hyperlink allows you to check in the database of ECHA the actual value of the DNEL/DMEL. The second hyperlink is a "deeplink" to view the notified classification and labeling which of a substance (also the harmonized C&L is shown if this has been assigned). Deeplinks are hyperlinks to Internet, directly to the web page where the information is presented. No additional search terms need to be given. The deeplink to the C&L is on the tab 'Properties', right above the CLP symbols with the button 'Check the ECHA C&L notification'. Please note that you must accept a legal disclaimer. This is also the case if you search directly at the website of ECHA.

We realize that this one is not quite optimal form of presentation. However, through the direct link to the information you are where you want to be and that is a gain.

SPANISH VERSION (ES-XTEND)

Together with the Spanish Association for occupational hygiene (AEHI: Asociación Española de Higiene Industrial) we have developed a version of DOHSBase Compare for the Spanish market. In this version the Spanish Occupational Exposure Limits (LEP: Límites the Exposición Profesional para Agentes Químicos) are on top. The Spanish measurement methods (MTA: Métodos Toma the Muestra y Análisis) are also presented.

The Spanish version (ES-Xtend) will be marketed from mid-January 2015 by AEHI (mail to: aehi@dohsbase.es). We have also developed a Spanish version of the site: www.dohsbase.es.

DATA LICENSING

In 2013, we introduced the possibility to not only to subscribe to the software DOHSBase Compare, but also to make customer-specific information from our database available, under the heading DOHSBase Data Licensing. The reason was an increase in questions from our customers. The increasing activity of the Dutch Labour Inspectorate on assessing exposure to chemicals is a significant driving force. Several customers already have discovered the convenience of this and have subscribed to this service.

With DOHSBase Data Licensing, you receive targeted information for your substances (components). We can deliver for the requested substances the OEL, physical state, vapor pressure, molecular weight, Classification and Labelling etc., needed for modeling exposure. It is possible to receive these data only once, or in the form of a serviced subscription with an agreed frequency. We deliver the data in the following formats: .csv, .xls, .html and .xlsx.

More information or a quote? Mail to dohsbase@dohsbase.nl with the information requested and the number of substances for which you want to receive the information. We will respond as soon as possible and contact you for a free quotation. See also our website: www.dohsbase.nl/en/products/data-licensing/.

