

## **ECHA's experience from evaluating or using information generated with Tier 1 exposure assessment tools**

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The ECHA perspective on use of exposure models is determined by the requirements to demonstrate safe use. It is recognised the current exposure tools can provide what appear to be different outputs. The tools themselves have been developed over time, and for specific purposes, and have different domains of applicability.

A key aspect of the REACH process is to ensure, as far as possible, that users of chemical substances are provided with adequate information upon which to determine the suite of risk management measures within the context of the final exposure scenarios. The exposure assessment process is also quantitative in determining the acceptability of risk characterisation ratios when specific operational conditions and risk management measures are proposed for these final exposure scenarios. Models have to be compatible with the REACH assessment process and assist in the determination of reliable advice to users. Outputs require careful interpretation.