CEMAS – A CEFIC Sponsored Database for Chemical Exposure Management and Assessment

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CEMAS: CEFIC Exposure Management and Assessment System

Summary – a brief overview

- $\circ\,$ Why do we need another database?
 - Product stewardship and responsible care
 - Regulatory risk assessment
- $\circ\,$ Who do we hope will use CEMAS?
 - From COSHH essentials to eRisk
- o What does the database contain?
- Plans for the future...







Why Another Exposure Database?

- Drivers for CEMAS CEFIC involvement
- Shortages and gaps in data where it should be available:
 - "Responsible Care, ... committed to continual improvement in all aspects of health, safety..."
 - Risk assessment requirements -
 - $_{\odot}$ Within the existing substances programme
 - Where is the exposure data to support this process – on its own, or for modelling?
 - Chemical Agents Directive (CAD)
 - EU Chemicals White Paper









Aims of the CEMAS project...

- Seeks to provide a PC based guidance tool for SME users of chemicals that:
 - gathers exposure data and contextual information for structured decision-making on exposure (inh & derm)
 - Provides for the appropriate analysis of exposure data – summary stats & IRAS's SPEED
 - provides practical assessment of the suitability of exposure controls and advise when exposure monitoring may be required
 - is consistent with prevailing regulatory expectations
 - provides opportunities to target Product Stewardship
 - assists CEFIC sectors/groups measure performance
 - is aligned with the principles of Responsible Care
 - is available free

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Approach and stages, with consultation

- Previous knowledge, literature and experience of EDB and epi research
- Existing EDB and ongoing efforts towards data standards
- Stakeholder consultation
- $\circ\,$ Initial design prototype and testing
- $\,\circ\,$ Limited pilot test
- Revision and refinement









Why would SMEs use CEMAS?

- $\,\circ\,$ Currently for dermal and inhalation data
- We have decided to provide a decision aid to advise when monitoring may be appropriate
- ... and to generally encourage monitoring
- Based upon the UK COSHH Essentials scheme (<u>www.coshh-essentials.org.uk</u>)
- We use the term *eRISK*

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eRISK...

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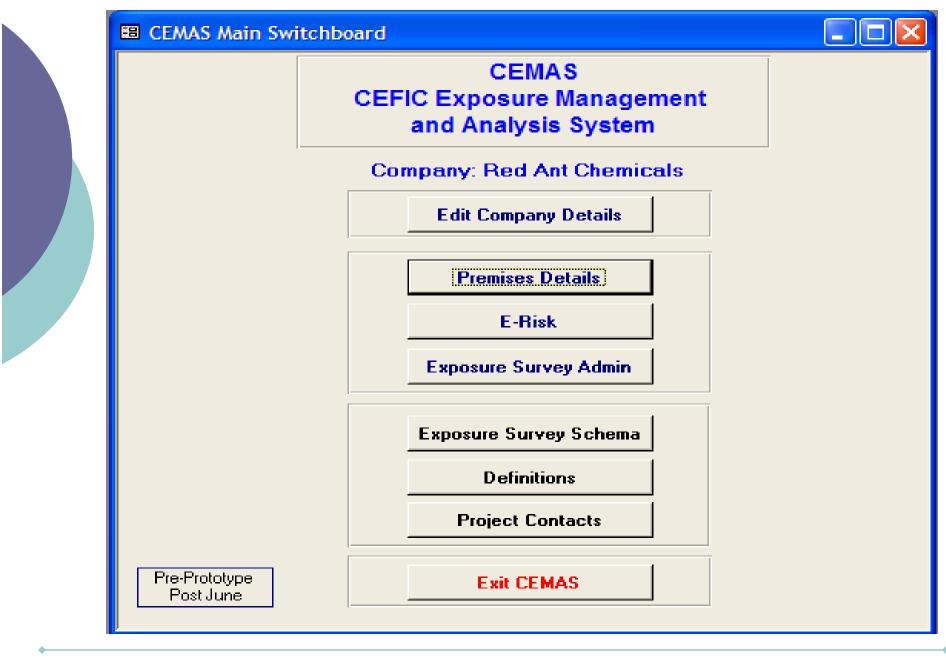
- Physical and chemical properties of substance
- Risk phrases assigned to product
- Quantity used.
- We ask about control measures and feedback if better controls needed
- Suggest monitoring
- All data stored in database











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Industry, process, job, tasks

We collect information about:

- Industry (standardised and CEFIC sectors)
- Workplaces
- Jobs (standardised and local names)
- Processes
- Tasks
- Controls
- Exposure survey, data and context







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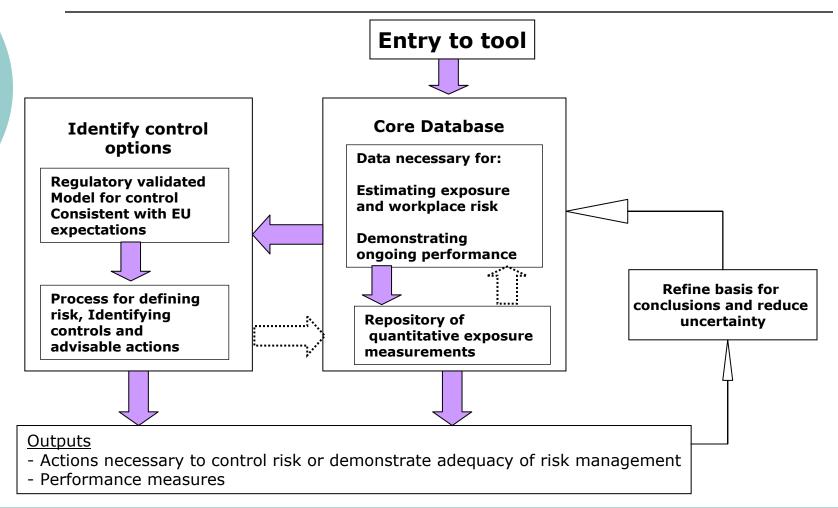
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Key elements of CEMAS operation







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Plans for interaction of CEMAS with Users

SMEs

SMEs register for free exposure evaluation and risk management (CEMAS) tool. Options to receive further supporting PS materials dependent on chemicals used & activities undertaken

Tool recognised by EU regulatory community as evidence of delivery of **CAD** responsibilities

Tool's database capable of being interrogated for relevant exposure information by user, or anonymised and shared with CEFIC

www.CEMAS.info

CEFIC should obtain a more accurate idea of the nature of chemical exposures in SMEs. Data also helps inform and refine Chemicals Policy.

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Web hub supported and

Product Stewardship (PS)

materials from CEFIC and

populated by relevant

elsewhere

Provides CEFIC / NFs / Sector Groups with the opportunity to analyse core exposure information from registered users either on a voluntary basis or as part of any future performance indices for **CEFIC / NF members**









Plans to progress CEMAS

- Phase II next version of the database and stakeholder trials
 - Currently using version for other exposure studies at IOM – continuing refinement
 - Update structures and interface, checking and validation, layering, reports, SPEED and summary stats
 - 10 companies from two CEFIC sector groups to undertake fairly intensive usability trials
 - Continuing development of EDB standards
- Phase III Final production of free product and it's promotion will be the subject of a separate RfP –

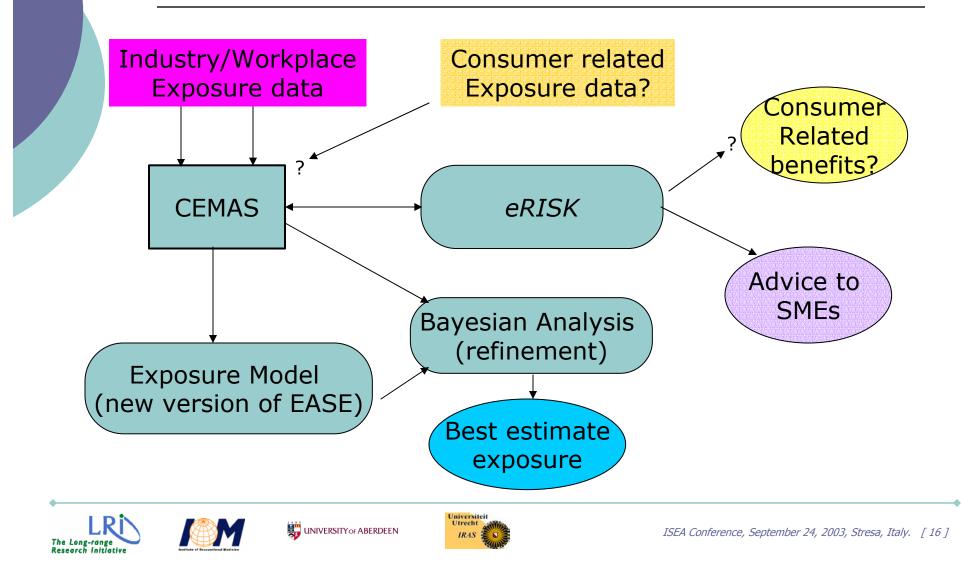


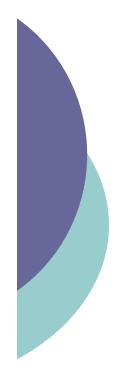




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CEMAS in context - vision of the future...





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