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Validation of control guidance sheets for filling of containers with organic solvents

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Control guidance sheets (CGS)

- basic advice: control exposure to hazardous substances in the workplace
- tools for chemical control banding
- describing good and safe practice
- according to
 - identification of hazard group (hazard statements/R-phrases)
 - volatility (vapour pressure, boiling point)
 - used amount per container
- protective measures are necessary for given task



Filling of containers with solvents

- Generic CGS for filling of containers with liquids
 - SLF 212 "Drum Filling"
 - ILO 209 "Drum Filling"
 - COSHH: CGS 212 "Drum Filling"
- widespread use in different branches and enterprises
- many different sizes
 - mL: bottles
 - L: bottles, drums, canister, kegs, IBC
 - m³: tanks, trucks
- exposure bands are predicted (EMKG-Expo-Tool)





Measurement strategy

Validation by measurements (simultaneously)

- stationary measurement direct at the exhaust ventilation (1)
 - → efficiency assessment of local exhaust ventilation
- personal air sampling at the worker (2)
 - →assessment of workers' exposure
- stationary sampling in the vicinity of the workplace (3)
 - +
- PIMEX coupled with a PID







Validation measurements

- 10 enterprises / trade companies for chemicals
- 16 substances of hazard groups A and B (boiling point > 50 °C) with local exhaust ventilation
 - OELV: Methyl isobutyl ketone 83 mg/m³ (20 ppm) Ethyl acetate 1500 mg/m³ (400 ppm)

– Sampling procedure:

- activity-related sampling (at least 30 minutes)
- thermal desorption tubes filled with Chromsorb® 106
- personal air samplers (LFS 113, Gilian), ~ 10 mL/min



Hazard group

Definition of hazard groups A and B

Hazard group	Hazard statement
А	no hazard statement, H319, H335, H336, H304 (formerly: -, R36, R37, R65, R67)
В	H302, H332, H318, H371 (formerly: R20, R22, R41, R68/20, R68/22)

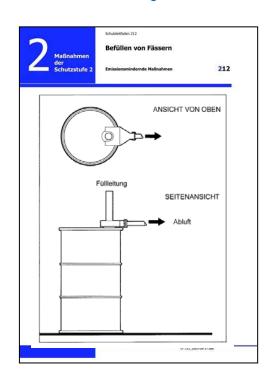
Situation in the enterprises

only one enterprise used the recommended setup

according to CGS 212 (ILO 209)

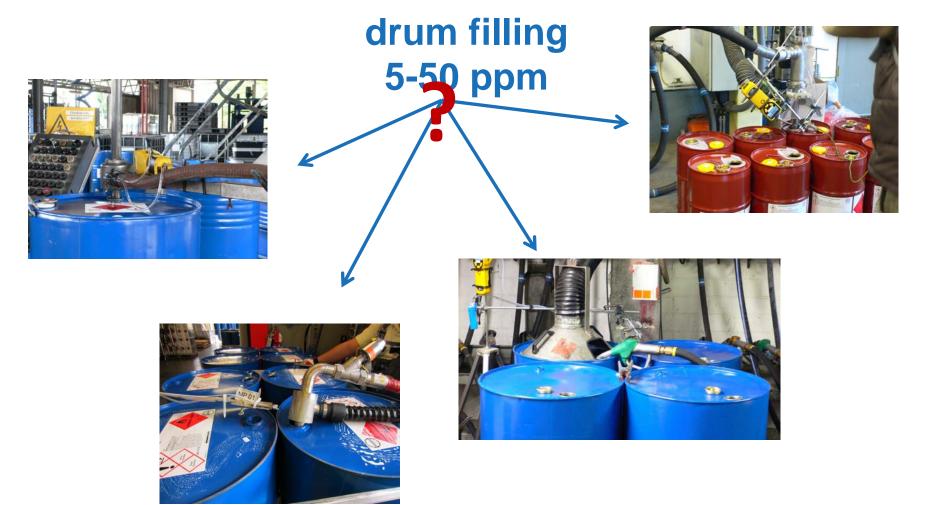
predicted exposure range: 5-50 ppm



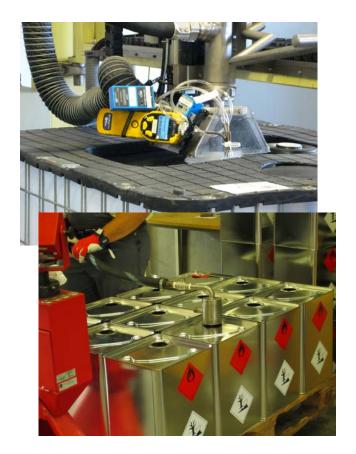




New starting point: expected exposure range



Filling of jerrycans and IBC: 5-50 ppm







Results of the measurements

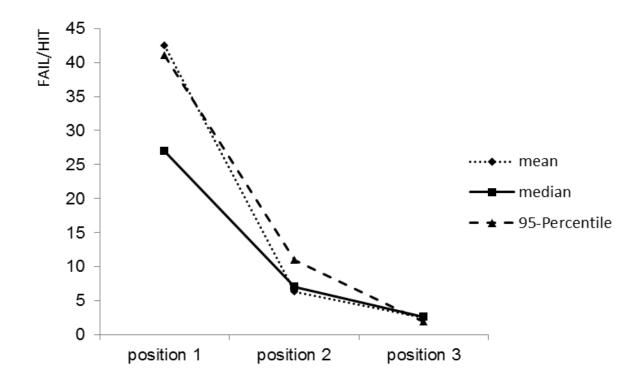
stationary measurement direct at the exhaust ventilation (1)

container	within or < 5-50 ppm	> 50 ppm
jerrycan	8	6
drum	17	15
IBC	24	2

- personal air sampling at the worker (2)
 →all OELs are adhered to (mostly < 1/10 of OEL)
- stationary sampling in the vicinity of the workplace (3)
 →mostly comparable or closer to PAS (2)



Efficiency assessment of local exhaust ventilation





Exceedings of the exposure band

- damages in the local exhaust ventilation system (LEV)
- incorrect positioning and dimension of the LEV (e. g. too far away from the emission source)



- inadequate air velocity of the LEV
- wrong use of the gas displacement





Problems

Additional exposure sources:

- flushing of transfer lines
 → catching the liquid in buckets
- keeping jetting liquids in open containers
- storing replacement transfer lines, lances







Results





Handlungsanleitung zur guten Arbeitspraxis

Befüllen von Kanistern, Fässern und IBC mit organischen Flüssigkeiten

(Die Kapitel 1-7 dieser Handlungsanleitung stellen ein vom AGS als VSK anerkanntes standardisiertes Arbeitsverfahren dar)





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Scope of application: validated CGS

- Substances of hazard groups A and B
 - Release group: MEDIUM
 boiling point: 50 °C to 150 °C
 (VSK: > 50 °C)
 - Quantity group: MEDIUM
 used amount per container: liter

Note:

all enterprises used LEV for every task independent of hazard group A or B



Area of application: VSK

- Filling of drums, IBC and jerrycans
- Organic liquids
 - boiling point: > 50 °C
 - OELV > 9 ppm or hazard groups A and B (EMKG)

Substances with OELV (TRGS 900)	Substances without OELV		Hazard
[mL/m³] ([ppm])	R-phrase	Hazard statement	group
50 < AGW ≤ 500	no R-phrase, R36, R37, R65, R67	no H-phrase, H319, H335, H336, H304	А
9 < AGW ≤ 50	R20, R22, R41, R68/20, R68/22	H302, H332, H318, H371	В

- also for mixtures and certain specific articles
- fixed filling device (stationary system)
- amount < 1000 L/container



Risk assessment

- All measurements are activity-related (≥ 30 min)
- Duration of task < 8 h/shift → worst case

container	measured value [ppm]		
	median	95-percentile	
jerrycan	1.6	5.8	
drum	2.1	5.2	
IBC	2.0	8.6	
all	2.0	6.8	

use for risk assessment: 8.6 ppm (95-percentile for IBC)



Protective measures - 1

- only instructed employees
- no change of safety guards
- task only in specific areas
- Filling system immerses in container
- Container as close as possible to the LEV (volume ca. 180 m³/h or 24 m³/h for flushed systems)
- Filling system and LEV are permanently fixed (if necessary forced coupling)
- first LEV on, then start filling



Protective measures - 2

- Regulation per weight or flow rate
- Control instruments for direct reading
- fivefold change of air ventilation at ground level (closed or partially closed working areas)
- Cleaning at regular intervals
- Binding and cleaning agents for spilled liquids (closed waste containers)
- Saftey shoes, work clothing, if necessary chemical protective gloves or breathing protection
- Skin protection scheme
- working instructions



Combination of CGS with videos

- Professional video producers
 - 4 enterprises, 9 settings
 - Real working procedure good ↔ not so good
- CGS validated for drums, IBC and jerrycans (videos included)
 Several variations of CGS
 →212a, 212b and 212c

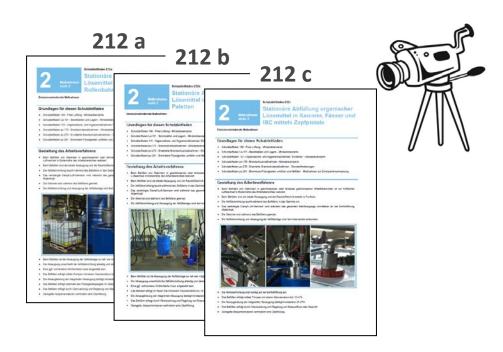
No validated CGS for bottles, tanks, kegs and SAFE-TAINER™-systems





Conclusions

- proven validation strategy (measurements)
- validated CGS for filling of drums, IBC and jerrycans generation of several CGS for the same activity
- VSK







Further information

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Thank you for your attention!

