

# Safety Data Sheet according to Regulation (EC)

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### Hydrogen bromide

2000, 70200



## ! SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1. Product identifier

<b>Name of product</b>	Hydrogen bromide Art-Nr(n): 2000, 70200
<b>Name of substance</b>	Hydrogen bromide
<b>Index No</b>	035-002-00-0
<b>EC No</b>	233-113-0
<b>REACH registration number</b>	01-2119479072-39
<b>CAS No</b>	10035-10-6

### 1.2. Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

#### Identified uses

##### Sector of uses [SU]

SU10 - Formulation [mixing] of preparations and/or re-packaging (excluding alloys)  
SU16 - Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products, electrical equipment  
SU8 - Manufacture of bulk, large scale chemicals (including petroleum products)

##### Product categories [PC]

PC19 - Intermediate  
PC2 - Adsorbents  
PC33 - Semiconductors

##### Process categories [PROC]

PROC1 - Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure  
PROC2 - Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure  
PROC3 - Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)

##### Environmental release categories [ERC]

ERC1 - Manufacture of substances  
ERC2 - Formulation of preparations (mixtures)  
ERC4 - Industrial use of processing aids in processes and products, not becoming part of articles  
ERC6a - Industrial use resulting in manufacture of another substance (use of intermediates)  
ERC6b - Industrial use of reactive processing aids

##### Recommended intended purpose(s)

Basic substance.  
Reducing agent.  
Catalyst.

### 1.3. Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

<b>Manufacturer/distributor</b>	GHC Gerling, Holz & Co. Handels GmbH Ruhrstraße 113, D-22761 Hamburg Phone +49 40 853 123-0, Fax +49 40 853 123-66 E-Mail <a href="mailto:hamburg@ghc.de">hamburg@ghc.de</a> Internet <a href="http://www.ghc.com">www.ghc.com</a>
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<b>Advice</b>	GHC Gerling, Holz & Co. Handels GmbH Phone +49 40 853 123-0 Fax +49 40 853 123-66 E-mail (competent person): <a href="mailto:msds@ghc.de">msds@ghc.de</a>
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### 1.4. Emergency telephone number

<b>Emergency advice</b>	Giftinformationszentrum (Poison Control Centre) Mainz Phone +49 6131 19240
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## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1. Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]

Hazard classes and Hazard categories	Hazard Statements	Classification procedure
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Liquef. Gas	H280
Acute Tox. 3	H331
Skin Corr. 1A	H314
Eye Dam. 1	H318
STOT SE 3	H335

#### Hazard statements for physical hazards

H280 Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated.

#### Hazard statements for health hazards

H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

H331 Toxic if inhaled.

H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

### 2.2. Label elements

Labelling according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 [CLP/GHS]



GHS05



GHS06

#### Signal word

**Danger**

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H335 May cause respiratory irritation.

#### Precautionary Statements

##### Prevention

P260 Do not breathe gas/vapours.

P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

##### Response

P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.

P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

P305 + P351 + P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P310 Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/...

P315 Get immediate medical advice/attention.

##### Storage

P403 Store in a well-ventilated place.

P405 Store locked up.

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**2.3. Other hazards**

**Adverse human health effects and symptoms**

Contact with liquid may cause cold burns/frostbite.

**Information pertaining to special dangers for human and environment**

Dangerous substances are released in case of decomposition.

Gas/vapour heavier than air. May accumulate in confined spaces, particularly at or below ground level.

**Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

This substance does not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria of REACH, annex XIII.

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**! SECTION 3: Composition/ information on ingredients**

**3.1. Substances**

**! Description**

Content: > 99 %

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**3.2. Mixtures**

not applicable

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**! SECTION 4: First aid measures**

**4.1. Description of first aid measures**

**General information**

Remove contaminated soaked clothing immediately.

Adhere to personal protective measures when giving first aid.

Seek medical advice immediately.

**In case of inhalation**

Remove the casualty into fresh air and keep him immobile.

In the event of pulmonary irritation treat initially with corticoid spray, e.g. Ventolair- or Pulmicort- metered-dose aerosol (Ventolair and Pulmicort are registered trademarks).

In case of respiratory standstill give artificial respiration by respiratory bag (Ambu bag) or respirator. Send for a doctor.

**! In case of skin contact**

In case of contact with skin wash off immediately with plenty of water.

In case of frostbite rinse with plenty of water. Don't remove clothing.

In case of frostbite spray with lukewarm (not hot) water for at least 15 minutes. Do not remove clothing frozen to the skin. Thaw it with lukewarm water. Apply a sterile dressing. Obtain medical assistance.

**In case of eye contact**

Eye rinsing with water carefully while protecting unhurt eye.

Call for a doctor immediately.

Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

**In case of ingestion**

Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

**4.2. Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

**Physician's information / possible symptoms**

Coughing

Nosebleeds.

Tears.

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**Physician's information / possible dangers**

Risk of pulmonary oedema

**4.3. Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

**Treatment (Advice to doctor)**

Continue to monitor for pneumonia and pulmonary oedema.

Monitor circulation.

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**SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

**5.1. Extinguishing media**

**Suitable extinguishing media**

Product does not burn, fire-extinguishing activities according to surrounding.

Foam

Dry fire-extinguishing substance

Carbon dioxide

Water spray jet

**Unsuitable extinguishing media**

Full water jet

**5.2. Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

In the event of fire the following can be released:

Hydrogen (on contact with firefighting water).

Explosion hazard.

**5.3. Advice for firefighters**

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters**

Use breathing apparatus with independent air supply ( isolated ).

Wear full protective clothing.

**Additional information**

Cool endangered containers with water spray jet.

Exposure to fire may cause containers to rupture / explode.

Fire residues and contaminated firefighting water must be disposed of in accordance with the local regulations.

Collect contaminated firefighting water separately, must not be discharged into the drains.

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**! SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

**6.1. Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

**! For non-emergency personnel**

See section 8.

Evacuate area.

Keep people away and stay on the upwind side.

**! For emergency responders**

Remove persons to safety.

Personal protection by wearing close-fitting protective clothing and breathing apparatus.

Eliminate all ignition sources if safe to do so.

**6.2. Environmental precautions**

Collect contaminated water / firefighting water separately.

If possible, stop flow of product.

Do not discharge into the drains/surface waters/groundwater.

Prevent spread over a wide area (e.g. by containment or oil barriers).

If necessary, secure leaky pressure receptacles in a salvage packaging.

Suppress gases/vapours/mists with water spray jet

Do not discharge into the subsoil/soil.

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**6.3. Methods and material for containment and cleaning up**

Ensure adequate air ventilation.

Clean contaminated objects and floor thoroughly under consideration of environment regulations.

Dispose of contaminated material in accordance with regulations.

**6.4. Reference to other sections**

Safe handling: see section 7

Disposal: see section 13

Personal protection equipment: see section 8

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**! SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

**7.1. Precautions for safe handling**

**! Advice on safe handling**

Use only in thoroughly ventilated areas.

Transfer and handle only in enclosed systems.

Containers' temperature may not be increased above 50 °C.

Do not heat with open flames.

The working pressure in the receptacle must not exceed the saturation vapour pressure of the pure product resulting at a temperature of 50 °C.

The working pressure in the receptacle must not exceed 2/3 of the test pressure of the pressure receptacle.

Provide good room ventilation even at ground level (vapours are heavier than air).

Prevent cylinders from falling over.

Ensure valve protection device is correctly fitted.

Ensure valve outlet cap nut or plug (where provided) is correctly fitted.

Open valve slowly to avoid pressure shock.

Use only properly specified equipment which is suitable for this product, its supply pressure and temperature.

Do not allow backfeed into the container.

Suck back of water into the container must be prevented.

No water to valves, flanges and other fittings.

Purging of pipes and valves with inert gases - to avoid: water, solvents.

**General protective measures**

Do not inhale gases/vapours/aerosols.

**Hygiene measures**

At work do not eat, drink, smoke or take drugs.

Wash hands before breaks and after work.

**! Advice on protection against fire and explosion**

The product is not flammable in air under ambient conditions of temperature and pressure.

Pay attention to general rules of internal fire prevention.

**7.2. Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

**! Requirements for storage rooms and vessels**

Keep in closed original container.

Ventilate store-rooms thoroughly.

Only use containers that are approved specifically for the substance/product.

Suitable materials: Normalised carbon steel, tempered alloy steel, austenitic stainless steels.

Other material details see ISO 11114.

All regulations and local requirements for the storage of containers have to be respected.

Unsuitable materials: Aluminium alloys, brass, copper alloys.

**Advice on storage compatibility**

Do not store with spontaneously flammable materials.

Do not store together with combustible liquids or combustible solids.

Do not store together with animal feedstuffs.

Do not store together with explosives.

Do not store together with infectious substances.

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Do not store together with radioactive material.  
Do not store together with toxic liquids or toxic solids.  
Do not store together with food.  
Do not store together with oxidizing liquids or oxidizing solids.

**Further information on storage conditions**

Store only in original container at temperature of 50 °C maximum (=122 °F).  
Keep container tightly closed and store at cool and aired place.  
Prevent cylinders from falling over.  
Protect of heat.  
Recommended storage temperature: =< 25 °C.

**7.3. Specific end use(s)****! Recommendation(s) for intended use**

Exposure scenarios (ES) see annex to this safety data sheet.

**! SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection****8.1. Control parameters****! Ingredients with occupational exposure limits to be monitored**

CAS No	Name	Code	[mg/m3]	[ppm]	Remark
10035-10-6	hydrogen bromide	8 hours	6,7	2	1(l) DFG, EU, 13
10035-10-6	Hydrogen bromide	WEL, 8 hours Short-term	10	3	EH40/2007/ UK

**Indicative occupational exposure limit values (91/322/EEC, 2000/39/EC, 2004/37/EC, 2006/15/EC or 2009/161/EU)**

CAS No	Name	Code	[mg/m3]	[ppm]	Remark
10035-10-6	hydrogen bromide	Short-term	6,7	2	

**DNEL-/PNEC-values****DNEL worker**

CAS No	Substance name	Value	Code	Remark
10035-10-6	Hydrogen bromide	6,7 mg/m3	DNEL acute inhalative (local)	
		6,7 mg/m3	DNEL long-term inhalative (local)	
		6,7 mg/m3	DNEL long-term inhalative (systemic)	
		6,7 mg/m3	DNEL acute inhalative (systemic)	

**PNEC**

CAS No	Substance name	Value	Code	Remark
10035-10-6	Hydrogen bromide	0,019 mg/l	PNEC aquatic, freshwater	Assessment factor 1000

**8.2. Exposure controls****Respiratory protection**

Short term: filter apparatus, filter E

Short term: filter apparatus, combination filter E-P2

Breathing apparatus in the event of high concentrations.

Keep self contained breathing apparatus readily available for emergency use.

In case of rescue and maintenance activities in storage containers use environment-independent breathing apparatus because of risk of suffocation by edging out of air oxygen

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chemical-resistant gloves

Leather gloves

Glove material specification [make/type, thickness, permeation time/life]: FKM; 0,4 mm; &gt;= 480 min

Glove material specification [make/type, thickness, permeation time/life]: NBR; 0,4 mm; &gt;= 480 min

Glove material specification [make/type, thickness, permeation time/life]: CR; 0,5 mm; &gt;= 480 min

Glove material specification [make/type, thickness, permeation time/life]: IIR, &gt;= 0,5 mm, &gt;= 480 min

Glove material specification [make/type, thickness, permeation time/life]: NR, &gt;= 0,5 mm, &gt;= 480 min

Glove material specification [make/type, thickness, permeation time/life]: PVC, &gt;= 0,5 mm, &gt;= 480 min

**Eye protection**

Safety goggles complying with EN 166, in case of increased risk add protective face shield

Safety goggles with side protection complying with EN 166.

**! Other protection measures**

Safety shoes with steel toe.

Body covering work clothing, or chemical resistant suit at increased risk.

**! Limitation and surveillance of the environment**

See section 7.

**Appropriate engineering controls**

Transfer and handle only in enclosed systems.

**SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties****9.1. Information on basic physical and chemical properties****Appearance**

compressed liquified gas

**Colour**

colourless

**Odour**

pungent

**Odour threshold**6,7 mg/m<sup>3</sup>**Important health, safety and environmental information**

	Value	Temperature	at	Method	Remark
<b>pH value</b>	not applicable				
<b>Acid number</b>	not applicable				
<b>boiling point</b>	-66,4 °C		1013 hPa		
<b>melting point</b>	-86,9 °C				
<b>Flash point</b>	no				
<b>Vapourisation rate</b>	not determined				
<b>Flammable (solid)</b>	not applicable				
<b>Flammability (gas)</b>	no				
<b>Ignition temperature</b>	no				

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	Value	Temperature	at	Method	Remark
<b>Self ignition temperature</b>	no				
<b>Lower explosion limit</b>	no				
<b>Upper explosion limit</b>	no				
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	20003 hPa	20 °C			
<b>Relative density</b>	2,203 g/cm3	-66,4 °C			liquid phase
<b>Bulk density</b>	not applicable				
<b>Vapour density</b>	2,71				air = 1
<b>Solubility in water</b>	700 g/l	20 °C			
<b>Solubility/other</b>					Soluble in ethanol
<b>Partition coefficient n-octanol/water (log P O/W)</b>	0,6287				Calculated
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	not determined				
<b>Viscosity dynamic</b>	0,01819 mPa*s	25 °C			vapour phase
<b>Viscosity dynamic</b>	0,61 mPa*s	20 °C			liquid phase
<b>Solvent content</b>	not applicable				
<b>Oxidising properties</b>	no				
<b>Explosive properties</b>	no				
<b>9.2. Other information</b>	Vapours are heavier than air.				

**! SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity**

**10.1. Reactivity**

See section "Possibility of hazardous reactions".

**10.2. Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended conditions of use and storage (see section 7).



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**10.3. Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Reactions with oxidizing agents.  
Reactions with alkali metals.  
Reactions with earth alkali metals.  
Reactions with alkalies.  
Reactions with amines.

**10.4. Conditions to avoid**

Heat sources / heat - risk of bursting.  
Humidity.

**10.5. Incompatible materials**

**Substances to avoid**

Alkali (lye)  
Alkali metals  
Amines  
Ammonia  
nitric acid  
Oxidants.  
Metallic salts.  
Earth alkali metals.

**10.6. Hazardous decomposition products**

Hydrogen  
Bromine

**Thermal decomposition**

Remark No decomposition if used as directed.

**Additional information**

May decompose in the presence of a catalyst.

**SECTION 11: Toxicological information**

**11.1. Information on toxicological effects**

**Acute toxicity/Irritation/Sensitization**

	Value/Validation	Species	Method	Remark
<b>LD50 acute oral</b>	not applicable			
<b>LD50 acute dermal</b>	not applicable			
<b>LC50 acute inhalation</b>	2858 ppm (1 h)	rat		
<b>Skin irritation</b>	corrosive			experiences
<b>Eye irritation</b>	strong irritant			experiences
<b>Skin sensitization</b>	Not known.			
<b>Sensitization respiratory system</b>	Not known.			

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**Subacute Toxicity - Carcinogenicity**

Value	Species	Method	Validation
<b>Chronic Toxicity</b>			Inflammatory changes in the mucosa of the upper respiratory tract, indigestion, slight change of reflexes and decreased amount of erythrocytes.
Inhalation			
<b>Mutagenicity</b>			No experimental information on genotoxicity in vitro and in vivo available.
<b>Reproduction-Toxicity</b>			No information available.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>			No information available.
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)</b>			No data available
<b>Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)</b>			No data available
<b>Aspiration hazard</b>			not applicable
<b>Experiences made from practice</b>			Risk of strong health injuries in case of long-term exposition. Irritates respiratory tract. Pulmonary damage is possible. Irritates mucous membranes.

**! SECTION 12: Ecological information****12.1. Toxicity****Ecotoxicological effects**

	Value	Species	Method	Validation
<b>Fish</b>	LC50 64,05 mg/l	freshwater fish		
<b>Daphnia</b>	EC50 ca. 19 mg/l (48 h)	Daphnia magna	EU Method C.2 (Acute Toxicity for Daphnia).	
<b>Algae</b>	NOEC 32 mg/l	Algae		

**12.2. Persistence and degradability**

	Elimination rate	Method of analysis	Method	Validation
<b>Physico-chemical degradability</b>				not determined

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	Elimination rate	Method of analysis	Method	Validation
<b>Biological degradability</b>	Inorganic product, cannot be eliminated from the water by biological purification processes.			
<b>Biological eliminability</b>	Inorganic product, cannot be eliminated from the water by biological purification processes.			

**12.3. Bioaccumulative potential**

Because of the n-octanol/water distribution coefficient (log K o/w) accumulation in organisms is not expected.

**12.4. Mobility in soil**

No data available

**12.5. Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

This substance does not meet the PBT/vPvB criteria of REACH, annex XIII.

**12.6. Other adverse effects**

No information available.

**General regulation**

Avoid release to the environment.

Product is not allowed to be discharged into the ground water or aquatic environment.

Product is not allowed to be discharged into aquatic environment, drains or sewage treatment plants.

**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations**

**13.1. Waste treatment methods**

**Waste code No.**

16 05 04\*

**Name of waste**

gases in pressure containers (including halons) containing hazardous substances

Wastes marked with an asterisk are considered to be hazardous waste pursuant to Directive 2008/98/EC on hazardous waste.

**Recommendations for the product**

Dispose of as hazardous waste.

Return to manufacturer.

**Recommendations for packaging**

Transportable pressure equipment (empty, residual pressure): Return to supplier / manufacturer.

**SECTION 14: Transport information**

	ADR/RID	IMDG	IATA-DGR
<b>14.1. UN number</b>	1048	1048	1048
<b>14.2. UN proper shipping name</b>	HYDROGEN BROMIDE, ANHYDROUS	HYDROGEN BROMIDE, ANHYDROUS	Hydrogen bromide, anhydrous
<b>14.3. Transport hazard class(es)</b>	2.3 (8)	2.3 (8)	2.3 (8)
<b>14.4. Packing group</b>	-	-	-
<b>14.5. Environmental hazards</b>	No	No	No

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**14.6. Special precautions for user**

The protective measures listed in Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the Safety Data Sheet have to be considered.

**14.7. Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code**

not applicable

No transport as bulk according IBC - Code.

**Land and inland navigation transport ADR/RID**

Hazard label(s) 2.3+8

tunnel restriction code C/D

Classification code 2TC

**Air transport ICAO/IATA-DGR**

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**! SECTION 15: Regulatory information**

**15.1. Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

**! Other regulations (EU)**

Directive 2012/18/EU on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.

**15.2. Chemical Safety Assessment**

For this substance a chemical safety assessment has been carried out.

Exposure scenarios (ES) see annex to this safety data sheet.

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**! SECTION 16: Other information**

**Recommended uses and restrictions**

National and local regulations concerning chemicals shall be observed.

**Further information**

All declarations of safety-data-sheet refer to pure substance.

The information contained herein is based on the state of our knowledge. It characterizes the product with regard to the appropriate safety precautions. It does not represent a guarantee of the properties of the product.

Indication of changes: "!" = Data changed compared with the previous version. Previous version: 10.3

**! Sources of key data used**

For the preparation of this safety data sheet, information from our suppliers as well as data from the "database of registered substances" of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) were used.

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**Annex: Exposure scenarios**

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# ES FOR COMMUNICATION

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**Substance Name:** Hydrogen bromide

**EC Number:** 233-113-0

**CAS Number:** 10035-10-6

**Date of Generation/Revision:** 10/02/2014

## **ES 1: Manufacture of Hydrogen bromide**

### **1. Manufacture of hydrogen bromide**

<b>CS1. Environment</b>	
Manufacture of substances	ERC 1
<b>CS2. Worker</b>	
Enclosed processes and no likelihood of exposure	PROC 1
Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)	PROC 3

### **2. Condition of use affecting exposure**

#### **CS1. Control of environmental exposure: ERC 1**

<b>Product characteristics</b>
Anhydrous hydrogen bromide (HBr): colourless gas Upon contact with water, HBr reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid which dissociates to hydrogen ( $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ) and bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) ions.
<b>Amount used</b>
In EU : ~ 7000 tons/year At manufacture site : ~ 6000 tons/year maximum
<b>Frequency and duration of use</b>
330 days a year
<b>Environmental factors not influenced by risk management</b>
Flow rate of the receiving surface water: 18,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (EUSES v2.1.1 (2008), default value); 73,440 m <sup>3</sup> /day (value provided by the manufacturers)
<b>Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil</b>
<b>Risk management measures on site:</b> * Waste gas may be passed through washing towers (with water and caustic soda) and subsequently through columns of active carbon to remove gaseous HBr. * Waste gases may be routed to a scrubber or incinerator unit. (Minor emissions via the untreated waste gas: 1 g/h of HBr) * A fraction of approximately 0.5% of the total tonnage of the manufactured hydrogen bromide may be released to wastewater. Upon contact with water, hydrogen bromide reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid. It has to be ensured that the pH of process wastewater is survey and, if necessary, regulated before wastewater is released to the environment. Hydrobromic acid can be neutralized with caustic soda to obtain bromides. On average an amount of 120-130 kg bromides per day may be lost through the wastewater. Remaining hydrogen bromide in the reaction vessels (gaseous and liquid part) is degraded into bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) and recovered into bromine ( $\text{Br}_2$ ) in a recovery unit. The sewage sludge from wastewater treatment plants of units manufacturing hydrogen bromide is incinerated. Remark: The wastewater may be transferred to a recovery unit where bromine can be re-gained from the solutions.

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**Annex: Exposure scenarios**

**CS2. Control of worker exposure – PROC 1, PROC 3**

Product characteristics					
Anhydrous hydrogen bromide (HBr): colourless gas Solutions of HBr in water are clear liquids developing fumes that become brown on exposure to air and light.					
Amounts used, Frequency and duration of use					
8 hours per day					
Technical and organizational conditions and measures					
HBr is a corrosive substance.					
General measures:					
General ventilation at the point source of HBr releases.					
In indoor plant, Hydrogen bromide can be monitored using treated silica gel tube. Detector tubes are useful for determining the level of respiratory protection required during activities involving the use of HBr. Concentrations should not exceeds 6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .					
Specific measures per contributing scenario issued by ECETOC TRA:					
Route of exposure	Condition of use				
	PROC	Description	LEV	Respiratory protection	Indoors
Inhalation	1	-High-integrity contained systems -Sampling done via closed-loop systems	no	no	yes
	3	- Use in closed batch process	90%	90%	yes
Route of exposure	PROC	Description	LEV	Dermal protection	Indoors
Dermal	1	-High-integrity contained systems -Sampling done via closed-loop systems	no	Yes, the substance is corrosive	yes
	3	- Use in closed batch process	no		yes
Remark: short-term exposure: Do not breach the IOELV value for a 15 minute inhalation exposure of 6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .					
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation					
HBr is a corrosive substance.					
Workers handling HBr must wear:					
* chemical resistant goggles,					
* face shields,					
* respiratory protection,					
* neoprene coveralls,					
* hardhat,					
* neoprene or nitrile rubber gloves,					
* neoprene boots.					
All protective clothing exposed to hydrogen bromide should be washed thoroughly with water before reuse. Safety showers and eye wash stations should be strategically located in areas where hydrogen bromide is used or stored.					

### 3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

#### CS1. Environmental release and exposure – ERC 1

- **Aquatic compartment:** Hydrogen bromide may lower the pH of the wastewater. The toxic effect of hydrogen bromide to aquatic organisms seen in aquatic toxicity tests comes from the acidity of solutions containing hydrogen bromide. Therefore, the pH value of the wastewater from sites manufacturing hydrogen bromide has to be monitored and, if necessary, controlled by a neutralisation step before the wastewater is released to the environment. The potential risk to the environment due to manufacture of hydrogen bromide is controlled under the specified conditions of exposure.
- **Atmospheric compartment:** Negligible local atmospheric concentrations of hydrogen bromide are anticipated with the manufacture of hydrogen bromide. As soon as hydrogen bromide comes in contact with water in the atmosphere, it forms hydrobromic acid, which dissociates into hydrogen and bromide ions.

#### CS2. Worker exposure – PROC 1, PROC 3

Route of exposure and type of effects	PROC	Exposure estimate (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	DNEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	RCR
Inhalation, local, long-term	1	0.034	6.7	0.005
Inhalation, local, long-term	3	3.37	6.7	0.503
Dermal, local, long-term	1	HBr is corrosive – workers handling the substance must wear appropriate PPE. (see box 2)		
Dermal, local, long-term	3			

### 4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

<b>Worker exposure</b>
Exposure estimates for the inhalation route were determined using the model ECETOC TRA. For dermal exposure, the substance is corrosive. PPE as detailed in box2 must be worn in situations with a potential for direct dermal exposure to the airborne or dissolved substance in any cases.
<b>Environmental exposure</b>
Upon contact with water, HBr reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid which dissociates to hydrogen (H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ) and bromide (Br <sup>-</sup> ) ions. In these circumstances, no exposure estimates were provided but appropriate risk management measures, as detailed in boxes 2 & 3, must be implemented on site to avoid any effect provoked by the dissociation of the substance.



## ES 2: Production of brominated intermediates (synthesis)

### 1. Production of brominated intermediates (synthesis)

<b>CS1. Environment</b>	
Manufacture of substances	ERC 1
Industrial use of processing aids in processes and products, not becoming part of articles	ERC 4
Industrial use resulting in manufacture of another substance (use of intermediates)	ERC 6a
Industrial use of reactive processing aids	ERC 6b
<b>CS2. Worker</b>	
Enclosed processes and no likelihood of exposure	PROC 1
Use in closed batch process (synthesis or formulation)	PROC 3

### 2. Condition of use affecting exposure

#### CS1. Control of environmental exposure: ERC 1, ERC 4, ERC 6a, ERC 6b

<b>Product characteristics</b>
Anhydrous hydrogen bromide (HBr): colourless gas Upon contact with water, HBr reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid which dissociates to hydrogen ( $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ) and bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) ions.
<b>Amount used</b>
At manufacture site : ~ 4500 tons/year maximum
<b>Frequency and duration of use</b>
330 days a year
<b>Environmental factors not influenced by risk management</b>
Flow rate of the receiving surface water: 18,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (EUSES v2.1.1 (2008), default value); 73,440 m <sup>3</sup> /day (value provided by the downstream users)
<b>Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil</b>
<b>Risk management measures on site:</b> * Waste gas may be passed through washing towers (with water and caustic soda) and subsequently through columns of active carbon to remove gaseous HBr. * Waste gases may be routed to a scrubber or incinerator unit. (Minor emissions via the untreated waste gas: 1 g/h of HBr) * A fraction of approximately 0.5% of the total tonnage of the manufactured hydrogen bromide may be released to wastewater. Upon contact with water, hydrogen bromide reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid. It has to be ensured that the pH of process wastewater is survey and, if necessary, regulated before wastewater is released to the environment. Hydrobromic acid can be neutralized with caustic soda to obtain bromides. On average an amount of 120-130 kg bromides per day may be lost through the wastewater. Remaining hydrogen bromide in the reaction vessels (gaseous and liquid part) is degraded into bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) and recovered into bromine ( $\text{Br}_2$ ) in a recovery unit. The sewage sludge from wastewater treatment plants of units manufacturing hydrogen bromide is incinerated. Remark: The wastewater may be transferred to a recovery unit where bromine can be re-gained from

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**CS2. Control of worker exposure – PROC 1, PROC 3**

Product characteristics					
Anhydrous hydrogen bromide (HBr): colourless gas Solutions of HBr in water are clear liquids developing fumes that become brown on exposure to air and light.					
Amounts used, Frequency and duration of use					
8 hours per day					
Technical and organizational conditions and measures					
HBr is a corrosive substance.					
General measures:					
General ventilation at the point source of HBr releases.					
In indoor plant, Hydrogen bromide can be monitored using treated silica gel tube. Detector tubes are useful for determining the level of respiratory protection required during activities involving the use of HBr. Concentrations should not exceeds 6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .					
Specific measures per contributing scenario issued by ECETOC TRA:					
Route of exposure	Condition of use				
	PROC	Description	LEV	Respiratory protection	Indoors
Inhalation	1	-High-integrity contained systems -Sampling done via closed-loop systems	no	no	yes
	3	- Use in closed batch process	90%	90%	yes
Route of exposure	PROC	Description	LEV	Dermal protection	Indoors
Dermal	1	-High-integrity contained systems -Sampling done via closed-loop systems	no	Yes, the substance is corrosive	yes
	3	- Use in closed batch process	no		yes
Remark: short-term exposure: Do not breach the IOELV value for a 15 minute inhalation exposure of 6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .					
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation					
HBr is a corrosive substance.					
Workers handling HBr must wear:					
* chemical resistant goggles,					
* face shields,					
* respiratory protection,					
* neoprene coveralls,					
* hardhat,					
* neoprene or nitrile rubber gloves,					
* neoprene boots.					
All protective clothing exposed to hydrogen bromide should be washed thoroughly with water before reuse. Safety showers and eye wash stations should be strategically located in areas where hydrogen bromide is used or stored.					

### 3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

#### CS1. Environmental release and exposure – ERC 1, ERC 4, ERC 6a, ERC 6b

- Aquatic compartment:** Hydrogen bromide may lower the pH of the wastewater. The toxic effect of hydrogen bromide to aquatic organisms seen in aquatic toxicity tests comes from the acidity of solutions containing hydrogen bromide. Therefore, the pH value of the wastewater from sites processing hydrogen bromide has to be monitored and, if necessary, controlled by a neutralisation step before the wastewater is released to the environment. The potential risk to the environment due to the use of hydrogen bromide in the production of brominated intermediates is controlled under the specified conditions of exposure.
- Atmospheric compartment:** Negligible local atmospheric concentrations of hydrogen bromide are anticipated with the manufacture of brominated compounds from hydrogen bromine. As soon as hydrogen bromide comes in contact with water in the atmosphere, it forms hydrobromic acid, which dissociates into hydrogen and bromide ions.

#### CS2. Worker exposure – PROC 1, PROC 3

Route of exposure and type of effects	PROC	Exposure estimate (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	DNEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	RCR
Inhalation, local, long-term	1	0.034	6.7	0.005
Inhalation, local, long-term	3	3.37	6.7	0.503
Dermal, local, long-term	1	HBr is corrosive – workers handling the substance must wear appropriate PPE. (see box 2)		
Dermal, local, long-term	3			

### 4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

<b>Worker exposure</b>
Exposure estimates for the inhalation route were determined using the model ECETOC TRA. For dermal exposure, the substance is corrosive. PPE as detailed in box 2 must be worn in situations with a potential for direct dermal exposure to the airborne or dissolved substance in any cases.
<b>Environmental exposure</b>
Upon contact with water, HBr reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid which dissociates to hydrogen (H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ) and bromide (Br <sup>-</sup> ) ions. In these circumstances, no exposure estimates were provided but appropriate risk management measures, as detailed in boxes 2 & 3, must be implemented on site to avoid any effect provoked by the dissociation of the substance.

## **ES 3: Use as a process aid in chemical manufacture**

### **1. Use as a process aid in chemical manufacture**

<b>CS1. Environment</b>	
Formulation of preparations	ERC 2
<b>CS2. Worker</b>	
Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure	PROC 2

### **2. Condition of use affecting exposure**

#### **CS1. Control of environmental exposure: ERC 2**

<b>Product characteristics</b>
Anhydrous hydrogen bromide (HBr): colourless gas Upon contact with water, HBr reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid which dissociates to hydrogen ( $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ) and bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) ions.
<b>Amount used</b>
In EU : ~ 7000 tons/year
<b>Frequency and duration of use</b>
330 days a year
<b>Environmental factors not influenced by risk management</b>
Flow rate of the receiving surface water: 18,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (EUSES v2.1.1 (2008), default value); 73,440 m <sup>3</sup> /day (value provided by the downstream users)
<b>Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil</b>
<b>Risk management measures on site:</b> * Waste gas may be passed through washing towers (with water and caustic soda) and subsequently through columns of active carbon to remove gaseous HBr. * Waste gases may be routed to a scrubber or incinerator unit. (Minor emissions via the untreated waste gas may occur) * A small part of the total tonnage of hydrogen bromide used in the process may be released to wastewater. Upon contact with water, hydrogen bromide reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid. It has to be ensured that the pH of process wastewater is survey and, if necessary, regulated before wastewater is released to the environment. Hydrobromic acid can be neutralized with caustic soda to obtain bromides. Remaining hydrogen bromide in the reaction vessels (gaseous and liquid part) is degraded into bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) and recovered into bromine ( $\text{Br}_2$ ) in a recovery unit. The sewage sludge from wastewater treatment plants of units processing hydrogen bromide is incinerated. Remark: The wastewater may be transferred to a recovery unit where bromine can be re-gained from the solutions.

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**CS2. Control of worker exposure – PROC 2**

Product characteristics					
Anhydrous hydrogen bromide (HBr): colourless gas Solutions of HBr in water are clear liquids developing fumes that become brown on exposure to air and light.					
Amounts used, Frequency and duration of use					
8 hours per day					
Technical and organizational conditions and measures					
HBr is a corrosive substance. <b>General measures:</b> General ventilation at the point source of HBr releases. In indoor plant, Hydrogen bromide can be monitored using treated silica gel tube. Detector tubes are useful for determining the level of respiratory protection required during activities involving the use of HBr. Concentrations should not exceeds 6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> . <b>Specific measures per contributing scenario issued by ECETOC TRA:</b>					
Route of exposure	Condition of use				
	PROC	Description	LEV	Respiratory protection	Indoors
Inhalation	2	Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure	90%	90%	yes
Route of exposure	Condition of use				
	PROC	Description	LEV	Dermal protection	Indoors
Dermal	2	Use in closed, continuous process with occasional controlled exposure	no	Yes, the substance is corrosive	yes
<b>Remark:</b> short-term exposure: Do not breach the IOELV value for a 15 minute inhalation exposure of 6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .					
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation					
HBr is a corrosive substance. Workers handling HBr must wear: * chemical resistant goggles, * face shields, * respiratory protection, * neoprene coveralls, * hardhat, * neoprene or nitrile rubber gloves, * neoprene boots. All protective clothing exposed to hydrogen bromide should be washed thoroughly with water before reuse. Safety showers and eye wash stations should be strategically located in areas where hydrogen bromide is used or stored.					

### 3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

#### CS1. Environmental release and exposure – ERC 2

- **Aquatic compartment:** Hydrogen bromide may lower the pH of the wastewater. The toxic effect of hydrogen bromide to aquatic organisms seen in aquatic toxicity tests comes from the acidity of solutions containing hydrogen bromide. Therefore, the pH value of the wastewater from sites processing hydrogen bromide has to be monitored and, if necessary, controlled by a neutralisation step before the wastewater is released to the environment. The potential risk to the environment due to the use of hydrogen bromide as a process aid is controlled under the specified conditions of exposure.
- **Atmospheric compartment:** Negligible local atmospheric concentrations of hydrogen bromide are anticipated with the use of hydrogen bromine as a process aid. As soon as hydrogen bromide comes in contact with water in the atmosphere, it forms hydrobromic acid, which dissociates into hydrogen and bromide ions.

#### CS2. Worker exposure – PROC 2

Route of exposure and type of effects	PROC	Exposure estimate (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	DNEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	RCR
Inhalation, local, long-term	2	1.69	6.7	0.25
Dermal, local, long-term	2	HBr is corrosive – workers handling the substance must wear appropriate PPE. (see box 2)		

### 4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

<b>Worker exposure</b>
Exposure estimates for the inhalation route were determined using the model ECETOC TRA. For dermal exposure, the substance is corrosive. PPE as detailed in box 2 must be worn in situations with a potential for direct dermal exposure to the airborne or dissolved substance in any cases.
<b>Environmental exposure</b>
Upon contact with water, HBr reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid which dissociates to hydrogen (H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ) and bromide (Br <sup>-</sup> ) ions. In these circumstances, no exposure estimates were provided but appropriate risk management measures, as detailed in box 2 & 3, must be implemented on site to avoid any effect provoked by the dissociation of the substance.

## ES 4: Formulation of mixtures with gas in pressure receptacles

### 1. Formulation of mixtures with gas in pressure receptacles

<b>CS1. Environment</b>	
Industrial use resulting in manufacture of another substance (use of intermediates)	ERC 6a
<b>CS2. Worker</b>	
Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure	PROC 1

### 2. Condition of use affecting exposure

#### CS1. Control of environmental exposure: ERC 6a

<b>Product characteristics</b>
Anhydrous hydrogen bromide (HBr): colourless gas Upon contact with water, HBr reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid which dissociates to hydrogen ( $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ) and bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) ions.
<b>Amount used</b>
In EU : ~ 7000 tons/year
<b>Frequency and duration of use</b>
330 days a year
<b>Environmental factors not influenced by risk management</b>
Flow rate of the receiving surface water: 18,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (EUSES v2.1.1 (2008), default value); 73,440 m <sup>3</sup> /day (value provided by the downstream users)
<b>Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil</b>
<b>Risk management measures on site:</b> * Waste gas may be passed through washing towers (with water and caustic soda) and subsequently through columns of active carbon to remove gaseous HBr. * Waste gases may be routed to a scrubber or incinerator unit. (Minor emissions via the untreated waste gas may occur) * A small part of the total tonnage of hydrogen bromide used in the process may be released to wastewater. Upon contact with water, hydrogen bromide reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid. It has to be ensured that the pH of process wastewater is survey and, if necessary, regulated before wastewater is released to the environment. Hydrobromic acid can be neutralized with caustic soda to obtain bromides. Remaining hydrogen bromide in the reaction vessels (gaseous and liquid part) is degraded into bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) and recovered into bromine ( $\text{Br}_2$ ) in a recovery unit. The sewage sludge from wastewater treatment plants of units processing hydrogen bromide is incinerated. Remark: The wastewater may be transferred to a recovery unit where bromine can be re-gained from the solutions.

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**CS2. Control of worker exposure – PROC 1**

Product characteristics					
Anhydrous hydrogen bromide (HBr): colourless gas Solutions of HBr in water are clear liquids developing fumes that become brown on exposure to air and light.					
Amounts used, Frequency and duration of use					
8 hours per day					
Technical and organizational conditions and measures					
HBr is a corrosive substance. <b>General measures:</b> General ventilation at the point source of HBr releases. In indoor plant, Hydrogen bromide can be monitored using treated silica gel tube. Detector tubes are useful for determining the level of respiratory protection required during activities involving the use of HBr. Concentrations should not exceeds 6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> . <b>Specific measures per contributing scenario issued by ECETOC TRA:</b>					
Route of exposure	Condition of use				
	PROC	Description	LEV	Respiratory protection	Indoors
Inhalation	1	Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure	no	no	yes
Route of exposure	Condition of use				
	PROC	Description	LEV	Dermal protection	Indoors
Dermal	1	Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure	no	Yes, the substance is corrosive	yes
<b>Remark:</b> short-term exposure: Do not breach the IOELV value for a 15 minute inhalation exposure of 6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .					
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation					
HBr is a corrosive substance. Workers handling HBr must wear: * chemical resistant goggles, * face shields, * respiratory protection, * neoprene coveralls, * hardhat, * neoprene or nitrile rubber gloves, * neoprene boots. All protective clothing exposed to hydrogen bromide should be washed thoroughly with water before reuse. Safety showers and eye wash stations should be strategically located in areas where hydrogen bromide is used or stored.					



### 3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

#### CS1. Environmental release and exposure – ERC 6a

- **Aquatic compartment:** Hydrogen bromide may lower the pH of the wastewater. The toxic effect of hydrogen bromide to aquatic organisms seen in aquatic toxicity tests comes from the acidity of solutions containing hydrogen bromide. Therefore, the pH value of the wastewater from sites processing hydrogen bromide has to be monitored and, if necessary, controlled by a neutralisation step before the wastewater is released to the environment. The potential risk to the environment due to the use of hydrogen bromide in the formulation of gas mixtures is controlled under the specified conditions of exposure.
- **Atmospheric compartment:** Negligible local atmospheric concentrations of hydrogen bromide are anticipated with the manufacture of brominated compounds from hydrogen bromine. As soon as hydrogen bromide comes in contact with water in the atmosphere, it forms hydrobromic acid, which dissociates into hydrogen and bromide ions.

#### CS2. Worker exposure – PROC 1

Route of exposure and type of effects	PROC	Exposure estimate (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	DNEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	RCR
Inhalation, local, long-term	1	0.034	6.7	0.005
Dermal, local, long-term	1	HBr is corrosive – workers handling the substance must wear appropriate PPE. (see box 2)		

### 4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

<b>Worker exposure</b>
Exposure estimates for the inhalation route were determined using the model ECETOC TRA. For dermal exposure, the substance is corrosive. PPE as detailed in box 2 must be worn in situations with a potential for direct dermal exposure to the airborne or dissolved substance in any cases.
<b>Environmental exposure</b>
Upon contact with water, HBr reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid which dissociates to hydrogen (H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ) and bromide (Br <sup>-</sup> ) ions. In these circumstances, no exposure estimates were provided but appropriate risk management measures, as detailed in boxes 2 & 3, must be implemented on site to avoid any effect provoked by the dissociation of the substance.

## ES 5: Use for electronic component manufacture

### 1. Use for electronic component manufacture

<b>CS1. Environment</b>	
Industrial use resulting in manufacture of another substance (use of intermediates)	ERC 6a
<b>CS2. Worker</b>	
Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure	PROC 1

### 2. Condition of use affecting exposure

#### CS1. Control of environmental exposure: ERC 6a

<b>Product characteristics</b>
Anhydrous hydrogen bromide (HBr): colourless gas Upon contact with water, HBr reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid which dissociates to hydrogen ( $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ) and bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) ions.
<b>Amount used</b>
In EU : ~ 10 tons/year
<b>Frequency and duration of use</b>
330 days a year
<b>Environmental factors not influenced by risk management</b>
Flow rate of the receiving surface water: 18,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day (EUSES v2.1.1 (2008), default value); 73,440 m <sup>3</sup> /day (value provided by the downstream users)
<b>Technical onsite conditions and measures to reduce or limit discharges, air emissions and releases to soil</b>
<b>Risk management measures on site:</b> * Waste gas may be passed through washing towers (with water and caustic soda) and subsequently through columns of active carbon to remove gaseous HBr. * Waste gases may be routed to a scrubber or incinerator unit. (Minor emissions via the untreated waste gas may occur) * A small part of the total tonnage of hydrogen bromide used in the process may be released to wastewater. Upon contact with water, hydrogen bromide reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid. It has to be ensured that the pH of process wastewater is survey and, if necessary, regulated before wastewater is released to the environment. Hydrobromic acid can be neutralized with caustic soda to obtain bromides. Remaining hydrogen bromide in the reaction vessels (gaseous and liquid part) is degraded into bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) and recovered into bromine ( $\text{Br}_2$ ) in a recovery unit. The sewage sludge from wastewater treatment plants of units processing hydrogen bromide is incinerated. Remark: The wastewater may be transferred to a recovery unit where bromine can be re-gained from the solutions.

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**CS2. Control of worker exposure – PROC 1**

Product characteristics					
Anhydrous hydrogen bromide (HBr): colourless gas Solutions of HBr in water are clear liquids developing fumes that become brown on exposure to air and light.					
Amounts used, Frequency and duration of use					
8 hours per day					
Technical and organizational conditions and measures					
HBr is a corrosive substance. <b>General measures:</b> General ventilation at the point source of HBr releases. In indoor plant, Hydrogen bromide can be monitored using treated silica gel tube. Detector tubes are useful for determining the level of respiratory protection required during activities involving the use of HBr. Concentrations should not exceeds 6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> . <b>Specific measures per contributing scenario issued by ECETOC TRA:</b>					
Route of exposure	Condition of use				
	PROC	Description	LEV	Respiratory protection	Indoors
Inhalation	1	Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure	no	no	yes
Route of exposure	Condition of use				
	PROC	Description	LEV	Dermal protection	Indoors
Dermal	1	Use in closed process, no likelihood of exposure	no	Yes, the substance is corrosive	yes
<b>Remark:</b> short-term exposure: Do not breach the IOELV value for a 15 minute inhalation exposure of 6.7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> .					
Conditions and measures related to personal protection, hygiene and health evaluation					
HBr is a corrosive substance. Workers handling HBr must wear: * chemical resistant goggles, * face shields, * respiratory protection, * neoprene coveralls, * hardhat, * neoprene or nitrile rubber gloves, * neoprene boots. All protective clothing exposed to hydrogen bromide should be washed thoroughly with water before reuse. Safety showers and eye wash stations should be strategically located in areas where hydrogen bromide is used or stored.					

### 3. Exposure estimation and reference to its source

#### CS1. Environmental release and exposure – ERC 6a

- **Aquatic compartment:** Hydrogen bromide may lower the pH of the wastewater. The toxic effect of hydrogen bromide to aquatic organisms seen in aquatic toxicity tests comes from the acidity of solutions containing hydrogen bromide. Therefore, the pH value of the wastewater from sites processing hydrogen bromide has to be monitored and, if necessary, controlled by a neutralisation step before the wastewater is released to the environment. The potential risk to the environment due to the use of hydrogen bromide in the manufacture of electronic components is controlled under the specified conditions of exposure.
- **Atmospheric compartment:** Negligible local atmospheric concentrations of hydrogen bromide are anticipated with the use of hydrogen bromine as an etchant in the manufacture of electronic components. As soon as hydrogen bromide comes in contact with water in the atmosphere, it forms hydrobromic acid, which dissociates into hydrogen and bromide ions.

#### CS2. Worker exposure – PROC 1

Route of exposure and type of effects	PROC	Exposure estimate (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	DNEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	RCR
Inhalation, local, long-term	1	0.034	6.7	0.005
Dermal, local, long-term	1	HBr is corrosive – workers handling the substance must wear appropriate PPE. (see box 2)		

### 4. Guidance to DU to evaluate whether he works inside the boundaries set by the ES

<b>Worker exposure</b>
Exposure estimates for the inhalation route were determined using the model ECETOC TRA. For dermal exposure, the substance is corrosive. PPE as detailed in box 2 must be worn in situations with a potential for direct dermal exposure to the airborne or dissolved substance in any cases.
<b>Environmental exposure</b>
Upon contact with water, HBr reacts rapidly to form hydrobromic acid which dissociates to hydrogen (H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> ) and bromide (Br <sup>-</sup> ) ions. In these circumstances, no exposure estimates were provided but appropriate risk management measures, as detailed in boxes 2 & 3, must be implemented on site to avoid any effect provoked by the dissociation of the substance.