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# <span id="page-4-0"></span>**Executive summary**

The Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology analyses the potential environmental impacts of product systems within a defined goal and scope. It can generally assess the relevant environmental processes and aspects and evaluate the environmental exchanges (inputs and outputs from the technosphere) and the potential environmental impacts of a product or service from 'cradle to grave', i.e. across the entire life cycle stages.

The goal of the present case study is to identify and comparatively quantify the potential environmental impact and consumption of resources arising from the life cycle of paper and printing matter production on a model sheet fed offset printing company in Denmark (that can also represent the average company in Europe), introducing some of the newly developed impact assessment categories within the framework of the European research project LC-IMPACT (land use, water use, whole effluent toxicity, indoor exposure to solvents, photochemical ozone formation, indoor exposure to fine particles, and noise) and to test their applicability.

The Functional Unit (FU) is defined here as 1 (one) ton of sheet fed offset printed matter produced at a model sheet fed offset printing company. The printed matter is to be considered as a non-laminated average piece of printed communication, e.g. books, pamphlets, brochures, posters, magazines, or similar, typically produced by a sheet fed offset method in a printing house.

The total paper-related potential impact (comprising forestry, pulp and paper production, and disposal of waste paper and product), the avoided potential impact from incineration of fossil fuel due to incineration of paper and the avoided potential impacts from production of virgin fibres due to production based on recycled fibres are allocated to the paper.

The characterisation results of the product system for sheet fed offset material at midpoint (following the assessment by ReCiPe methodology) are presented per impact category and divided into the main life cycle stages: Paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL). 'Offset product' refers to the total impact of the product system, and EOL includes recycling (with avoided production of virgin fibres and combustion of fossil fuels), and incineration (with recovered energy).

Both the land use impacts and emissions related impacts are dominated by the paper production stage. The chemicals related impacts are also dominated by the paper production

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stage but the printing share is increased. This might be related to the fact that the paper production stage has an aggregated process in the assessment, which includes transport and average energy mix, while the printing stage is directly obtained from industry data, lacking transport related emissions and relying on Danish energy mix data, together with a higher use (and emission) of chemicals that are applied in the various stages that compose the printing stage.

Both the characterised and normalised impact scores at midpoint are dominated by the contribution of the paper production stage on several impact categories, including the land use related categories (very high contributions, and the energy and associated emissions related categories. Only some of the chemicals related categories (namely the ecotoxicity indicators) reveal a more balanced contribution between the materials and production stages.

Although not evident, EOL scores are mainly related to avoided energy production by the incinerated fraction and some avoided use of chemicals by the recycled fraction of the disposal stage. Nevertheless, there is a strong dominance by the energy-related ionizing radiation impact category throughout all life cycle stages.

The endpoint characterisation is still dominated by the paper production contribution to the impact scores and is reflected in the damage score to the area of protection (AoP) Ecosystems, which might be due to the impacts from transportation (that is missing in the printing stage) and the land use impacts. Some contribution from the printing stage to this damage category might be expected from the use of chemicals in the various auxiliary processes in the production stage, but the scores still reveal domination by the ionising radiation category. The damage to resources is mostly affected by the fossil fuels depletion category with effect on the avoided energy production (mostly thermal generation from coal) by the incinerated paper fraction in EOL and the transport in the paper production stage (because an aggregated process is used here contrary to the printing stage).

EOL contributions are related to avoided production of virgin fibres through the recycled fraction, hence less land use impacts, fuel and energy consumption, and the avoided production of energy through the incinerated fraction in the damage to human health category. Nevertheless the ionising radiation indicator still scores about 5-7 orders of magnitude higher than the remaining.

The overall high share of the ionising radiation indicator originated in the electricity production stage may also result from a normalisation imbalance from using normalisation factors from countries with higher share of nuclear power generation than the ones referring to the inventory flow used. Most of the energy consuming processes are assigned to the printing stage, which takes place in Denmark, where the electricity mix includes imported electricity from nuclear generation (10% of the total consumption) while producing none internally. EOL also shows a high share of damage to AoP Human Health as it includes avoided energy production by incineration of printed matter.

The analysis of the results of the midpoint characterisation with the new impact indicators (3) is limited, as forestry is only assessed for the paper production stage and photochemical ozone formation is only assessed for the printing stage. In the estimation of the photochemical ozone formation indicator, EOL refers to incineration, i.e. avoided energy production, and it exceeds the characterised impact score of the original production. It means that incineration in EOL has a lower impact than energy production for this midpoint category. EOL in the noise indicator is simply a fixed fraction of the original impact (53% avoided). Normalisation at midpoint does not change this interpretation.

Endpoint impact scores are clearly marked by the lack of consistency in the units presented for the various impact indicators. This fact is due to several not fully developed methods in the

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perspective that further unit conversion is needed: non-compatible units for the endpoint indicators hinder readily further aggregation from endpoint to damage estimation, which is an option for the results analysis at this modelling level. These units include PDF.yr, PDF.m<sup>2</sup>.yr, PDF.m<sup>3</sup>.yr, PAF.m<sup>2</sup>.yr, MJse.m<sup>2</sup>.yr, and NPPD.m<sup>2</sup>.yr) and they cannot be (readily) aggregated and eventually normalised (with damage NFs) as suitable conversions are still required.

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Nevertheless, normalisation references were provided, by calculations based on annual emissions (or consumptions) per capita. However, consistency is poor and the reference situation varies significantly between the various categories, either considering the reference region (country, Europe, or World) and the reference year (1995, 2000, 2010, or 2011).

Although not entirely relevant, the impact scores at endpoint were normalised with the NRs available. This normalisation does not lead to any further aggregation and it is simply performed to obtain a common unit for internal comparison (i.e. within the new impact categories results), for illustration, and error-checking purposes.

The combined assessment, i.e. endpoint ReCiPe indicators plus some of the new endpoint LC-IMPACT indicators, show similar contributions as to those previously obtained for the ReCiPe damage assessment alone, and simply reveal an expected small increase in damage to AoPs Ecosystems and Human Health, based on the relevance criteria used for the assessment of the main life cycle stages, but does not significantly changes the percentual contribution results. No changes in damage score to AoP Resources are verified as no LC-IMPACT new indicator contributed to this AoP.

Overall, the applicability test is conditioned by inconsistency and incompleteness aspects. On the one hand there is no consistency in the life cycle stages covered by the assessment (which is applicable for both the midpoint and endpoint characterisation), and on the other hand the indicators' scores obtained are not suitable for further aggregation into damage AoPs due to the incompleteness of several assessment methods by delivering not harmonised endpoint indicators – highly relevant for the interpretation phase. These two aspects ultimately hinder the analysis of applicability of the newly developed indicators in a LCIA perspective, the interpretation of the results, and the interest of the results as decision support information.

Scientifically, the methods developed in the LC-IMPACT framework described in the available deliverables reports and published elsewhere in scientific journals, seem appropriate and robust, covering the necessary and adequate cause-effect chain elements and are sufficiently environmental relevant to be included in the set of indicators/categories in LCIA. While appearing scientifically and technically sound, generally the methods do not deliver the best unit to the indicator (with the exception of water use, forestry and photochemical ozone formation indicators) and show that a final phase of harmonisation in terms of modelled endpoint is still needed before a further round of applicability testing and validation is conducted.

Ultimately, the questions reside in whether (1) it is worth investing in data acquisition to feed the new categories considering their (possible) contribution to the global impact assessment of the product system or there is no added value, and (2) how the overall results with these new indicators improve the relevance (environmental, geographical, or other) of the conclusions of the study to make it useful as a decision supporting tool (LCA).

Due to the limited number of new fully developed (harmonised) endpoint indicators added to the combined assessment there are no significant changes to the impact assessment of the paper production and printing product system. The development of the new assessment methods, although relevant for the individual indicators, shows little expression and contribution to the final results. The number of midpoint indicators is scarce due to the decision of which life cycle stages to include, thus revealing little application, while for the endpoint a significant number of

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indicators were not successfully delivered for damage to AoP assessment: from the possible 15 indicators developed, 2 did not conclude the characterisation phase, and 9 still need further unit conversion. Only 4 new indicators integrate the combined assessment method, for which no noticeable changes are found.

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In addition, an effort should be invested in consistency of normalisation references, mainly harmonisation of resolution scale, reference year, and type of data.

Finally, transparency on the application of the newly developed assessment methods would benefit from an adequate detachment from method development and application, meaning that clear and concise information should be made available for practitioners and stakeholders in general. This was attempted in the LC-IMPACT project, and not entirely achieved, by the compilation of guidance documents or cookbooks – either by not covering the whole set of new methods or by lacking practical and clear information in the shared documentation. Improvements can be implemented by solving inconsistencies between the deliverables documents, the guidance documents, and the available/provided auxiliary spreadsheets, especially in what regards to units. The lack of follow-through calculations (when applicable) should also be avoided, and explanation of applicable values and necessary supplementary calculations for characterisation, normalisation, or estimation of intermediate parameters, included.

The main conclusions of this study should have provided useful information to assess: a) whether the methods are sufficiently developed and applicable, and b) if it is worth considering their contribution to the global impact assessment of the product system, i.e. if the results with these new indicators enhance the overall assessment of the product system, either by improving the relevance (environmental, geographical, or other) of the selected categories or the improvement of information provided with such tool (LCA) to the decision making process.

An overall analysis of the new methodologies introduced in the impact assessment phase, although scientific valid, is not clear about their applicability and relevance as it has not been clearly demonstrated. Due to a limited number of new midpoint indicators (assessed in this case study) and a significant number of fully usable new endpoint indicators, it is not possible to conclude on the value added to the impact assessment brought by these. It is however acknowledge that with a small extra effort in converting and standardising units for the considered endpoint indicators this analysis can conclude with more confidence.





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# <span id="page-8-0"></span>**1. Introduction**

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Application of LCA methodology to printer matter production is relatively new and reports scarce. Available LCA reports on offset printed matter include those produced by Dalheilm & Axelsson 1995; Axelsson et al 1997, Johansson 2002, and by the Danish EPA (Drivsholm et al. 1996; Drivsholm et al. 1997; Larsen et al. 2006). Additionally, INFRAS (1998) although focusing on graphic paper also includes print products (e.g. newpapers) in the functional unit (Larsen et al. 2006).

In a general overview, all these studies point to the paper production stage (with forestry and pulp production delivering the paper product) as the dominating contributor to the estimated potential environmental impacts from the life cycle of offset printed matter. Additionally, there is a strong focus on the energy-related impact categories and emissions (Larsen et al. 2006). The chemicals-related impact categories (including ecotoxicity and human toxicity) are assessed by various methods (EPS, CML, EI95, EDIP) and overall seem to lack transparency and limited application (Larsen et al. 2006). The Danish EPA study has added focus on chemicals-related processes to the LCA framework and found a lesser contribution from the paper production stage in the aggregated weighted potential environmental impacts (Larsen et al. 2006).

The present study is based on an equal focus on energy- and chemicals-related emissions and processes for both toxic and non-toxic categories. The report describes an LCA study of a model (i.e. average) sheet fed printing company. The product system is built on the technical background documents by Larsen et al. (2005) and the Ecolabelling of printed matter – life cycle of model sheet fed offset printed matter, by Larsen et al. (2006) to the Danish EPA.





Furthermore the study is mainly intended to compare the application of 'traditional' impact categories with the new impact categories, based on newly developed methodologies within the EU FP7 research project LC-IMPACT (development and application of environmental **L**ife **C**ycle **I**mpact assessment **M**ethods for im**P**roved sust**A**inability **C**haracterisation of **T**echnologies - 243827 FP7-ENV-2009-1).

This study was done in accordance with the ISO 14040-series.





# <span id="page-10-1"></span><span id="page-10-0"></span>**2. Goal and scope definition**

# **2.1. Goal**

#### **2.1.1. Introduction and overview**

<span id="page-10-2"></span>The goal of the present case study is to identify and comparatively quantify the potential environmental impact and consumption of resources arising from the life cycle of generic paper and printing matter production on a model sheet fed offset printing company in Denmark (that can also represent the average company in Europe), introducing the newly developed impact assessment categories within the framework of the European research project LC-IMPACT (land use, water use, whole effluent toxicity, indoor exposure to solvents, photochemical ozone formation, indoor exposure to fine particles, and noise) and to test their applicability.

#### **2.1.2. Intended application**

<span id="page-10-4"></span><span id="page-10-3"></span>The present case study is primarily intended to apply and evaluate the new impact assessment methods developed within the LC-IMPACT project.

#### **2.1.3. Method, assumptions and impact limitations**

<span id="page-10-5"></span>The case study is specific and the results may not be directly transferred to other products within the same product category.

#### **2.1.4. Reasons for carrying out the study**

The main reason for carrying out the study is to test the applicability of the new impact assessment methodologies developed in the LC-IMPACT project, and align their applicability in a case study context.

#### **2.1.5. Target audience**

<span id="page-10-6"></span>The target audience is technical and external, since it is a research project. The scientific community as a future user may be interested in the applicability of the new LCIA methods developed in the LC-IMPACT project, and finally the public in general as potential users of the results and inventoried data.

## **2.1.6. Comparisons intended to be disclosed to the public**

<span id="page-10-8"></span><span id="page-10-7"></span>Some elements of comparison may arise from the assessment and analysis, but no assertions on superiority are done, hence the study is not classified as "comparative".

## **2.1.7. Commissioner of the study and other influential actors**

The studies are commissioned by the European Commission. Besides the general influence from other project partners, the JRC has a stake and might have influence on the studies.





# **2.1.8. Classifying the decision context**

<span id="page-11-0"></span>According to the ILCD Handbook the studies needs to be defined as either A, B or C types. These types reflect differences in scope and purpose (se[e Figure 2.1\)](#page-11-5).

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The present case study belongs to type C1. The rationale is that there will be no direct decision-making based on the studies (type C), and there are interactions with other systems (type C1) due to e.g. avoided burdens by incineration and recycling.



<span id="page-11-5"></span><span id="page-11-1"></span>**Figure 2.1:** The different types of studies and how to distinguish their decision context (from EC et al. 2010).

# **2.2. Scope**

#### **2.2.1. Overview**

<span id="page-11-2"></span>All stages of the life cycle are covered as regards to the use of raw materials/energy (from material extraction to disposal when possible). For the potential environmental impacts the main focus is on the production stage. The composition of mixed raw materials (e.g. printing ink, fixers, or film developers) is generic and simplified.

<span id="page-11-3"></span>Average typical data have been used instead of data from a specific printing company with a detailed functional unit.

#### **2.2.2. Functional unit**

The Functional Unit (FU) is here defined as 1 (one) ton of sheet fed offset printed matter produced at a model sheet fed offset printing company.

The printed matter is to be considered as a non-laminated average piece of printed communication e.g. books, pamphlets, brochures, posters, magazines, or similar, typically produced by a sheet fed offset method in a printing house.

The life time of the various printed matter formats may vary from a few weeks (e.g. pamphlets and other advertisement materials) to several years (e.g. posters and books). For practical reasons and the sake of normalisation of the LCA results the final product life time was set to 1 year.

#### **2.2.3. Product system**

<span id="page-11-4"></span>The product system is identified as shown in [Figure 2.2.](#page-12-0)

As the scope of this study is to test the applicability of the new impact assessment categories originated from the LC-IMPACT project, transport is only included when it is an integrated part of any considered unit process (e.g. production of paper from cradle to gate). Therefore, transport of raw materials from producer to the printing company and the transport in the production, use,





and disposal stages are not included. However, transport for recycling of paper as described in Frees et al. (2004) is included because it is an integrated part of the unit process used here.

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<span id="page-12-0"></span>**Figure 2.2:** The product system for paper and printed matter production (sheet fed offset printed matter) (taken from Larsen et al. 2006).

As defined by Larsen et al. (2006) for the finishing stage only lacquering and gluing processes are included. Lamination is typically not done at the sheet fed offset printing company (Brodin & Korostenski 1995) and inventory data is not readily available, hence lamination is excluded for the present study. Packaging processes occurring at the printing company such as the use of wooden pallets, paper and/or "shrink plastic" are also excluded due to lack of data. Additionally, packaging processes are assessed to be of very low significance as compared to the remaining activities. For disposal of printed matter it is assumed that 53% of the paper consumption (including both spillage and product) is recycled and the rest (i.e. 47%) is incinerated for heat recovery. This





assumption is based on the Danish situation in 2000 (Tønning 2002). Differences in recyclability of the printed matter (e.g. deinking or repulping problems due to content of Hot Melt glue or water based inks) are not included due to lack of readily available quantitative data and the scoping of this study. Direct and indirect overhead operations such as production of printing machines and office supplies are expected to contribute insignificantly to the overall impacts and are generally not included. However total energy consumption covering, for example, heating and lighting at the model printing company (indirect overhead operations) is included (Larsen et al. 2006).

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#### <span id="page-13-0"></span>**2.2.4. Representativeness and appropriateness of LCI data**

#### **2.2.4.1. Time scope**

As defined by Larsen et al. (2006) the time to produce one functional unit is assumed to be a few days and the production takes place in the period 1990-2002. The use stage and disposal stage will for most of the printed matter take a few weeks and cover the same time period. Given that the lifetime is assumed to be one year in the functional unit, the disposal will take place in the period 1991-2003. For long-lived items like books and posters the use stage may cover several years and this would delay the disposal stage by several decades. The material stage is assumed to cover at least 1980-2002.

## **2.2.4.2. Technological scope**

The technologies used for the material stage are to some extent dependent on the unit process data that have been readily available for this study. The aggregated process (from Ecoinvent) chosen to cover the paper production (*RER: paper, woodfree, coated, at integrated mill*) that later feeds the printing stage refers to the European production of coated woodfree paper in an integrated paper mill - including transports to paper mill, wood handling, chemical pulping and bleaching, paper production, energy production on-site, recovery cycles of chemicals and internal waste water treatment. For the present example of pulp and paper production, the technologies covered are modern and used in the Swedish pulp and paper industry in 2001 (Frees et al. 2004) for producing white paper based on ECF (Elemental Chlorine Free) sulphate pulp (virgin fibres) for use in the printing industry.

For the production stage, the technologies included in this study generally cover the technologies used at sheet feed offset printing companies during 1990-2000 especially in the Nordic countries but also in Northern Europe. It is evaluated that these technologies still dominate. However, the chosen scoping excludes "new" state-of-the-art technologies. These technologies include, for example, Computer-To-Plate (CTP) and waterless offset (Silfverberg et al. 1998) which have been used to a limited degree for some years (Larsen et al. 1995) and for which the market share is increasing. On the other hand, technologies and techniques which are no longer used (or only used to a limited degree under controlled conditions) in Northern Europe for say 20-30 years are most probably still used especially in Eastern European countries. Examples of such "old" technologies and techniques could be the extended use of dampening form rollers with cloth (Heber dampening system) needing at least daily cleaning using hazardous solvent-based cleaning agents which are emitted directly to the water recipient after use - no Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) or simply a mechanical one. Another example could be the extended use of aromatic very volatile solvents for manual cleaning of the printing machine leading to extensive exposure of workers and large air emissions. The use of cleaning agents containing more than 0.1% aromatic solvents is not considered in this study, and only limited use of dampening form





rollers with cloth (Heber dampening system) is included, i.e. 10-20% of the dampening systems. Emission of solvent-based cleaning agents to water is therefore very limited (0.1-1%) in the reference scenario, and only water emission of detergents used for cleaning is relatively high (50%).

For the disposal stage the technologies used for incineration and recycling of paper are modern Northern European types.

The sources for the inventory data used can be found in [Appendix I.](#page-68-1)

#### **2.2.4.3. Geographical scope**

For the material stage, the production of paper is assumed to take place in Sweden and printing inks are assumed to be produced in Europe.

The production of printed matter is assumed to take place in Denmark with generic similarities with companies in Europe.

<span id="page-14-0"></span>Disposal and recycling are based on a scenario for Denmark.

#### **2.2.5. Allocation**

The total paper-related potential impact (comprising forestry, pulp and paper production, and disposal of waste paper and product), the avoided potential impacts from incineration of fossil fuel due to incineration of paper and the avoided potential impact from production of virgin fibres due to production based on recycled fibres are allocated to the paper. For consumption of aluminium (offset plates) it is assumed that recycled aluminium is used and the extra energy used to produce virgin aluminium to replace the loss of 8% during the recycling process is allocated to the functional unit.

#### **2.2.6. Planning reporting**

<span id="page-14-1"></span>This LCA study is intended to be presented in a written report format.





# <span id="page-15-0"></span>**3. Inventory analysis**

# **3.1. Introduction and overview**

<span id="page-15-1"></span>The starting point for the inventory is the production stage of generic printed matter produced at a model sheet fed offset printing company. The raw materials included are described in the next section. Each raw material is divided into its components and the resource consumption/emissions of the production of the raw material and its components (i.e. material stage) are mapped and included whenever readily available and relevant. For many of the composite raw materials no data exists on production (i.e. typically a mixing process), but for their components generic data on resource consumption and emissions are available and used in many cases. In any case, data on emission of specific substances at the material stage is typically not available and this kind of data is almost exclusively used in the production stage for which they have been available and focused upon in this study.

An overview of inventory references is given in [Appendix I,](#page-68-1) data for the activities at the model printing company is shown together with data provided by offset printing companies and in [Appendix II,](#page-71-0) and a full aggregated inventory is shown in [Appendix III](#page-73-0) (from [Table 8.2](#page-73-1) to [Table 8.7\)](#page-87-0).

# **3.2. Composition of raw materials**

<span id="page-15-2"></span>The raw materials for the production stage included in this generic study are the dominant types typically used in 'traditional' sheet feed offset, i.e. film, film developer, fixer, biocides, plates, plate developer, gumming solution, paper, alcohol (isopropyl alcohol, IPA), printing ink, fountain solution, lacquer (varnishes), glue and cleaning agents (Larsen et al. 2006). The composition of these raw materials is as far as possible based on known typically recipes as described in Larsen et al. (1995) in Danish and published in a short English version (Larsen et al. 1996). Other reports, articles and updated MSDSs from suppliers/producers on relevant raw materials have also been consulted. However, due to lack of data (e.g. toxicity data) assumptions about the components have had to be made as shown below (Larsen et al. 2006).

#### **3.2.1. Film**

<span id="page-15-3"></span>The thickness of the film is assumed to be 0.1 mm (KODAK 2001a), the silver content 10 g/m<sup>2</sup> and the content of halides (assumed to be bromide) 7 g/m<sup>2</sup> (Baumann & Gräfen 1999a). The 0.1 mm thick base layer consists of polyethylene, PET (i.e. polyethylene terephthalate) (KODAK 2001a; Lapp et al. 2000). Other components such as gelatine and components with minor occurrence (i.e. well below 1% w/w) like filter dyes, fungicides, and wetting agents, are excluded. As the density of PET is 1,370 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (APR 2003) the generic film is assumed to consist of 89% w/w polyethylene, 6% w/w silver and 5% w/w bromine (Larsen et al. 2006).

## **3.2.2. Film developer**

<span id="page-15-4"></span>The composition of the film developer is based on KODAK RA 2000 Developer (KODAK 2001b, 2003) and shown in [Table 3.1.](#page-16-3) This developer is known to be used within the repro process at Danish sheet feed offset printing companies and its composition is in accordance with the general description of developers in Seedorff et al. (1993) (Larsen et al. 2006).

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\* For upstream production data substituted by ethylene glycol

#### **3.2.3. Fixer**

<span id="page-16-4"></span><span id="page-16-0"></span>The composition of the fixer is based on KODAK 3000 Automix Fixer (KODAK 2000, 2003) and shown in [Table 3.2.](#page-16-4) This fixer is known to be used within the repro process at Danish sheet feed offset printing companies and its composition is in accordance with the general description of fixers in Seedorff et al. (1993) (Larsen et al. 2006).



**Table 3.2:** Composition of the working solution for generic fixer.

#### **3.2.4. Biocides**

<span id="page-16-1"></span>When rinsing water for film developing and plate making are recycled, biocides (algicides, fungicides, bactericides) are typically used (Kjærgaard 1997). One of the dominant types of biocides used within the printing industry is the group of isothiazolines, which in many cases is represented by Kathon® consisting of three parts 5-chloro-2-methyl-isothiazolin-3-one (CMI) and one part 2-methyl-2-isothiazolin-3-one (MI) (Larsen et al. 1995, 2002; Andersen et al. 1999; Gruvmark 2004). The product Nautalgin C1 (Deltagraph 1997) which is used as a biocide agent when recycling rinsing water contains about 1-2% CMI, 0.1-1% MI and water. The generic biocide agent used here for conservation of recycled rinsing water in film developing and plate making is therefore assumed to be water-based and containing 2% w/w CMI and 0.67% w/w MI. Biocides occurring as part of raw materials (e.g. fountain solutions) are dealt with below (Larsen et al. 2006).

#### **3.2.5. Plates**

<span id="page-16-2"></span>The generic plate considered in this study is a mono-metal-positive-plate (aluminium), which is known to be used within sheet, fed offset plate making (Larsen et al. 1995). According to information from Hoechst (1994) on Ozasol® plates, the thickness of offset plates is in the range of 0.12-0.5 mm. Here we use the average 0.3 mm. As the density of aluminium is 2,700 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (IAI 2003) the mass of aluminium per square meter plate is 0.81 kg. The emulsion layer on top of the





plate has a thickness of 3 μm according to Baumann and Gräfen (1999b). The density of the emulsion is estimated to be 1,230 kg/m<sup>3</sup> on the basis of a weighted average (2:1) of the density (1,200 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) of low molecular phenol formaldehyde resin (Muskopf 2000) and the density (1,300 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) of polyvinyl alcohol (Baumann & Rothardt 1999). The mass of the emulsion per square meter therefore lies close to 4 g/m<sup>2</sup> (3.7 g/m<sup>2</sup>). According to Ludwiszewska (1992) the range is 1.5 g/m<sup>2</sup>-4 g/m<sup>2</sup> plate, but for positive plates in most cases near the highest value (Larsen et al. 2006).

<span id="page-17-3"></span>Based on the figures estimated above, the generic offset plate is assumed to be composed of 99.5 % aluminium and 0.5% emulsion. The generic emulsion is assumed to have the composition shown in [Table 3.3](#page-17-3) (Larsen et al. 1995; KODAK 2002a).

**Table 3.3:** Composition of generic offset plate emulsion.



For upstream production, data substituted by alkyd resin

\*\* For example pigments

#### **3.2.6. Plate developer**

<span id="page-17-4"></span><span id="page-17-0"></span>The composition of the generic developer is shown in [Table 3.4](#page-17-4) and based on Larsen et al. (1995).

**Table 3.4:** Composition of generic positive offset plate developer.



#### **3.2.7. Gumming agent**

<span id="page-17-5"></span><span id="page-17-1"></span>The composition of the generic gumming agent used in this study (see [Table 3.5\)](#page-17-5) is based on UNIFIN (Agfa 2002) which is known to be used within sheet fed offset and Larsen et al. (1995).

**Table 3.5:** Composition of generic gumming agent.

Component	% $w/w$
Water	85
Carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC)	5
Sodium-dodecyl-diphenyloxide-disulphonate	5
Citric acid	5
5-chloro-2-methyl-isothiazolin-3-one	0.1
2-methyl-2-isothiazolin-3-one	0.033

#### **3.2.8. Paper**

<span id="page-17-2"></span>The generic paper used in the reference scenario in this study is a white uncoated fine type paper produced from sulphate pulp based on virgin fibres as defined in the Danish draft report on recycling of paper and card board (Frees et al. 2004).

Even though coated paper like MultiArt Silk and MultiArt Gloss from PAPYRUS has a widespread use within sheet fed offset printing, the coating process is excluded here. This is due





to lack of readily available data, and the assessment that the coating process most probably is insignificant for the environmental impact as compared to the other processes included in the production of paper (Larsen et al. 2006).

### **3.2.9. Alcohol (IPA)**

<span id="page-18-0"></span>The alcohol added to the fountain solution is typically 2-propanol (isopropyl alcohol, IPA) or a mixture of IPA (10%) and ethanol (90%) called IPA-spirit (Miljønet 2004). In this generic LCA, pure IPA is chosen (Larsen et al. 2006).

#### **3.2.10. Printing ink**

<span id="page-18-1"></span>Several different pigments, some different binders and solvents, and several types of additives are used in sheet feed offset printing ink. The generic composition shown in [Table 3.6](#page-18-2) has been chosen, mainly based on Larsen et al. (1995).



<span id="page-18-2"></span>**Table 3.6:** Composition of generic sheet fed offset printing ink.

Besides the composition of the ink, the upstream and downstream inventory substitutes are also shown in [Table 3.6](#page-18-2). "Upstream inventory substitute" means the chemical on which the inventory upstream from the production stage (not including the production stage) is based. "Downstream inventory substitute" similarly means the chemical on which the inventory from production stage (included) and downstream is based. The reason for this division is that in many cases, upstream data are only available for certain substances or mixtures (e.g. modified phenol resin) within a functional group (e.g. binders) and furthermore, these data typically only include resource and energy consumption, and emissions given as "sum parameters" (e.g. COD, BOD) and not emissions of single substances. However, for the production stage we typically have a better knowledge of the composition of the raw materials, and individual substances can therefore be used when assessing emission from this stage and downstream if data on potential impact is available for these substances (Larsen et al. 2006).

The pigments included i[n Table 3.6](#page-18-2) ("typical" composition) are the most frequently used according to Larsen et al. (1995). The relative distribution within the group of pigments is based on

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an example from Baumann & Rothardt (1999) concerning a leaflet with 50 % area printed in four colour (half-tone; 20% black, 70% yellow, 50% blue, 50% red) and 20% area of text (15% black). The relative distribution of each pigment type is corrected for the different content of pigments in the different coloured printing inks according to Larsen et al. (1995).

The mix of pigments shown in [Table 3.6](#page-18-2) does not exist in any printing ink but should be seen as an attempt to reflect an approximation of the average relative consumption of pigments for producing generic printed matter by sheet fed offset (Larsen et al. 2006). It may be relevant to look at a significantly higher relative consumption of carbon black (dominating in production of books) but this is not included in this study.

Pigment Yellow 12 (P.Y. 12), P.Y. 13 and P.Y 14 are all diaryl (diazo) pigments based on dichloro benzidine. The only difference in structure is the number of methyl groups, i.e. P.Y. 12 (no group), P.Y. 13 (four groups) and P.Y 14 (two groups) (Baumann & Rothardt 1999). It seems unlikely that these differences would give rise to major significant differences in inventory data and environmental properties. Furthermore, P.Y. 14 (for which inventory data is available) is actually used in offset printing inks but to a much lesser extent than P.Y. 12 and P.Y 13 (Baumann & Rothardt 1999).

Pigment Blue 15:3 (P.B. 15:3) is substituted by P.B. 15. Both of them are copper phthalocyanine pigments with only minor differences in structure, e.g. different crystal modification (Herbst & Hunger 1993) and they share the same CAS number.

Pigment Red 57:1 (P.R. 57:1) belongs to the group of BONA (beta-oxynaphtoic acid) pigment lakes, which are monoazo pigments (Herbst & Hunger 1993). This structure is quite different from the structure of the two substitutes (i.e. P.Y. 14 and P.B. 15) so this substitution is only justified by lack of data.

Carbon Black is not substituted.

Binders included comprise the dominant hard resin: Modified phenol resin, the alkyd resin: Soya oil alkyd, and the drying oil: Soya oil (actually semi-drying). No data is available on the modified phenol resin or the soya oil alkyd, and both of them are substituted by general alkyd resin.

The solvent n-paraffin (heavy) is substituted by one of its components tetradecane (Hansen & Gregersen 1986) for the inventory/impact assessment downstream.

<span id="page-19-0"></span>Additives, e.g. siccatives and antioxidants, are excluded due to lack of data (Larsen et al. 2006).

#### **3.2.11. Fountain solution**

The composition of the generic fountain solution concentrate is shown in [Table 3.7.](#page-19-1) This composition is based on MSDS of two products from Akzo Nobel (2003a, 2004) and Larsen et al. (1995). The full recipe for a fountain solution is very complex (Larsen et al. 1995), and only the known main components and very toxic components are included in [Table 3.7.](#page-19-1) Other constituents like acids, surface active substances, corrosion inhibitors and more are excluded due to lack of data and these substances probably do not contribute significantly because they occur in very low quantities and/or are not very toxic.

<span id="page-19-1"></span>

**Table 3.7:** Composition of generic fountain solution concentrate.







Fountain solution concentrates registered at the Danish Ecolabelling Agency all contain Kathon at the same concentration level, i.e. 0.0475%, 0.055% and 0.06%, and one type also contains 0.1% Bronopol (Gruvmark 2004) (Larsen et al. 2006).

#### **3.2.12. Lacquer**

<span id="page-20-0"></span>Three main types of lacquer are used within finishing of sheet fed offset printed matter, i.e. water based lacquer, "offset lacquer" and UV lacquer. Consumption of water based lacquer (dispersion lacquer) is dominant, accounting for at least 80% (Brodin & Korostenski 1995, 1997) and water based lacquer is also used to a high degree as "anti-set-off-agent" in the printing process (Larsen et al. 1995). UV lacquer is excluded here due to lack of readily available data.

<span id="page-20-1"></span>The composition of the generic water based lacquer is shown in [Table 3.8](#page-20-1) and based on Larsen et al. (1995, 2002), Andersen et al. (1999), and Akzo Nobel (2003b, 2004). Known potential components like anti foaming agents and softeners are excluded due to lack of data.



**Table 3.8:** Composition of generic water based lacquer.

\* Here represented by undecyletherpolyoxy-ethylene (5)

According to Gruvmark (2004), water-based lacquers registered at the Danish Ecolabelling Agency either do not contain biocides or 0.016%-0.025% chloracetamid or 0.005%-0.007% bronopol.

<span id="page-20-2"></span>The composition of the generic "offset lacquer" is shown in [Table 3.9](#page-20-2) and resembles a sheet fed offset printing ink without pigments.





\* Substituted by general alkyd resin for upstream production

\*\* Substituted by tetradecane for downstream inventory

\*\*\* Excluded due to lack of data.





#### **3.2.13. Glue**

<span id="page-21-0"></span>The only glue included here is Hot Melt. It is very frequently used within the printing industry (Miljønet 2004) for finishing of catalogues, magazines and paperbacks (Brodin & Korostenski 1995, 1997; Miljønet 2004) and in combination with dispersion glue for finishing of books. The generic composition of Hot Melt is shown in [Table 3.10](#page-21-2) and based on the Hot Melt product Superflex 225 (After Print 1983), Brodin & Korostenski (1995, 1997) and (Miljønet 2004). Antioxidants are excluded due to lack of data (Larsen et al. 2006).

#### <span id="page-21-2"></span>**Table 3.10:** Composition of generic Hot Melt glue.



\* Assumed to be the main component in EVA (Schmidt et al. 1993)

\*\* A modified resin like phenol formaldehyde resin is, as in the case of the generic printing ink, substituted by alkyd resin here. \*\*\* It is assumed here that wax can be represented by polyethylene wax which is often used in wax containing raw materials for

<span id="page-21-1"></span>the printing industry (Larsen et al. 1995).

#### **3.2.14. Cleaning agents**

Different types of cleaning agents are used in a sheet fed offset printing company [\(Table 3.11\)](#page-21-3). The main types include heavy aliphatic (paraffin based, low volatilization), light aliphatic ("ekstraktions benzin", highly volatile), vegetable oil based, alcohol based, surfactants based, and different mixtures of these (Larsen et al. 1995, Akzo Nobel 1998, 2003c). Surfactants are both included in detergent-based types like shampoos and pasta for cleaning rollers and as emulsifiers in solvent-based types (Ludwiszewska 1992; Larsen et al. 1995). Destructors (ink removers) which are only used to a very limited degree (Larsen et al. 1995) are excluded here.



<span id="page-21-3"></span>**Table 3.11:** Types of cleaning agents included in the study.

\* It is assumed here that the surfactants only account for around 2% (Larsen et al. 1995) and that the rest is shared equally between the other types.

\*\* Tetradecane is a component of aliphatic mixtures (C10-C14) with distillation interval: 180-300°C.

\*\*\*Hexane is a component in aliphatic mixtures (C5-C9) with a distillation interval of 60-140°C, i.e. "ekstraktions benzin" (Hansen & Gregersen 1986; Larsen et al. 1995) known to contain limited amounts (ca. 0.1%) of aromatics (Hansen & Gregersen 1986) here assumed to be benzene at its threshold value (0.1%) for classification when occurring in mixtures (ECC 1967 and its amendments, e.g. EC 2001).

The relative share of each of the cleaning agent types in [Table 3.11](#page-21-3) is assumed but supported by Larsen et al. (1995), Anonymous 1 (2000) and Anonymous 6 (2002). At one sheet fed printing company (Anonymous 1 2000) using widely used products, i.e. Synvex, Vegeol, Solvask and "ekstractions benzin" the exact distribution (%  $w/w$ ) excluding surfactants is known, i.e. heavy aliphatic (21%), light aliphatic (23%), alcohol (29%) and vegetable oil based (27%). Based on these arguments the distribution in [Table 3.11](#page-21-3) is assessed to represent the average situation for sheet fed printing companies fairly well, at least in the Nordic countries (Larsen et al. 2006).





## **3.3. Consumption of raw materials**

<span id="page-22-0"></span>The consumption of raw materials in the material stage and the disposal stage are taken into account to a degree defined by the unit processes included and generally not as detailed as the consumption at the production stage.

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If looking at the paper production, the raw materials included are mainly kaolin and wood but not, for example, adhesives and auxiliary materials (e.g. biocides). The consumption of the raw materials and energy at the production stage is shown in [Table 3.12.](#page-22-1)

The consumption figures used in the generic LCA are as far as possible based on data from the technical background document for the Swan criteria (Brodin and Korostenski 1995). However, in most cases data are missing and the investigation conducted in this study is used, see [Table 3.12.](#page-22-1) For paper consumption, the average value calculated in this study is used instead of the average value in Brodin & Korostenski (1995) because the value from the technical background document seems far too low, at least in the Danish printing industry according to three anonymous Danish sheet fed offset printing companies (Anonymous 4-6 2003) and the Graphic Association Denmark (Bøg 2003). The consumption of biocides for film developing and plate making is estimated on the basis of the average rinsing water consumption (see [Table 3.12\)](#page-22-1), and information on a typical dose of around 50 ml per 40 L rinsing water (Cederquist 2004) of a biocide agent i.e. Nautalgin C1 (Deltagraph 1997) with a known biocide content (around 2.7% Kathon®). On this basis, the biocide active ingredient (a.i.) in the rinsing water can be estimated to 33 ppm (Larsen et al. 2006).



<span id="page-22-1"></span>**Table 3.12:** Consumption at the model sheet fed offset printing company (Brodin and Korostenski 1995). kg or  $m^2$  per functional unit (FU).







\* Based on inventory data from 11 offset printing industries: 1 sheet fed, 1 heatset and one cold-set-newspaper (Larsen et al. 1995), 6 sheets fed (Anonymous 1-6: Danish printing companies data from 1999, 2000 and 2002) and 2 cold-set-newspaper (Axelsson et al. 1997).

\*\* Estimated based of consumption of plate area and amount of emulsion per square meter (3.7 g/m<sup>2</sup>) (Baumann & Gräfen 1999b).  $^*$  Larsen et al. (1995).

# Kathon a.i.. Estimated on basis of content in rinsing water and rinsing water consumption.

## Density of Goldstar Developer (Kodak 2002b) used.

### Actual average of range is 0.87 but only 24.5% of total (0.245\*2.5=0.61 kg/FU) is allocated, se[e Table 3.11.](#page-21-3)

§ Spillage of paper for recycling 16% (4.5%-32%).

<sup>§§</sup> Total lacquer consumption 5.6 (3.2-8).

<span id="page-23-0"></span><sup>§§§</sup> Spillage of paper for recycling 9.6% (3.3%-19%).

#### **3.4. Emissions**

Emissions to air, water (and soil) from the material stage and the disposal stage are taken into account to a degree defined by the unit processes included and generally far from as detailed as the emissions at the production stage.

The emissions from the production stage included in this study are shown in [Table 3.13.](#page-23-1)



<span id="page-23-1"></span>**Table 3.13:** Emitted fractions of different materials and substances for the model sheet fed offset printing company (percentage of consumption).







\* Excluded due to lack of data

\*\* Assumed to be incinerated during recycling process of aluminium

Actually this is the paper spillage/waste at the printing company gathered with the purpose of recycling. However as for the paper that is part of the product it is assumed that 53% is recycled and 47% is incinerated according to the Danish situation in 2000 on general recycling of paper (Tønning 2002).

# Quantitative useful data on emission of Hot Melt during use is not readily available. But based on the qualitative description in MiljøNet (2004) it probably primarily contributes to potential occupational health and safety problems in the workers' environment which is not included in this LCA. However air emission of organic solvent components and other organic substances created during the heating process may contribute to LCA impact categories like photochemical ozone formation and human toxicity via air.

Emission of silver to water is estimated on basis of data from the technical background document (Brodin & Korostenski 1995) i.e. a relative coverage of ion exchange equipment of 22% leading to an average emission of 42 mg Ag/m<sup>2</sup> film.

Water emission of film developer is also estimated on basis of Brodin & Korostenski (1995), i.e. the typical value 0.02 L film developer/m<sup>2</sup> film. Density of developer is assumed to be 1.055 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (KODAK 2001b).

Also for fixer, the water emission is calculated on basis of Brodin & Korostenski (1995) with a typical value of 0.08 L/m<sup>2</sup> and an assumed density of 1.31 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (KODAK 2000).

As it is assumed that the rinsing water for film developing and plate making is preserved with biocide agent and after recycling is emitted as wastewater to the sewage system, the biocide agent emission to water becomes 100%.

For the offset plate, it is assumed that 100% of the aluminium is recycled, and for the plate emulsion 60% ends up in the developer of which 40% ends up in the rinsing water (Larsen et al. 1995). As it is assumed that the rinsing water after recycling is emitted to the sewage system, 24% of the emulsion is emitted to water. The remaining 36% is disposed of as chemical waste together with the used developer.

Gumming solution typically ends up in either rinsing water during the plate making process (Anonymous 5 2003) or in the fountain solution during printing (Larsen et al. 1995). As both rinsing water and fountain solution are assumed to be emitted to the sewage system 100% of the gumming solution is emitted to water.





For paper, the spillage/waste amount for recycling is set to 16%. The rest follows the product (see [Table 3.12](#page-22-1) and [Table 3.13\)](#page-23-1). It is assumed that 53% of the paper consumption (including both spillage and product) is recycled and the rest i.e. 47% is incinerated and the heat utilised. This assumption is based on the Danish situation in 2000 (Tønning 2002).

Printing ink emitted to water (e.g. via fountain solution) is assumed to be 1% of ink consumption (Larsen et al. 1995). The percentage ink disposed as chemical waste is estimated to 20% (range: 2.4%-45.9%) on the basis of data from Larsen et al. (1995), Anonymous 1-2 (2000), Anonymous 3 (2002) and Anonymous 5 (2003).

86% of the IPA consumption is assumed to be emitted to air, either as a separate chemical or as part of the fountain solution agent (Larsen et al. 1995). The rest (14%) is assumed to be emitted to the sewage system as part of the used fountain solution. All other components of the fountain solution (biocides and diethylene glycol) are assumed to be fully (100%) emitted to water.

For cleaning agents (see [Table 3.13\)](#page-23-1), the emissions to air and water are mainly based on Larsen et al. (1995), and the rest is assumed to be disposed of as chemical waste. As a minor part of the cleaning is done on dampening form rollers with cloth, 50% of the surfactants are assumed to be emitted to water. The rest is assumed to be part of cleaning agents (e.g. as emulsifiers in solvent based types) for which emission to water is very limited (0.1-1%) (Larsen et al. 1995). However, as low/none volatile solvents may be part of detergent based types for cleaning dampening form rollers with cloth, emission to water of vegetable oil and low volatile aliphatics is set to 1% whereas emission to water of the highly volatile "ekstraktions benzin" is set to 0.1%. Emission of alcohol to water is set to 1% because of high water solubility. The part of the cleaning agent not emitted to air or water is assumed to be disposed of as chemical waste.

On the basis of data from Anonymous 4 (2003), the part of water-based lacquer emitted to water is set to 5% of consumption (due to both cleaning and disposal of lacquer waste). The rest is assumed to be part of the product. For the offset lacquer (oil based) the emission to water is assumed to be only 0.1% of consumption due to a lower number of cleaning cycles (no colour change) and handling of waste as chemical waste (Larsen et al. 1995).





# <span id="page-26-1"></span><span id="page-26-0"></span>**4. Impact assessment**

## **4.1. Conventional assessment**

#### **4.1.1. Methodology**

<span id="page-26-2"></span>The impact assessment methodology used here is the one defined by the ReCiPe method (Goedkoop et al. 2008). The impact categories assessed are shown in Sections [4.1.6](#page-27-1) (for the midpoint level) and [4.1.7](#page-27-2) (for the endpoint level).

The GaBi tool version 4.4 (PE- LBP 2008) is here used to perform the calculations in the different steps of the impact assessment, i.e. classification, characterisation, normalisation, and weighting, but the LCI modelling has been done in a spreadsheet model.

#### **4.1.2. Classification**

<span id="page-26-3"></span>Emissions (or other exchanges) mapped in the inventory were assigned to the relevant impact categories, e.g.  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  and CH<sub>4</sub> emission were assigned to climate change and the CH<sub>4</sub> emission was also assigned to photochemical oxidant formation.

#### **4.1.3. Characterisation**

<span id="page-26-4"></span>For each impact category, a category indicator (CI) result was calculated by summing up the results of each assigned emission quantity (Q) multiplied by its corresponding characterisation factor (CF) within that impact category:

 $CI_{\text{impact category A}} = Q_{1A}^*CF_{1A} + Q_{2A}^*CF_{2A} + ... + Q_{nA}^*CF_{nA}$ 

The category indicator results for all the impact categories included represent the characterised Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) profile of the generic printed matter. This profile can be presented as such or as normalized values to assist comparisons across impact categories.

<span id="page-26-5"></span>The characterisation factors applied in this study were taken from ReCiPe (Goedkoop et al. 2008) included in the GaBi 4.4 tool database.

#### **4.1.4. Normalisation**

In order to provide an impression of the relative magnitude of the potential impacts of emissions or resources consumption and facilitate interpretation (Jolliet et al. 2003), the category indicator results can be related to reference information by applying normalisation factors. As dully noted by Heijungs (2005) different references can be defined, but a commonly used reference is the average yearly environmental load in a country, continent, or global, divided by the number of its inhabitants.

In the present report, normalisation refers to the ratio between characterised results and a reference situation per capita yielding the normalised impact score for each of the impact categories. The reference situation is obtained by the total impact potential of the reference region (i.e. characterised total emissions or resources consumed) divided by the number of its inhabitants in the reference year, and expressed in units of person·yr or person-equivalents (PE).





These normalisation references (NR) per impact category thus express the average impact per capita in the reference region and year.

The NRs applied to normalise ReCiPe's category results were taken from Goedkoop et al. (2013) for year 2000 – see [Table 4.20](#page-45-1) (page [46\)](#page-45-1) for midpoint indicators and [Table 4.23](#page-48-1) (page [49\)](#page-48-1) for endpoint to damage normalisation.

<span id="page-27-0"></span>Normalisation was done on spreadsheet-based calculations.

#### **4.1.5. Weighting**

Weight attribution to the normalised category indicator results is used to set an indication of seriousness of each category for comparison. In the present study no distinct weighting was assigned to the different categories, meaning that weighting factor was assigned to 1 to all categories.

#### **4.1.6. ReCiPe midpoints**

<span id="page-27-1"></span>Characterisation at the midpoint level was done for the following impact categories:



**Table 4.1:** Midpoint indicators in ReCiPe (Goedkoop et al. 2008).

## **4.1.7. ReCipe endpoints**

<span id="page-27-2"></span>Characterisation at the endpoint level was done for the following impact categories:

Impact category	Unit
Agricultural land occupation	species∙yr
Climate change Ecosystems	species∙yr
Climate change Human Health	<b>DALY</b>
Fossil depletion	
Freshwater ecotoxicity	species∙yr
Freshwater eutrophication	species∙vr
Human toxicity	<b>DALY</b>

**Table 4.2:** Endpoint indicators in ReCiPe (Goedkoop et al. 2008).







# <span id="page-28-0"></span>**4.2. Assessment of the new life cycle impact categories developed in LC-IMPACT**

The newly developed methodologies in the LC-IMPACT that were found relevant for the case study on paper production and printing are included in [Table 4.3.](#page-28-2)



<span id="page-28-2"></span>**Table 4.3:** Impact indicators based on the new assessment methodologies developed in LC-IMPACT project.

<span id="page-28-1"></span>A short description of the methodologies, the inventory flows, applied characterisation factors, and estimated impact scores are included in the following sections.

#### **4.2.1. Land use**

This impact category was found relevant for the paper production stage and its methodology applies to the estimation of impacts from land use on:

- Biodiversity Depletion Potential (BDP) from Land Use [\(4.2.1.1\)](#page-29-0)
- Land Use impacts from Forestry [\(4.2.1.2\)](#page-32-0);
- Land Occupation impacts from Soil Erosion [\(4.2.1.3\)](#page-33-0).

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#### **4.2.1.1. Biodiversity Depletion Potential (BDP) from Land Use**

#### *4.2.1.1.1. Brief description*

(*taken from LC-IMPACT Deliverable D1.2 – De Baan et al. 2012a, De Baan et al. 2012b. Additional guidance for application from De Baan 2012, supporting publication: De Baan et al. 2013)*

Land occupation is here addressed as an important driver for biodiversity loss. Biodiversity is a complex and multifaceted concept, involving several hierarchical levels (i.e. genes, species, ecosystems), biological attributes (i.e., composition, structure, function) and a multitude of temporal and spatial dynamics. Biodiversity assessments therefore have to simplify this complexity into a few facets, which are quantifiable with current knowledge and data. Existing land use LCIA methods assess land use impacts on biodiversity on a global scale, quantifying the biodiversity value of reference habitat of different biomes based on vascular plant species richness, ecosystems scarcity, and ecosystems vulnerability. The new methodology proposes to apply a regionalized global method based on a broader taxonomic coverage, answering the need for inclusion of a spatial heterogeneity of biodiversity to deal with the non-uniform and variable reactions of ecosystems and species to disturbances (such as land use).

The developed method is based on the framework for Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) of land use, developed by the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative working group, which distinguishes three types of land use impacts: transformation impacts (caused by land use change), occupation impacts (occurring during the land use activity), and permanent impacts (i.e. irreversible impacts on ecosystems, which occur when an ecosystem cannot fully recover after disturbance). The authors have focused on the occupation impacts.

The biomes defined by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) were used as spatial unit for biogeographic differentiation, representing the world's 14 major terrestrial habitat types. Land use types were classified based on the UNEP/SETAC LULCIA proposal.

A global quantitative analysis of peer-reviewed biodiversity surveys were combined with national biodiversity monitoring data to assess land use impacts across multiple taxonomic groups and world regions, using a set of species-based biodiversity indicators. The indicator relative species richness is used to calculate characterisation factors for occupation impacts of terrestrial ecosystems expressed as a Biodiversity Damage Potential (BDP). Overall, the impact of land use on biodiversity was assessed by comparing the relative difference of biodiversity of a land use *i* with a (semi-) natural reference situation.

#### *4.2.1.1.2. Inventory flows*

<span id="page-29-1"></span>The relevant flows to the paper production processes identified and used in the present study relate to the background processes of forest land occupation and transformation for the paper production in the material stage, were quantified as (Hemerobie ecoinvent):

 ${Occulation, arable, non-irrigated} = 26.43 m<sup>2</sup>*yr$ {Occupation, construction site} = 0.08  $m^2*$ yr {Occupation, dump site} =  $1.03 \text{ m}^2$ \*yr {Occupation, dump site, benthos} = 0.06 m<sup>2</sup>\*yr {Occupation, forest, intensive} = 3,274.29  $m^2*$ yr {Occupation, forest, intensive, normal} = 1,533.57  $m^2*$ yr {Occupation, forest, intensive, short-cycle} =  $3.18 \text{ m}^2*$ yr {Occupation, industrial area} = 0.59 m<sup>2</sup>\*yr {Occupation, industrial area, benthos} =  $5.38E-04$  m<sup>2\*</sup>yr {Occupation, industrial area, built up} = 0.79  $m^2*$ yr





{Occupation, industrial area, vegetation} = 0.50  $m^2*$ yr {Occupation, mineral extraction site} = 0.89  $m^2*$ yr {Occupation, permanent crop, fruit, intensive} = 7.45 m<sup>2\*</sup>yr {Occupation, shrub land, sclerophyllous} = 0.02  $m^2*$ yr {Occupation, traffic area, rail embankment} = 0.38 m<sup>2\*</sup>yr {Occupation, traffic area, rail network} = 0.43  $m^2*$ yr {Occupation, traffic area, road embankment} = 69.07 m<sup>2\*</sup>yr {Occupation, traffic area, road network} =  $1.06 \text{ m}^2*$ yr {Occupation, urban, discontinuously built} = 0.06  $m^2*$ yr {Occupation, water bodies, artificial} =  $1.31 \text{ m}^2*\text{yr}$ {Occupation, water courses, artificial} = 0.43 m<sup>2</sup>\*yr

# **•** Sum {occupation} = 4,921.63  $m^2$ \*yr

{Transformation, from arable} =  $5.66E-04$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from arable, non-irrigated} =  $4.85E+01$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from arable, non-irrigated, fallow} = 9.26E-05  $m^2$ {Transformation, from dump site, inert material landfill} = 1.91E-03  $m<sup>2</sup>$ {Transformation, from dump site, residual material landfill} =  $1.19$ E-03 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from dump site, sanitary landfill} = 1.30E-03  $m^2$ {Transformation, from dump site, slag compartment} = 1.72E-04  $m<sup>2</sup>$ {Transformation, from forest} =  $1.37E$ -01 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from forest, extensive} =  $3.33E+01$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from forest, intensive, clear-cutting} =  $1.14$ E-01 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from industrial area} =  $1.18E$ -03 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from industrial area, benthos} =  $3.66E-06$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from industrial area, built up} = 1.30E-06  $m^2$ {Transformation, from industrial area, vegetation} = 2.22E-06  $m^2$ {Transformation, from mineral extraction site} =  $3.10$ E-02 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from pasture and meadow} =  $1.14$ E-02 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from pasture and meadow, intensive} = 3.96E-02  $m^2$ {Transformation, from sea and ocean} =  $5.88E-02 \text{ m}^2$ {Transformation, from shrub land, sclerophyllous} =  $6.80E-03$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from tropical rain forest} =  $1.14$ E-01 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, from unknown} =  $2.75E-01$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to arable} =  $2.22E-02$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to arable, non-irrigated} =  $4.86E+01$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to arable, non-irrigated, fallow} =  $1.34$ E-04 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to dump site} = 7.55E-03  $m<sup>2</sup>$ {Transformation, to dump site, benthos} =  $5.88E-02$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to dump site, inert material landfill} =  $1.91E$ -03 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to dump site, residual material landfill} =  $1.19$ E-03 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to dump site, sanitary landfill} = 1.30E-03  $m^2$ {Transformation, to dump site, slag compartment} =  $1.72E$ -04 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to forest} =  $1.86E-02$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to forest, intensive} =  $2.18E+01$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to forest, intensive, clear-cutting} =  $1.14$ E-01 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to forest, intensive, normal} =  $1.09E+01$  m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to forest, intensive, short-cycle} =  $1.14$ E-01 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to heterogeneous, agricultural} = 6.43E-03  $m^2$ {Transformation, to industrial area} =  $8.16$ E-03 m<sup>2</sup> {Transformation, to industrial area, benthos} =  $5.24E-05$  m<sup>2</sup>





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• Sum  ${Transformation} = 165.24 m<sup>2</sup>$ 

#### *4.2.1.1.3. Characterisation factors for regional absolute impacts*

The chosen method to assess land use impacts to BDP is described by De Baan et al. (2012a, b, c) as regional absolute impacts expressed in PDF<sub>regional</sub> to fit the specificity of the available data and study scope.

To estimate the regional absolute impacts for land occupation, transformation, and permanent impacts, the assessment is done at regional scale. The total potential species extinction of all land use occurring within one ecosystem (=WWF ecoregion) is modelled using an adapted species-area relationship (matrix calibrated species-area relationship). This total species loss is then allocated to all the land use types depending on their intensity (=suitability for species) and the percentage of converted area that is occupied by this land use type within each ecoregion.

Distinction is made between reversible and irreversible species loss. Reversible impacts are calculated based on the potential loss of non-endemic species (i.e. species that also occur in other ecoregions and can potentially be reintroduced if they get regionally extinct). This is used to derive occupation and transformation impacts, which are considered to be reversible. Irreversible impacts are based on the potential loss of endemic species, i.e. species that only occur within one ecoregion and thus get globally extinct. These impacts are used to calculate permanent impacts.

Forestry and paper production processes are assigned to Sweden in the present case study. To obtain a representative country CF the 4 ecoregions that Sweden is part of were accounted for and their respective CFs weight averaged by land area, as per the calculations shown in [Table 4.4.](#page-32-1)





<span id="page-32-1"></span>**Table 4.4:** Calculations of the Characterisation Factors (CF) for land Occupation (*Occ*), Transformation (*Trans*) and Permanent (*Perm*) impacts applicable to Sweden, based on the available CFs for Land use type "*Used forests*" of the relevant ecoregions (based on De Baan et al. 2012c)



\*PA0405 = Baltic mixed forests (ecoregion) from Temperate Broadleaf and Mixed Forests (Biome)

\*\* PA0436 = Sarmatic mixed forests (ecoregion) from Temperate Broadleaf and Mixed Forests (Biome)

\*\*\*PA0608 = Scandinavian and Russian taiga (ecoregion) from Boreal Forests/Taiga (Biome)

\*\*\*\*PA1110 = Scandinavian Montane Birch forest and grasslands (ecoregion) from Tundra (Biome)

n/a = not available

#### *4.2.1.1.4. BDP Impact scores*

To calculate impact scores for land use occupation, transformation, or permanent impacts [\(Table 4.5\)](#page-32-2), the identified CF is multiplied by the land use occupation flow from the life cycle inventory given as time ( $t_{\text{Occ}}$ ) and area ( $A_{\text{Occ}}$ ) required for a certain land use activity for land occupation, or simply area (A<sub>trans</sub>) by a certain land use activity for land transformation and permanent impacts, applying the following calculations:

Total <u>Occ</u>upation impact = CF<sub>occ</sub> \* {Area occupied [m<sup>2</sup>]} \* {Time occupied [years]} Total **Transformation impact = CF**<sub>trans</sub> \* {Area transformed [m<sup>2</sup>]} Total <u>Perm</u>anent impact = CF<sub>perm</sub> \* {Area transformed [m<sup>2</sup>]} Where: CF<sub>occ</sub>: [potential loss of **non-endemic** species/m<sup>2</sup>] = [potential **regional** loss species /m<sup>2</sup>] CF<sub>trans</sub>: [potential loss of **non-endemic** species/m<sup>2</sup> \* year] = [potential **regional** loss species /m<sup>2</sup> \* year] CF<sub>perm</sub>: [potential loss of **endemic** species/m<sup>2</sup> \* year] = [potential **global** loss species /m<sup>2</sup> \* year]

<span id="page-32-2"></span>**Table 4.5:** Estimation of Impact scores from land Occupation (*Occ*), Transformation (*Trans*) and Permanent (*Perm*) impacts, from available relevant Characterisation Factors (CF) and Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) flows.

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Impact	<b>Applicable CF</b>	<b>LCI unit flow</b>	Impact score (CF*LCI)
Occupation impact	2.84E-12 PDF $_{\text{reational}}/m^2$	4,921.63 $m^*$ vr	1.40E-08 $PDF_{\text{regional}}$ *yr
Transformation impact	$6.25$ E-10 PDF $_{\rm regional}$ *yr/m <sup>2</sup>	$165.24 \text{ m}^2$	$1.03E$ -07 PDF $_{\rm regional}$ *yr
Permanent impact	$6.66E-06$ PDF <sub>regional</sub> *yr/m <sup>2</sup>	$165.24 \text{ m}^2$	1.10E-03 PDF $_{\rm regional}$ *yr

#### **4.2.1.2. Land Use impacts from Forestry**

#### *4.2.1.2.1. Brief description*

*(taken from LC-IMPACT Deliverable D1.2 – Muchada et al. 2012)*

A notable effect of bioenergy use is in the way that extraction processes of biomass e.g. forest wood for biofuel use or pulp production in the present case, can cause changes in terrestrial carbon stocks and in the overall carbon balance. This impact category is expressed by a global, spatial-explicit method that quantifies the effects of changes in forests wood resource extraction for bioenergy, on the carbon balance, which lead to climate change and subsequent damage to

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biodiversity and human health. The CF represents the change in forest carbon stock per every extra cubic metre of wood extracted – midpoint CF unit:  $tc·vr/m<sup>3</sup>$  wood.

#### *4.2.1.2.2. Inventory flow*

The relevant flows, i.e. volume (m<sup>3</sup>) of wood (per FU) to feed the paper production aggregated process identified and used in the present study were quantified as:

 ${Wood} = 3.97E-05 m<sup>3</sup>$ {Wood, hard, standing} =  $2.16E+00 m<sup>3</sup>$ {Wood, primary forest, standing} =  $1.18E-03$  m<sup>3</sup> {Wood, soft, standing} =  $1.72E+00$  m<sup>3</sup>

**Total {Wood} = 3.87 m 3**

#### *4.2.1.2.3. Characterisation factors*

The estimated midpoint Characterisation Factors ( $CF<sub>m</sub>$ ) represent the change in forest carbon stock per every extra cubic metre of wood extracted (Van Zelm 2012):

**Midpoint CF (tC∙yr/m<sup>3</sup> wood):** Sweden = 6.46E+01

Endpoint characterisation factors ( $CF_e$ ) were determined for the damage on human health in Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALY) related to malaria, malnutrition, drowning, diarrhoea, and cardio-vascular diseases (DALY/ $m<sup>3</sup>$  wood) and potentially disappeared fraction (PDF) of some selected species, including birds, butterflies, mammals, and plants for terrestrial ecosystems (PDF·yr·m<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> wood) caused by wood extraction in managed forests.

Global damage to human health due to increase in cubic metre of wood extracted from that country (Van Zelm 2013):

**Endpoint CF for Human health damage (DALY/m<sup>3</sup> wood):** Sweden = 1.37E-03

Global damage to ecosystems health due to increase in cubic metre of wood extracted from that country (Van Zelm 2013):

**Endpoint CF for Ecosystems health damage (PDF∙m<sup>2</sup> ∙yr/m<sup>3</sup> wood):** Sweden = 1.35E-11

#### *4.2.1.2.4. Forestry impact scores*

The calculation of the impact scores from Forestry [\(Table 4.6\)](#page-33-1) refers to the multiplication of the relevant CF with the identified LCI flow (used  $m^3$  of wood).

<span id="page-33-1"></span>**Table 4.6:** Estimation of Impact scores from forestry in Sweden from available relevant Characterisation Factors (CF) and Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) unit flows.

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#### **4.2.1.3. Land Occupation impacts from Soil Erosion**

#### *4.2.1.3.1. Brief description*

(*taken from LC-IMPACT Deliverable D1.2 – Núñez et al. 2012a. Additional guidance for application from Núñez 2012a, b. Supporting publication: Núñez et al. 2012b)*





This method aims at estimating potential environmental damages at the endpoint level due to soil erosion during land occupation (land transformation is not addressed). It is suitable for any type of land use. Two endpoint indicators are included: one for Damage to Resources (ΔR, unit: megajoules solar energy, i.e., emergy, MJ<sub>se</sub>), and the other for Damage to Ecosystems (ΔEQ unit: decimal percentage of net primary production depletion, NPPD).

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Damage to resources ( $\Delta R$ ) is expressed as surplus energy needed to make the resource available at some point in the future. This is a suitable unit to evaluate soil depletion, which indicates the anticipated energy removal from nature to provide a unit of soil eroded during land occupation. Instead of using energy units (MJ-equivalents), the new approach uses emergy units (MJ-solar equivalents). Unlike the energy metric, emergy accounts for quality differences of the energy used to generate a product or service by converting raw units (e.g., kg soil,  $m^3$  water) to a common basis, i.e., units of solar energy. The effect of soil erosion on soil resource depletion (∆R) is expressed as follows with units of MJ-solar equivalent soil loss integrated by unit of area and time of land occupation:

- If soil loss =  $0, \Delta R = 0$
- If soil loss > 0,  $\Delta R = A \times t \times$  Soil loss  $\times \frac{SD_{ref} SD_j}{SD_{ref}} \times SEF_{soil} = MJ_{se} \cdot m^2 \cdot yr$ LCI CF

The effect of soil erosion on ecosystems quality (ΔEQ) is expressed using a growth-based value: NPPD (potential net primary production depletion). For an occupation of 1  $m^2$  and 1 year, NPPD ranges from 0 to 1 (percentage expressed as a decimal).

The effects of soil erosion on ecosystems quality (∆EQ) are expressed using a growth-based value:

- $\bullet$  If SOC<sub>loss</sub> = 0,  $\Delta$ EQ = 0
- If SOC<sub>loss</sub> > 0, ΔEQ = A× t ×  $\frac{aSOC_{loss}+b}{100}$  ×  $\frac{NPP_{0,i}}{NPP_{0,re}}$  $\frac{\mathsf{NPP}_{0,i}}{\mathsf{NPP}_{0,ref}} = \mathsf{NPPD}\cdot\mathsf{m}^2\cdot\mathsf{yr}$ LCI CF

*4.2.1.3.2. Inventory flow*

The relevant flow to the paper production processes identified and used in the present study relate to the forest land occupation, which was quantified as described earlier (in Section [4.2.1.1.2,](#page-29-1) page [30\)](#page-29-1):

**Sum {occupation} = 4,921.63 m<sup>2</sup> \*yr**

Other relevant LCI data from the present case study include:

- Land occupation type: Forest land, intensive use, normal cycle;
- Soil erosion in Sweden: 34 g·m<sup>-2</sup>·yr<sup>-1</sup> (average value, after Ulén et al., 2012);

 Topsoil Organic carbon content (% weight): 5.27 considering the Podzols dominant soil group in Sweden, from Harmonized World Soil Database (HWSD, FAO et al., 2009);

## *4.2.1.3.3. Characterisation factors*

The characterisation factors were available for a specific location (upon request given local coordinates), country, continent, and global default [\(Table 4.7\)](#page-35-1). The country aggregation was used in the present case study, as there is no identified source location for wood/pulp and the applicable Ecoinvent process is generic (aggregated), hence CF for Sweden was applied.





<span id="page-35-1"></span>**Table 4.7:** Characterisation Factors (CF) available for the Soil Erosion impact category for two different endpoints.



#### *4.2.1.3.4. Erosion impact scores*

The estimated impact scores for the Soil Erosion category are presented in [Table 4.8](#page-35-2) below.

<span id="page-35-2"></span>**Table 4.8:** Estimation of impact scores due to Soil Erosion in Sweden for the paper production part of the present case study.



#### **4.2.2. Water use**

<span id="page-35-0"></span>This impact category was found relevant for the paper production stage and its methodology applies to surface water (SW) and groundwater (GW) consumption, covering:

• Impacts on wetland biodiversity from surface water ( $CF_{WL,SW}$ ) and groundwater ( $CF_{WL,GW}$ ) withdraw [\(4.2.2.3\)](#page-36-0);

• Impacts on river biodiversity (CF<sub>river</sub>) [\(4.2.2.4\)](#page-37-0).

#### **4.2.2.1. Brief description**

*(taken from LC-IMPACT Deliverable D1.3 – Verones et al 2012a, Verones et al. 2012b. Additional guidance for application from Hellweg et al. 2012)*

Wetlands are complex ecosystems that provide multiple services such as water purification, buffering of water flows, resources for human uses (e.g., food, plants, water, building materials and medicines) as well as habitats for a wide range of biodiversity, of which a considerable part is dependent or linked to wetlands. Additionally, more than 70% of the global freshwater withdrawals are used for agriculture, thus the pressure on wetlands is twofold from a water perspective: 1) active drainage for land gains, and 2) hydrological changes due to the abstraction of surface and groundwater. In the same line, human-induced changes in water consumption are likely to reduce the species richness of freshwater ecosystems.

In the LC-IMPACT project, a new scientifically sound methodology for the assessment of groundwater and surface water use was developed to deliver characterisation factors (CFs) for the environmental impact of water use on natural wetland vegetation, taking into account local conditions. The methods address impacts to human health (in terms of DALY/m<sup>3</sup>) and impacts to ecosystems (in terms of PDF·yr·m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> as well as absolute species loss per m<sup>3</sup>).




The methodology implies the quantification of surface water (SW) and groundwater (GW) consumption. The amount of SW consumed has an impact on the biodiversity of wetlands of international importance ( $CF_{WL,SW}$ ) downstream the place of use, on the biodiversity of river systems (CF<sub>river</sub>), and on human health (CF<sub>HH</sub>). Similarly, GW consumed has an impact on groundwater-fed wetlands ( $CF_{WL,GW}$ ) and human health ( $CF_{HH}$ ).

## **4.2.2.2. Inventory flows**

In accordance to the method description and CFs available from Verones (2012), the water sources used in the paper production processes have to be identified and the amount consumed per functional unit quantified.

The case study deals with a generic paper production process (aggregated) from Ecoinvent in GaBi (*RER: paper, woodfree, coated, at integrated mill*), therefore no specific location can be assigned to the water sources, hence the need to define the spatial aggregation scale to the country average (Sweden).

The classification of the water source types (SW or GW) is difficult due to the identification of the flows resulting from GaBi modelling, e.g. 96.8% of the water flows included in the mentioned Ecoinvent aggregated process are generically assigned to "Water [Water]" – only the remaining 3.2% are specifically assigned to SW (ca. 2.0%, river and lake water), GW (ca. 0.9%), and other sources (ca. 0.3% for sea water, and salt water).

For the estimation of the impacts on biodiversity of river systems only 1.9% of the total water consumed is readily identified as surface water (Water (river water) [Water]). Therefore, an assumption was introduced regarding a user-defined *pro rata* % of SW and GW from the gross unspecified amount (Water [Water]) [\(Table 4.9\)](#page-36-0) was applied here to the estimation of impacts on wetlands biodiversity, human health, and river biodiversity, as a modified LCI flow.

The basis for the *pro rata* calculation is the typical water source shares in Sweden (Statistics Sweden 2013).



<span id="page-36-0"></span>**Table 4.9:** Re-classification of water sources into modified LCI flows (Flow\*) of surface water (SW\*) and groundwater (GW\*) by application of a *pro rata* from Swedish statistics (Statistics Sweden 2013) of water sources to the unspecified category (Water [Water]).

# **4.2.2.3. Impacts on wetland biodiversity**

## *4.2.2.3.1. Characterisation factors*

The characterisation factors [\(Table 4.10\)](#page-37-0) for wetlands of international importance (CF<sub>WI</sub>) were provided for the country scale (Sweden, averaged for the existing wetlands with surface- and





groundwater consumption) as the paper production process is not assigned to a specific location and an aggregated process is used in the modelling.

<span id="page-37-0"></span>**Table 4.10:** Averaged characterisation factors for Sweden for the estimation of the impacts on wetlands of international importance (CF<sub>WI</sub>) upon consumption of surface water (SW) or groundwater (GW) per animal group.



# *4.2.2.3.2. Wetland biodiversity impact scores*

The impact scores (IS) are obtained by multiplying the relevant unit LCI flow by the corresponding CF [\(Table 4.11\)](#page-37-1). The IS can be aggregated after the characterisation into a general unspecified target group (water dependent animals).

<span id="page-37-1"></span>**Table 4.11:** Impact scores (IS) on wetlands of international importance upon consumption of surface water (SW) or groundwater (GW) per animal group and aggregated impact group. Uncertainty included.



# **4.2.2.4. Impacts on river biodiversity**

Human-induced changes in water consumption are likely to reduce the species richness of freshwater ecosystems. The method for estimating characterisation factors for water consumption is based on the loss of native freshwater fish species using a species-river discharge curve for 214 global river basins (Hellweg et al. 2012).

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## *4.2.2.4.1. Characterisation factors*

No Swedish rivers (geographical scope relevant for the case study) are included in the available CFs listing, so the default CF of 5.00 $\cdot 10^{-4}$  PDF $\cdot$ m<sup>3</sup> $\cdot$ yr/m<sup>3</sup> is applied (Huijbregts 2012).

## *4.2.2.4.2. River biodiversity impact scores*

**Table 4.12:** Impact scores (IS) of freshwater consumption on river's biodiversity.



## **4.2.3. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET)**

This impact category was found relevant for both the paper production stage and the printing stage and its methodology applies to waterborne organic emissions.

## **4.2.3.1. Brief description**

## *(taken from LC-IMPACT Deliverable D2.2 – Raptis et al. 2012)*

Existing aquatic ecotoxicity fate and effect models used in LCIA have been developed explicitly for individual chemicals and inadequately account for the ecotoxicity of complex chemical mixtures, such as industrial effluents. Commonly measured parameters include organic sumparameters, such as total organic carbon (TOC), chemical oxygen demand (COD) and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). The proposed methodology for WET provides a means of developing fate and effect models for TOC, an all-encompassing measure of organic content.

Freshwater ecotoxicity characterisation factors ( $CF_{w_{\text{TOC}}}$ ) are calculated as a product of relevant fate,  $FF_{w,w}$ , exposure,  $XF_w$ , and effect,  $EF_w$ , factors, and are dependent on a set of key measurements, especially with regard to the effect factor,  $EF_{\text{wroc}}$ .

The proposed methodology lends itself for easy use in LCA studies involving industrial effluents as part of their emissions, since ecotoxicity is attributed to TOC, a commonly measured organic sum-parameter, thus avoiding the need for extensive single chemical data in the inventory phase, or assumptions regarding the effluent composition.

While awaiting publication permission from a complete WET study for pulp and paper mill effluents, the fate factor for TOC for similar effluents has been calculated via the USEtox fate model. Environmental fate parameters used as inputs to the USEtox model were individually estimated, either directly from experimental studies, or from empirical relations. The expected residence time of TOC from pulp and paper mill effluents between 7.7 and 23.2 days for the scenarios considered, which was averaged to 15.5 days for application in the present case study.

Conversion from available industrial COD data regarding and the model input TOC was achieved by applying the correlation COD=49.2+3.0\*TOC developed by Dubber & Gray (2010).

## **4.2.3.2. Inventory flow**

The inventory flow identified for this category was obtained from industry data, i.e. COD concentration in rinse water discharged from the platemaking process, converted to TOC using the correlation by Dubber & Gray (2010), and scaled to FU (see [Table 4.13\)](#page-39-0). This estimated value of TOC was used to feed the platemaking process in the average printing stage and complemented by ecoinvent data for the stage's remaining processes.





<span id="page-39-0"></span>**Table 4.13.** Calculations to estimate TOC inventory flow for the platemaking process in the printing stage for the model printing company to be applied in the WET impact category.



The resulting inventory flow for the printing stage totals 0.94 kg TOC/FU (which includes the calculated company data above) and 1.31 kg TOC/FU for the paper production process (from ecoinvent in GaBi).

## **4.2.3.3. Characterisation factors**

As mentioned above, the FF<sub>w,w</sub> ranges from 7.7 d to 23.2 depending on the considered scenario for emissions to continental freshwater. These results are averaged to 15.5 d for application in the present case study.

Due to dissemination/publication restrictions from industry partners the  $EF_{W_{TOC}}$  is not further explained and the given value is applied:

 $EF_{W_{TOC}}$  = 3.31 PAF $\cdot$ m<sup>3</sup>/kg [TOC]

And the resulting CF $_{\rm W_{TOC}}$ = 51.3 PAF $\cdot$ m $^3\cdot$ d/kg

## **4.2.3.4. Impact scores**

The estimated impact scores for the ecotoxicity of whole effluents are presented in [Table 4.14](#page-39-1) next.



<span id="page-39-1"></span>**Table 4.14:** Impact scores (IS) of ecotoxicity of whole effluents (TOC=Total Organic Carbon).

The CF for the WET impact category was developed for the paper production stage based on emissions data and conditions from pulp and paper mills. However, the same CF was applied here to the printing stage as well. Although not correct, this application was set as a necessary assumption in order to get a working impact score for the assessment for the printing stage of the product system. The uncertainty of this application was not estimated but the misapplication is recognised.

The subsequent interpretation of the impact scores is only for the characterised scores as no normalisation reference was developed, therefore no major influence in the overall interpretation is further introduced.





# **4.2.4. Photochemical ozone formation**

This impact category was found relevant for the printing stage and its methodology applies to the endpoints human health and ecosystems damage.

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# **4.2.4.1. Brief description**

## *(taken from LC-IMPACT Deliverable D3.5 – Azevedo et al. 2012)*

A spatially explicit assessment of  $NO<sub>x</sub>$  and NMVOC with regard to photochemical ozone formation (POF) has been conducted for Europe. The impact indicators are impacts on human health and impacts on natural vegetation.

The endpoint characterisation factors for damage to natural vegetation (ecosystems damage) were derived on a spatially explicit scale for 65 European regions. The characterisation factors are defined as the change in ozone damage on natural vegetation due to a change in emission of NOx and NMVOC, and consist of a fate and an effect factor. The fate factors were determined with source-receptor relationships based on the EMEP atmospheric model for each of the 65 source regions on a 0.5x0.5 degree receptor grid resolution. The effect factors were based on a lognormal relationship between the potentially affected fraction of plant species and ground level ozone exposure. The sensitivity distributions were derived using experimentally derived species-specific dose-response relationships.

Characterisation factors regarding human health are defined as the change in ozone damage expresses as disability adjusted life years (DALY) and YOLL due to a change in emission of NOx and NMVOC, and consist of a fate and an effect factor. The fate factors were also determined with source-receptor relationships based on the EMEP atmospheric model for each of the 65 European source regions. Regarding human health the ozone metric SOMO35 was used to calculate impacts due to mortality and morbidity in Europe for the years 2010 and 2020.

# **4.2.4.2. Characterisation factors**

The characterisation factors for human health damage are available per region (Sweden + Denmark) and per country (Denmark) for ecosystems damage [\(Table 4.15\)](#page-40-0).

<span id="page-40-0"></span>**Table 4.15:** Characterisation Factors (CF) available for human health damage (midpoint and endpoint) and ecosystems damage (endpoint with EMEP lognormal method) from photochemical ozone formation emissions (NOx and NMVOC).







# **4.2.4.3. Inventory flow**

The relevant flows to the case study refer to the emitted NOx to air and NMVOC to air, which were quantified as:

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- {Nitrogen oxides to air} =  $1.05$  kg
- $\bullet$  {Group NMVOC to air} = 0.29 kg

# **4.2.4.4. Impact scores**

The estimated impact scores for the photochemical ozone formation emissions are presented in [Table 4.16](#page-41-0) next.



<span id="page-41-0"></span>**Table 4.16:** Impact scores (IS) from photochemical ozone formation emissions.

## **4.2.5. Fine particulate matter formation (indoor exposure to particles)**

This impact category was found relevant for the printing stage and its methodology applicable to the endpoint human indoor exposure to fine particulate matter.

# **4.2.5.1. Brief description**

Intake fractions from both indoor and outdoor exposure are part of the characterisation factor (CF), within the same impact category "human toxic effects", following the USE tox methodology (Hellweg et al. 2009):  $CF = iF \cdot EF$ 

Where *iF* is the intake fraction [kg<sub>intake</sub>/kg<sub>emitted</sub>] and *EF* the effect factor [cases/ kg<sub>intake</sub>]. In the Life Cycle Impact Assessment phase, the characterisation factors are multiplied with the emissions reported in the inventory phase to determine an overall impact score for potential human-toxic effects (Hellweg et al. 2009).

# **4.2.5.2. Impact**

Inventory data was partially gathered, but insufficient to feed the intake fraction model, and no EF was available, therefore no CF was calculated and no impact estimation was possible.

# **4.2.6. Indoor exposure to solvents**

This impact category was found relevant for the printing stage and its methodology applicable to the endpoint human indoor exposure to solvents.

No CFs were found available and therefore no impact estimation was possible.

# **4.2.7. Noise impact to humans**

This impact category was found relevant for the printing stage and its methodology applies to indoor exposure to noise in an occupational exposure perspective.





## **4.2.7.1. Brief description**

*(taken from LC-IMPACT Deliverable D3.6 – Cucurachi et al. 2012. Additional guidance for application from Cucurachi 2012 and CFs listed in Cucurachi & Heijungs 2012)*

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Noise is a serious stressor affecting the health of millions of citizens. It has been suggested that disturbance by noise is responsible for a substantial part of the DALY-score for human health. However, no recommended approach to address noise impacts was proposed by the ILCD reference handbook, nor characterisation factors and appropriate inventory data are available in databases. This new methodology fills the gap of the absence of noise as an impact category in LCA and presents characterisation factors for noise impacts at a European level (i.e. EU27).

Sounds emitted by a source are complex, and fluctuate in amplitude and frequency content. The relationships between sound energy level and frequency are required for the meaningful analysis of a sound spectrum. This newly proposed methodology proposes to decompose the sound emitted by a source according to the one-third octave bands centre frequencies in which its spectrum can be decomposed. The method can be applied to outdoor sound emissions as well as to indoor or localised occupational sound emissions. This latter situation covers the needs of the printing case study in the LC-IMPACT project. It refers to the exposure to sound emissions which take place in an indoor environment (e.g. a print shop, a production line in a factory) and here considered as "occupational". Therefore, they are specifically oriented at investigating the effects of sound emissions (and noise) on e.g. machinery and equipment operators or, in general, all the categories of workers operating with indoors equipment which produces a sound energy of variable intensity.

## **4.2.7.2. Inventory flow**

The sound power levels are converted from dB to watt by:  $W_i = 10^{-12} \times 10^{\frac{L}{2}}$  $\mathbf{1}$ 

where W is the sound power of the source (or of the full set of active sources) in watt, Lw is the sound power level per each octave band *i*. The formula applies also to an unspecified frequency and an unspecified time of emission (i.e. *i* = unspecified).

Then the time that the functional unit is active in the specific compartment is multiplied to the sound power levels to calculate the elementary flows are calculated by:  $m_{i,c} = W_i \times time_c$ 

where m (the inventory flow) is the sound emission in joule (watt\*sec) specified (or unspecified) per octave band and in a certain compartment *c*. Once again, *i* may be unspecified. time<sub>c</sub> in second, can be calculated based on the production rate of the system (i.e. kg/s) and the relative output (i.e. kg).

For the present case study the following data and calculations [\(Table 4.17\)](#page-42-0) were applied for the estimation of the inventory flow.

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Number of workers \* time of exposure until production of FU.

 $^{\rm b}$  Day 12/24 hrs; Evening 4/24 hrs; Night 8/24 hrs.





# **4.2.7.3. Characterisation factors**

The characterisation factors are provided for eight sound octaves (1-8, and unspecified frequency), three periods of day (day, evening, night, and unspecified time of day), and five typified locations (urban, suburban, rural, industrial, indoor, and unspecified location).

As no frequencies (octaves) were identified in the sound measurements available from the covered printing houses, the CFs applied in the present case study were:

- sound[octave\_unspecified,day,indoor] =  $4.82E+05$  person-Pa/W
- sound[octave\_unspecified,evening,indoor] = 8.62E+05 person-Pa/W
- sound[octave\_unspecified,night,indoor] = 1.62E+06 person-Pa/W

## **4.2.7.4. Impact scores**

The estimated impact scores for the noise category in the specified conditions are included in [Table 4.18](#page-43-0) next.

<span id="page-43-0"></span>**Table 4.18:** Calculations of the impact scores for the three inventoried flows for occupational exposure to noise in printing houses.



# **4.2.8. Other impact assessment methodologies newly developed in LC-IMPACT**

In addition to the impact assessment methodologies described in the previous sections other impact categories were also addressed in the LC-IMPACT framework. These newly developed methodologies that were found not relevant to the present case study on paper production and printing are: mineral resource use, fossil resource use, marine resource use (fish), acidification, and aquatic eutrophication.

# **4.2.9. Normalisation references**

The LC-IMPACT new impact categories applied the normalisation references provided by the method developers – see [Table 4.27](#page-51-0) (page [52\)](#page-51-0) for midpoint indicators and [Table 4.30](#page-54-0) (pag[e 55\)](#page-54-0) for endpoint indicators.

# **4.3. Results of the impact assessment with ReCiPe method**

# **4.3.1. Impacts scores at midpoint**

The characterisation results of the product system for sheet fed offset material at midpoint following the assessment by ReCiPe methodology are presented per impact category and divided into the main life cycle stages: Paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL) [\(Table 4.19\)](#page-44-0). 'Offset product' refers to the total impact of the product system, and EOL includes recycling (with avoided production of virgin fibres and combustion of fossil fuels), and incineration (with recovered energy) (see also [2.2.5\)](#page-14-0).

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As the goal is to test the applicability of the new assessment methods and not to fully analyse the paper and printing life cycle, the assessment detail shown is limited to these 3 stages, although the assessment has covered all its life cycle stages (see [Figure 2.2](#page-12-0) in page [13\)](#page-12-0).

<span id="page-44-0"></span>**Table 4.19:** Impact characterisation scores at midpoint for the whole product system (offset product), and main life cycle stages: paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL).



The individual contribution of each of the main life cycle stages to the midpoint indicators score is shown in [Figure 4.1.](#page-44-1), where an overall dominance of the paper production stage is visible for the majority of the impact categories.



<span id="page-44-1"></span>Figure 4.1: Main life cycle stages' contributions to the midpoint indicator score for the ReCiPe's impact category.

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## **4.3.2. Normalisation at midpoint**

The normalisation references used for the normalisation of the characterised impact scores were compiled from ReCiPe and are included in [Table 4.20,](#page-45-0) together with details on the reference spatial resolution and year.

<span id="page-45-0"></span>**Table 4.20:** Normalisation references (NR) at midpoint (mp) for the ReCiPe impact categories.



<sup>a</sup> Not available.

The impact scores at midpoint were normalised and the results included in [Table 4.21](#page-45-1) for the global product system (offset product), graphically shown in [Figure 4.2](#page-46-0) and per main life cycle stage: paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL), for all the considered impact categories, illustrated in [Figure 4.3.](#page-47-0)

Both the land use impacts and emissions related impacts are dominated by the paper production stage. The chemicals related impacts are also dominated by the paper production stage but the printing share is increased. This might be related to the fact that the paper production stage has an aggregated process in the assessment, which includes transport and average energy mix, while the printing stage is directly obtained from industry data, lacking transport related emissions and relying on Danish energy mix data, together with a higher use (and emission) of chemicals that are applied in the various stages that compose the printing stage.

<span id="page-45-1"></span>**Table 4.21:** Normalised impact scores at midpoint (unit: person equivalent, PE) per impact category and main life cycle stage.









<sup>a</sup> Not available due to lack of a normalisation reference.



<span id="page-46-0"></span>**Figure 4.2:** Normalised impact scores at midpoint (unit: person equivalent, PE) for the overall product system (offset product) per ReCiPe's impact category. The embedded smaller graphic depicts the overall results with the ionising radiation peak (not displayed in the larger graphic for interpretation purposes).





48 -2.0 -1.0 0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 6.0 7.0 Agricultural land occupation Climate change Fossil fuel depletion Freshwater ecotoxicity Freshwater eutrophication Human toxicity Ionising radiation Marine ecotoxicity Marine eutrophication Metal depletion Natural land transformation Ozone depletion Particulate matter formation Photochemical oxidant formation Terrestrial acidification Terrestrial ecotoxicity Urban land occupation Water depletion Marine eutrophication<br>
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Terrestrial acidification<br>
Terrestrial ecotoxicity<br>
Urban land occupation<br>
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<span id="page-47-0"></span>**Figure 4.3:** Normalised impact scores at midpoint (unit: person equivalent, PE) for ReCiPe's impact categories and the contribution from the main life cycle stages. The smaller graphic depicts the overall results with the ionising radiation peak (not included in the larger graphic for interpretation purposes).

## **4.3.3. Impact scores at endpoint**

Impact scores were also calculated at the endpoint [\(Table 4.22\)](#page-47-1) per impact category and main life cycles stages of the product system.

<span id="page-47-1"></span>**Table 4.22:** Impact characterisation scores at endpoint for the whole product system (offset product), and main life cycle stages: paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL).







The individual contribution of each of the main life cycle stages to the endpoint indicator score is shown in [Figure 4.4](#page-48-0) (note that equal individual contributions are found for the normalised scores).

As previously noted, the paper production stage dominates several impact categories, including the land use related categories (very high contributions), and also energy and emissions related categories. Only some of the chemicals related categories (namely the ecotoxicity related indicators) reveal a more balanced contribution from the materials and production stages.

Although not evident, EOL scores are mainly related to avoided energy production by the incinerated fraction and some avoided use of chemicals by the recycled fraction of the disposal stage.



<span id="page-48-0"></span>Figure 4.4: Main life cycle stages' percentual contributions to the endpoint indicator score for the ReCiPe's impact category.

# **4.3.4. Normalisation from endpoint to damage**

The normalisation references used for the normalisation of the characterised impact scores aggregated into damage areas of protection (AoP) at endpoint were compiled from ReCiPe and are included in [Table 4.23,](#page-48-1) together with details on the reference spatial resolution and year used.

<span id="page-48-1"></span>**Table 4.23:** Normalisation references (NR) from endpoint (ep) to damage level for the ReCiPe impact categories (units: \_\_/person/year, or /PE, person equivalent).



The endpoint scores were aggregated as proposed by the ReCiPe method (Goedkoop et al. 2012) and shown in [Table 4.24.](#page-49-0) The endpoint scores aggregated into AoP were normalised using the references from [Table 4.23](#page-48-1) and the results included in [Table 4.25.](#page-49-1) The contribution from each main life cycle stage for the damage category score is shown in [Figure 4.5](#page-49-2) and how much each life

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cycle stage is contributing to the damage categories in [Figure 4.6.](#page-50-0) The damage scores are dominated by the paper production stage.

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<span id="page-49-1"></span>**Table 4.25:** Damage scores for ReCiPe's areas of protection (AoP) for the whole product system (offset product), and main life cycle stages: paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL). No specific weighting applied (or weighting factor=1).





Figure 4.5: Main life cycle stages' percentual contributions to each damage category scores.

<span id="page-49-2"></span>The damage to ecosystems might be related to the transport (that is missing in the printing stage) and the land use impacts. Some contribution from the printing stage to this damage category might be expected from the use of chemicals in the various auxiliary processes in the production stage, but the scores are dominated by the ionising radiation category. The damage to resources is mostly affected by the fossil fuels depletion category with effect on the avoided energy production (mostly thermal generation from coal) by the incinerated paper fraction in EOL





and the transport in the paper production stage (because an aggregated process is used here contrary to the printing stage).

EOL contributions are related to avoided production of virgin fibres through the recycled fraction, hence less land use impacts, fuel and energy consumption, and the avoided production of energy through the incinerated fraction in the damage to human health category. Nevertheless the ionising radiation indicator scores about 5-7 orders of magnitude higher than the remaining.

The high share of the ionising radiation indicator originated in the electricity production stage may also result from a normalisation imbalance from using normalisation factors from countries with higher share of nuclear power generation than the ones referring to the inventory flow used. Most of the energy consuming processes are assigned to the printing stage, which takes place in Denmark – the electricity mix includes imported electricity from nuclear generation (10% of the total consumption) while producing none internally (World Nuclear Association 2013). EOL also shows a high share of damage to AoP Human Health as it includes avoided energy production by incineration of printed matter.



<span id="page-50-0"></span>**Figure 4.6:** The percentual contribution from each of the main life cycle stages to the damage categories scores.

# **4.4. Results of the new impact assessment methods from LC-IMPACT**

## **4.4.1. Impact scores at midpoint**

The characterised scores of the product system for sheet fed offset printed matter at midpoint following the new assessment methods proposed by LC-IMPACT are presented per impact category and divided into the main life cycle stages: Paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL) [\(Table 4.26\)](#page-50-1).

<span id="page-50-1"></span>**Table 4.26:** Impact characterisation scores at midpoint for the whole product system (offset product), and main life cycle stages: paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL), for the newly developed impact assessment methods in LC-IMPACT.



a The results shown are referring to the assessment of the paper production stage only.

<sup>b</sup> The results shown are referring to the assessment of the printing stage only.

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In the noise category, for the estimation of the impact score of the recycling stage, an impact due to avoided paper production was assumed corresponding to the same unit flow as for the printing stage but scaled and inverted, i.e. the same impact but \*-0.53 (inverted as the impact is avoided, and scaled to 53% of paper recycled).

The individual contribution of each of the main life cycle stages to the new midpoint indicators score is shown in [Figure 4.7.](#page-51-1)



<span id="page-51-1"></span>Figure 4.7: Main life cycle stages' percentual contributions to the midpoint indicator score for the LC-IMPACT's new impact categories.

The scores analysis is limited, as forestry is only assessed for the paper production stage and photochemical ozone formation is only assessed for the printing stage. In the estimation of the photochemical ozone formation indicator, EOL refers to incineration, i.e. avoided energy production, and it exceeds the characterised impact score of the original production. It means that the EOL incineration has a lower impact than energy production for this midpoint category. EOL in the noise indicator is simply a fixed fraction of the original impact (53% avoided).

## **4.4.2. Normalisation at midpoint**

The normalisation references used for the normalisation of the characterised impact scores from the LC-IMPACT assessment methods were compiled from the method developers and are included in [Table 4.27,](#page-51-0) together with details on the reference spatial resolution and year.

The characterised scores at midpoint were normalised and the results included in [Table 4.28](#page-52-0) for the global product system (offset product), graphically shown in [Figure 4.8,](#page-52-1) and per main life cycle stage: paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL), for all the considered impact categories, illustrated in [Figure 4.9.](#page-52-2)

<span id="page-51-0"></span>**Table 4.27:** Normalisation references (NR) at midpoint (mp) for the new LC-IMPACT impact categories.







<span id="page-52-0"></span>**Table 4.28:** Normalised impact scores at midpoint (unit: person equivalent, PE) per LC-IMPACT´s new impact category and main life cycle stage.

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<sup>a</sup> The results shown are referring to the assessment of the paper production stage only.

<sup>b</sup> The results shown are referring to the assessment of the printing stage only.



<span id="page-52-1"></span>**Figure 4.8:** Normalised impact scores at midpoint (unit: person equivalent, PE) for the overall product system (offset product) per LC-IMPACT's new impact category.



<span id="page-52-2"></span>Figure 4.9: Normalised impact scores at midpoint (unit: person equivalent, PE) for the LC-IMPACT's new impact category and the contribution from the main life cycle stages.

The normalised scores analysis is limited, as forestry is again only assessed for the paper production stage and photochemical ozone formation is only assessed for the printing stage. Normalisation at midpoint is not changing the interpretation of the scores before normalisation.

## **4.4.3. Impact scores at endpoint**

Impact scores were also calculated at the endpoint [\(Table 4.29\)](#page-52-3) per LC-IMPACT's new impact category and main life cycles stages of the product system, also shown in [Figure 4.10.](#page-53-0)

<span id="page-52-3"></span>**Table 4.29:** Impact characterisation scores at endpoint for the whole product system (offset product), and main life cycle stages: paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL) after assessment with the newly developed assessment method in LC-IMPACT.







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<sup>a</sup> The results shown are referring to the assessment of the paper production stage only.

<sup>b</sup> The results shown are referring to the assessment of the printing stage only.



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<span id="page-53-0"></span>Figure 4.10: Main life cycle stages' percentual contributions to the endpoint indicator score for the LC-IMPACT's new impact category.

Easily noticed are the units at which the indicators are presented at endpoint. Because of the effect of the application of the newly developed characterisation factors, the inventory flows are converted into impact scores at endpoint delivered in several diverse units, of which some are not 'standard' units, i.e. the ones expected at this level.

### **4.4.1. Normalisation at endpoint**

As mentioned before, the non-compatible units cannot be readily further aggregated from endpoint to damage score estimation, which is an option for the analysis of results of endpoint modelling. These units include PDF.yr, PDF.m<sup>2</sup>.yr, PDF.m<sup>3</sup>.yr, PAF.m<sup>2</sup>.yr, MJse.m<sup>2</sup>.yr, and NPPD. $m^2$ .yr) and they cannot be (readily) aggregated and normalised (with damage NFs) as suitable conversions are required.

Nevertheless, these scores can be normalised (applying the emissions based NFs) for comparison among the LC-IMPACT categories only. Only those indicators already expressed in DALY and species.yr can be readily further grouped into damage areas of protection. Adequate





aggregation with ReCiPe's endpoint scores can deliver an integrated analysis of the product system with both assessment methods.

The normalisation references used here were compiled from the various method developers and are included in [Table 4.30,](#page-54-0) together with details on the reference spatial resolution and year.

<span id="page-54-0"></span>**Table 4.30:** Normalisation references (NR) at endpoint (ep) for the newly developed impact categories from LC-IMPACT.



a Normalisation reference not available.

<sup>b</sup> Unspecified year of soil losses (an annual average was used), but the population reference is from y2000.

c Characterisation factors not developed.

The normalisation references provided and shown above are calculated based on annual emissions (or consumptions) per capita. However, the reference situation varies significantly between the various categories, either considering the reference region (country, Europe, or World) and the reference year (1995, 2000, 2010, or 2011).

The impact scores at endpoint were normalised with the NRs above. However, this normalisation is not leading to any further aggregation and it is simply to obtain a common unit for internal comparison (i.e. within the new impact categories results), for illustration, and errorchecking purposes.

The LC-IMPACT project framework is not including a real endpoint aggregation/normalisation (i.e. from midpoint to damage) for all indicators, and the units of some of the resulting endpoint characterisation are not compatible with ReCiPe's (and with each other) for an adequate grouping (summing up) into damage AoP.

Nevertheless, the results are shown in [Table 4.31](#page-54-1) for the global product system (offset product), depicted in the graphic in [Figure 4.11,](#page-55-0) and per main life cycle stage: paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL), for all the new impact categories from LC-IMPACT, and illustrated in [Figure 4.12.](#page-56-0)



<span id="page-54-1"></span>**Table 4.31:** Normalised endpoint scores (unit: person equivalent, PE) for the newly developed impact categories in LC-IMPACT per life cycle stage.

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<sup>a</sup> Not available as no normalisation references are available.

<sup>b</sup> The results shown are referring to the assessment of the paper production stage only.

 $\textsuperscript{c}$  Not available due to assessment method incompleteness.

<sup>d</sup> The results shown are referring to the assessment of the printing stage only.

The indicators exposure to solvents and fine particles are not assessed due to lack of characterisation factors, while the land use and WET to freshwater indicators have no normalisation reference data.



<span id="page-55-0"></span>**Figure 4.11:** Normalised impact scores at endpoint for the newly developed LC-IMPACT categories (unit: person equivalent, PE) for the overall product system (offset product) (\* *not available*).







<span id="page-56-0"></span>**Figure 4.12:** Normalised impact scores at endpoint for the newly developed LC-IMPACT categories (unit: person equivalent, PE) including the contribution of the main life cycle stages (\**not available*).

Despite the availability of normalisation references (emissions-based per capita in the present case) the normalisation done above is not conducing to impact estimation at damage to AoP as defined in the ReCiPe method (Goedkoop et al. 2012). Some of the new impact indicators are not presented at a suitable unit compatible with aggregation into damage to AoP.

An attempt to assess the impact at damage level was done here. For the necessary grouping the following indicators were excluded:

- LU Occupation BDP [PDFregional.yr]
- LU Transformation BDP [PDFregional.yr]
- LU Permanent Impacts BDP [PDFregional.yr]
- Forestry Ecosystems Health [PDF.m<sup>2</sup>.yr]
- Soil erosion Resources [MJse.m<sup>2</sup>.yr]
- $\bullet$  Soil erosion Ecosystems [NPPD.m<sup>2</sup>.yr]
- Water use River Biodiversity [PDF. $m^3$ .yr]
- Whole effluent toxicity [PDF. $m^3$ .yr]
- Exposure to solvents (due to incomplete characterisation)
- Indoor exposure to fine particles (due to incomplete characterisation)
- Photochemical ozone formation Ecosystems [PAF.m<sup>2</sup>.yr]
- The remaining indicators were grouped into AoP for further normalisation as follows:

**Table 4.32:** Aggregation key for the LC-IMPACT new endpoint indicators into damage areas of protection (AoP).



These endpoint indicators were normalised with the NRs included in [Table 4.23](#page-48-1) for each of the corresponding AoP.





# **4.5. Combined damage assessment at AoP**

The damage to AoP scores for the combined assessment methods (endpoint ReCiPe indicators plus some of the new endpoint LC-IMPACT indicators) are included in [Table 4.33](#page-57-0) and shown in [Figure 4.13](#page-57-1) and [Figure 4.14.](#page-57-2)

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The results show similar contributions as previously for the ReCiPe damage assessment (shown in [Figure 4.5](#page-49-2) and [Figure 4.6\)](#page-50-0) simply revealing an expected small increase in damage to AoP Ecosystems and Human Health, based on the relevance criteria used for the assessment of the main life cycle stages, but with no significant changes to the percentual contribution results. No changes in damage score to AoP Resources as no LC-IMPACT new indicator is present.

<span id="page-57-0"></span>**Table 4.33:** Damage scores for the combined damage assessment into ReCiPe's areas of protection (AoP) for the whole product system (offset product), and main life cycle stages: paper production, printing, and end-of-life (EOL). No specific weighting applied (or weighting factor=1).





<span id="page-57-1"></span>**Figure 4.13:** Main life cycle stages' percentual contributions to each damage category scores after the combined damage assessment with ReCiPe and LC-IMPACT new endpoint indicators.



<span id="page-57-2"></span>**Figure 4.14:** The percentual contribution from each of the main life cycle stages to the damage categories scores after the combined damage assessment with ReCiPe and LC-IMPACT new endpoint indicators.





# **5. Interpretation**

As defined in the Goal and Scope, this case study on paper production and printing is not intended to present a detailed analysis of the paper production and printing product system beyond the main life cycle stages considered within. It is focused on the assessment and analysis of the impacts following the ReCiPe method and introducing the new impact assessment methodologies developed in LC-IMPACT by means of using the inventory flows from that product system and testing the applicability and consistency of the new indicators.

Based on the conventional assessment with ReCiPe, the main results at the midpoint show a dominant contribution from the paper production stage (see [Figure 4.1,](#page-44-1) page [45\)](#page-44-1) confirmed at endpoint (se[e Figure 4.4,](#page-48-0) page [49\)](#page-48-0) and at damage scores for the considered AoPs (see [Figure 4.5,](#page-49-2) page [50\)](#page-49-2). The analysis of the impacts at damage level shows that the paper production stage contributes significantly to the three AoPs and comparatively dominates the specific contribution to the AoP Ecosystems. The printing stage has a higher share to both Human Health and Resources related impact categories, while EOL is predominant in avoiding Human Health related impacts (as impacts from avoided paper production dominate the impacts arising from disposal by incineration at a 90/10 ratio, dominated by the ionising radiation indicator in the avoided energy production).

# **5.1. Introducing the new impact indicators**

The introduction of new midpoint indicators does not provide a clear basis for comparative analysis as forestry was only assessed for the paper production stage, photochemical ozone formation was only assessed for the printing stage, and human exposure to noise was only assessed for the printing stage and in addition, not completely assessed for the EOL stage. At the endpoint level, the new indicators reveal the same inconsistency in the covered life cycle stages.

The results for new endpoint indicators that show an incomplete method output (mismatching units) are actually expressing an impact score at a late point in the cause-effect. Although technically defined as an endpoint (e.g. PDF) these are not entirely usable, as the units are not comparable without a suitable conversion. With the exception of impact to ecosystems from the water use indicators (expressed in species-eq∙yr) and impacts to human health from forestry and photochemical ozone formation (expressed in DALY), all the other indicators lack a fully developed 'endpoint' method. An indicator expressed in PDF∙m 3 ∙yr, for instance, still needs a significant conversion (with associated assumptions) by integrating the impacted volume (or the assumption of an average depth to estimate an impacted area) and an adequate species density to finally reach an harmonised unit (species∙yr in the used example, as the ReCiPe method was chosen for this study) allowing further comparative analysis and facilitating interpretation – and ultimately concluding on the usability of the newly developed indicator method for the specific category). The incompleteness of the methods is relative to the desired harmonised unit – either PDF.m<sup>2</sup>.yr or species.yr for instance, thus solely related to the fact that different units are being obtained with the present versions of the methodologies.

Furthermore, the absence of a relevant midpoint normalisation phase hinders an important feature of the LCA tool – the comparative analysis across stages and impact categories. The developed normalisation references are directly applicable to the individual midpoint indicators

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delivering a normalisation into average impact per capita, which was the normalisation option chosen for the present study and expressing the results in PE (person-equivalent or person∙year). However, the comparison of midpoint normalised scores is strongly limited by the reduced number of category indicators and overestimates either the paper production or the printing stage, depending on the indicator, caused by the inconsistency on the included stages per indicator (either only assessed for the paper production or only for the printing). The definition of the stage relevance and focus of the inventory and assessment was defined in the early stages of the LC-IMPACT project. The purpose of a similar normalisation at endpoint is however limited to internal comparison and error-checking.

One the one hand there is no consistency in the life cycle stages covered by the assessment (which is applicable for both the midpoint and endpoint characterisation), and on the other hand the indicators' scores obtained are not suitable for further aggregation into damage AoPs (due to the generally mismatching units, and which is highly relevant for the interpretation phase). Therefore, these two aspects ultimately hinder the overall usability of the newly developed indicators in a LCIA perspective, the interpretation of the results, and the interest as decision support information.

Scientifically, the methods developed in the LC-IMPACT framework described in the available deliverables reports and published elsewhere in scientific journals, seem appropriate and robust, covering the necessary and adequate cause-effect chain elements and are sufficiently environmentally relevant to be included in the set of indicators/categories in LCIA. While appearing scientifically and technically sound, generally the methods are not fully developed (with the exceptions noted earlier) and do not deliver the best unit to the indicator showing that a final phase of harmonisation in terms of modelled endpoint is still needed before a further round of applicability testing and validation is conducted.

Ultimately, the questions reside in whether (1) it is worth investing in data acquisition to feed the new categories considering their (possible) contribution to the global impact assessment of the product system or there is no added value, and (2) how the overall results with these new indicators improve the relevance (environmental, geographical, or other) of the conclusions of the study to make it useful as a decision supporting tool (LCA).

Due to the limited number of new fully developed (harmonised) endpoint indicators added to the combined assessment there are no significant changes to the impact assessment of the paper production and printing product system. The development of the new assessment methods, although relevant for the individual indicator, shows little expression and contribution to the final results. The number of midpoint indicators is scarce due to the decision of which life cycle stages to include, thus revealing little application, while for the endpoint a significant number of indicators were not successfully delivered for damage to AoP assessment: from the possible 15 indicators developed, 2 did not conclude the characterisation phase, and 9 are not fully developed, lacking still some further unit conversion. Only 4 indicators contribute for the combined assessment method, and for these no noticeable changes are found.

# **5.2. Consistency in normalisation references**

In the same line of effort, consistency in normalisation references should be pursued for midpoint normalisation, including spatial and temporal references and whether these are 'emissions' or 'emissions per capita'-based normalisation references.

This need arises from the fact that analysing the available/provided normalisation references one can verify the diversity of reference years (emissions or consumption, and population), spatial

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resolution (country, Europe, and World), standardised sources for reference data (e.g. avoiding different available sources for population data, or census vs. estimation based data), criteria in the inclusion of cultural perspectives for the CF or NF estimations (egalitarian, hierarchical, individualist, or none), and inconsistency in uncertainty reporting for the impact models and normalisation.

# **5.3. Transparency**

An overview of the interface between the new methods development (mainly environmental models and impacts estimation) and the case studies' needs (especially for the inventory and interpretation phases) is influenced by the quantity and quality of the available supporting information. A practical analysis tends to show that the new methods are thoroughly described (in the deliverable reports and associated publications) while application guidance is not provided with the necessary detail. For obvious reasons, the focus falls in the method development, its data quality and uncertainty, features and environmental relevance of the models, which are highly important aspects in the development perspective. However, the full methods description is not necessarily useful for the case studies application, i.e. the information given to any LCA practitioner should not be focused on the particularities of the method development and the quality of the achieved results. Instead, the most relevant information to the application, e.g. the specificities of the necessary unit flows, clear definition of the applicable conditions for an efficient data acquisition for the inventory phase, method parameters, spatial scales, suitable CFs, units, and necessary supplementary calculations, should be provided.

In order to achieve an adequate detachment from method development to application, clear and concise information should be made available for practitioners and stakeholders in general. This was attempted in the LC-IMPACT project, and not entirely achieved, by the compilation of guidance documents or cookbooks – either by not covering the whole set of new methods or by lacking practical and clear information in the shared documentation.

Improvements can be implemented by solving inconsistencies between the deliverable documents, the guidance documents, and the available/provided auxiliary spreadsheets, especially in what regards to units. Additionally, the lack of follow-through calculations (when applicable) should also be avoided, and explanation of applicable values and necessary supplementary calculations for characterisation, normalisation, or estimation of intermediate parameters, included.

A note is added here to recall that an LCA practitioner is not necessarily an expert on all the impact categories, or keen on scientific research to cope with less transparent methods or factors, or in possession of available resources and time to improve the inventory and characterisation phases, especially when considering the diversity of case studies in the industry field.

# **5.4. Additional considerations**

The estimation of whole effluent toxicity (aquatic ecotoxicity) if based on the toxicity correlations to TOC emissions to freshwater. The lack of readily available TOC measurement was supplanted by the use of COD values from industry and converted to TOC. This COD-TOC conversion should be further investigated and validated for the specific case of pulp and paper mill discharges prior to method implementation. The method was developed for pulp and paper mills and correlates toxicity and organic carbon emitted and should be used in the specified scope of application. In the present case study the toxicity estimation was applied for the paper production stage for which it seems applicable. However, it was extended to the printing stage by application

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of the developed CF to TOC emissions (actually COD) from a model (average) printing house with a specific printing method. This extension is, in fact, an assumption with a non-assessed associated uncertainty, but found necessary to obtain a working unit flow for the impact estimation of the printing stage, which was defined relevant in the project framework. Although inadequate, the misapplication of the assessment method was acknowledged.

The WET indicator is, in its essence, a freshwater ecotoxicity indicator and may be seen as complementary to the freshwater toxicity impact indicator in ReCiPe. For endpoint-damage normalisation purposes, the normalisation factor developed in ReCiPe (Goedkoop et al. 2013) should be applicable to get from the endpoint to the damage AoP. However, the method does not provide a fully usable endpoint, i.e. the unit of the estimated endpoint is not compatible with the normalisation factor, still lacking a conversion from the actual PDF⋅m<sup>3</sup>⋅yr to species⋅yr (unless a different damage metric is chosen).

Worth of note is also the photochemical ozone formation indicator (from LC-IMPACT) that delivers a similar characterised score at endpoint (same order of magnitude) as the photochemical oxidant formation indicator (from ReCiPe). This fact shows that even though the methods show different midpoints (kg ozone vs. kg NMVOC) the new characterisation factors for NOx and NMVOC applied together deliver similar endpoint scores.





# **6. Conclusions and general comments**

This study and the interpretation of its results were originally not focused on performing a conventional LCA with full analysis of sensitivity, uncertainty, or robustness. Instead, it aims at comparing a traditional (ReCiPe) and an extended (LC-IMPACT) assessment to test the applicability of the new impact assessment methods (feasibility, completeness, relevance) and their contribution to the final results of the assessment of the product system under consideration.

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At the end, the main conclusions should provide useful information to assess a) whether the methods are sufficiently developed and applicable, and b) if it is worth considering their contribution to the global impact assessment of the product system, i.e. if the results with these new indicators enhance the overall assessment of the product system either by improving the relevance (environmental, geographical, or other) of the selected categories or the improvement of information provided with such tool (LCA) to the decision making process.

An overall analysis of the new methodologies introduced in the impact assessment phase, although scientific valid, is not clear about their applicability and relevance as it has not been clearly demonstrated. Due to a limited number of newly introduced midpoint indicators (assessed in this case study) and a significant number of new endpoint indicators not entirely concluded, it is not possible to conclude on the value added to the impact assessment brought by these new assessment methods. It is however acknowledged that with a small extra effort in converting and standardising units for the considered endpoint indicators this analysis can conclude with more confidence.





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# **8. Appendices**

# **8.1. Appendix I – Inventory sources**

The inventory sources are taken from Larsen et al. (2006) and shortly described below.

## **PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTION**

Data, inputs and emissions from Ecoinvent based on the aggregated process *RER: paper, woodfree, coated, at integrated mill.*

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*Biocides*: Kjærgaard (1997), Larsen et al. (1995, 2002), Andersen et al. (1999), Gruvmark (2004), Deltagraph (1997)

*Process water*: Data about Danish water works is available in the EDIP LCV tool: K32506 (Miljøstyrelsen 1999).

## **PLATE MAKING**

*Aluminium plate*: Production of aluminium from *European Aluminium Association (2000). Environmental Profile Report for the European Aluminium Industry* Available on request at the webpage of the European Aluminium Association at www.aluminium.org"

*Plate emulsion*: Larsen et al. (1995), Baumann & Gräfen (1999b), Muskopf (2000), Baumann & Rothardt (1999), Ludwiszewska (1992) and KODAK 2002a)

*Plate developer*: Larsen et al. (1995).

*Gumming agent*: Larsen et al. (1995) and Agfa (2002).

*Biocide*: See *Repro*.

*Remelting of aluminium*: See *Aluminium plate*.

*Process water*: See *Repro*.

### **PRINTING**

*IPA*: Personal communication with Ian Kersey, BP Chemicals, 2003 (confidential)

*Printing ink Composition*: Larsen et al. (1995)

*CI pigment yellow 14 and CI pigment blue 15*: Andersen & Nikolajsen (2003).





*Carbon black*: SimaPro version 5.1 (2002). PRé Consultants, Amersfoort, The Netherlands. Available at internet at www.pre.nl. Original reference here "Emissieregistratie process 1532 (1993)". Elaborating information is available in SimaPro: Data is from the Dutch bureau of emission registrations (emissieregistratie). Data is generated by Delft University of Technology. As a comment is mentioned "Environmental assessment for the production of carbon black in the Netherlands. Average data for 1993".

*Modified phenolic resin and soya oil alkyd*: Data available in EDIP LCV tool (Miljøstyrelsen 1999).

*Soya oil*: von Däniken A, Chudacoff M (1995). Vergleichende ökologische Bewertung von Anstrichstoffen im Baubereich. Band 2: Daten. Schriftenreihe Umwelt nr. 232. Bern: Bundesamt für Umwelt, Wald und Landschaft (BUWAL).

*n-paraffin (heavy)*: Franke et. al. 1995. A Life Cycle Inventory for the Production of Petrochemical Intermediates in Europe. Tenside Surf. Det. 32 (1995) 5.

*Polyethylene wax*: See *water based lacquer*.

*Diethylene glycol*: von Däniken A, Chudacoff M (1995). Vergleichende ökologische Bewertung von Anstrichstoffen im Baubereich. Band 2: Daten. Schriftenreihe Umwelt nr. 232. Bern: Bundesamt für Umwelt, Wald und Landschaft (BUWAL).

## **FINISHING**

## *- Water based lacquer*

*Ethanol*: Personal communication with Ian Kersey, BP Chemicals, 1995 (confidential).

*Ammonia*: Production data in EDIP tool (Miljøstyrelsen 1999): Primary reference is: *European Fertilizer Manufacturers Association (1995): Production of Ammonia. Booklet no. 1.*

*Polyethylene wax*: Production data in EDIP tool (Miljøstyrelsen 1999): Primary source is LDPE from *Vergleichende ökologische Bewertung von Anstrichstoffen im Baubereich BUWAL, Schriftenreihe Umwelt Nr. 232, 1995*.

*Alcoholethoxylate*: Production data with 7EO chains from: *Dall'Acqua, S., Fawer, M., Fritschi, R., Allenspach, C. (1999): Life Cycle Inventories for the Production of Detergent Ingredients. EMPA-Bericht Nr. 244. St. Gallen, 1999*.

*Acrylic resin*: Production data in EDIP tool Miljøstyrelsen (1999): Primary reference is *Vergleichende ökologische Bewertung von Anstrichstoffen im Baubereich BUWAL, Schriftenreihe Umwelt Nr. 232, 1995*. Data and energy scenarios are revised by Niels Frees, IPU.

## *- Offset lacquer*

See *printing ink* (excluding pigments).

*Hot Melt glue*: Composition from Miljønet (2004)*.*

*EVA*: LDPE is main ingredient in EVA according to (Schmidt et al. 1993) and is used as production data*.*

*LDPE*: Boustead (2003). Eco-profiles of the European plastics industry. Polyolefins. APME, Brussels.

Phenolic formaldehyde resin: Miljøstyrelsen (1999): EDIP tool. "Alkyd bindemiddel" used as model for production.

*Polyethylene wax*: See *water based lacquer*.

## **CLEANING**

*Soya oil*: von Däniken A, Chudacoff M (1995). Vergleichende ökologische Bewertung von Anstrichstoffen im Baubereich. Band 2: Daten. Schriftenreihe Umwelt nr. 232. Bern: Bundesamt für Umwelt, Wald und Landschaft (BUWAL).





*n-paraffines*: Franke et. al. 1995. A Life Cycle Inventory for the Production of Petrochemical Intermediates in Europe. Tenside Surf. Det. 32 (1995) 5.

*"Ekstraktionsbenzin"*: Hansen & Gregersen (1986).

*Benzene*: Franke et. al. 1995. A Life Cycle Inventory for the Production of Petrochemical Intermediates in Europe. Tenside Surf. Det. 32 (1995) 5.

*Ethanol*: Personal communication with Ian Kersey, BP Chemicals, 1995 (confidential).

*Alcoholethoxylate*: See *water based lacquer*.

*Process water*: See *Repro*.

## **ENERGY CONSUMPTION AT PRINTING INDUSTRY**

*Electricity consumption*: Data is available in EDIP LCV tool (Miliøstyrelsen 1999): Data from "Energi E2", which is a Danish producer of electricity. Revised by Niels Frees, IPU.

**District heating**: Data is available in EDIP LCV tool (Miljøstyrelsen 1999): Data from "Energi E2" revised by Niels Frees, IPU.

*Heating with fuel oil*: Data is available in EDIP LCV tool (Miljøstyrelsen 1999)

*Heating with natural gas*: Data is available in EDIP LCV tool (Miljøstyrelsen 1999)

## **RECOVERY/DISPOSAL**

*Amount of paper for recycling*: Tønning (2002).

*Recovery of paper*: In Frees et. al. (2004) a process is constructed via information from a Danish company recycling offset paper. Recovery process is per kg output. In Frees et al. (2004) recovery to "cycluspapir" which is a fine quality printing paper based on recycled paper: Input: 116kg; Output: 97kg; 97/116=83.6%, hence in database 0.836kg of paper recovery process and avoided production of paper is included per kg of paper sent to recovery.

Paper production from primary materials is used as avoided production.

*Incineration of paper*: Data is available in EDIP LCV tool (Miljøstyrelsen 1999).

An energy recovery of 78% is assumed. The energy recovered is assumed to replace an equivalent amount of energy from primary fuel, which is natural gas.





# **8.2. Appendix II – Mass balances and LCI calculations**

Data for the activities at the model printing company shown together with data provided by offset printing companies.

**Table 8.1:** Mass balance and scaling to functional unit in model printing company for sheet fed printed matter (offset product) (Larsen et al. 2006).












## **8.3. Appendix III – Aggregated inventory list**

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**Table 8.2:** Inventory list – Resources consumption.







Transformation, from arable 1.46E-03 [m2] Transformation, from arable, non-irrigated 5.10E+01 [m2] Transformation, from arable, non-irrigated, fallow 4.50E-04 [m2] Transformation, from dump site, inert material landfill 1.30E-03 [m2] Transformation, from dump site, residual material landfill 8.07E-04 [m2] Transformation, from dump site, sanitary landfill  $-2.54E-04$  [m2] Transformation, from dump site, slag compartment 1.78E-03 [m2] Transformation, from forest 6.9 and 1.9 and 1. Transformation, from forest, extensive 3.28E+01 [m2] Transformation, from forest, intensive, clear-cutting 9.78E-02 [m2] Transformation, from industrial area 6.53E-04 [m2] Transformation, from industrial area, benthos 3.46E-06 [m2] Transformation, from industrial area, built up -2.10E-05 [m2] Transformation, from industrial area, vegetation example the same set of  $-3.58E-05$  [m2] Transformation, from mineral extraction site 1.08E-01 [m2] Transformation, from pasture and meadow 3.61E-01 [m2] Transformation, from pasture and meadow, intensive 4.16E-02 [m2] Transformation, from sea and ocean 4.72E-02 [m2] Transformation, from shrub land, sclerophyllous 3.91E-03 [m2] Transformation, from tropical rain forest 19.78E-02 [m2] Transformation, from unknown 3.78E-01 [m2] Transformation, to arable 3.22E-02 [m2] Transformation, to arable, non-irrigated 5.14E+01 [m2] Transformation, to arable, non-irrigated, fallow 5.08E-04 [m2] Transformation, to dump site 4.81E-02 [m2] Transformation, to dump site, benthos 4.72E-02 [m2] Transformation, to dump site, inert material landfill 1.30E-03 [m2] Transformation, to dump site, residual material landfill 8.07E-04 [m2] Transformation, to dump site, sanitary landfill  $-2.54E-04$  [m2] Transformation, to dump site, slag compartment 1.78E-03 [m2] Transformation, to forest 1.66E-02 [m2] Transformation, to forest, intensive 2.18E+01 [m2] Transformation, to forest, intensive, clear-cutting 9.78E-02 [m2] Transformation, to forest, intensive, normal 1.04E+01 [m2] Transformation, to forest, intensive, short-cycle 9.78E-02 [m2] Transformation, to heterogeneous, agricultural 7.98E-03 [m2] Transformation, to industrial area 1.35E-02 [m2] Transformation, to industrial area, benthos 4.08E-05 [m2] Transformation, to industrial area, built up 1.06E-02 [m2] Transformation, to industrial area, vegetation 6.67E-03 [m2] Transformation, to mineral extraction site 3.43E-01 [m2] Transformation, to pasture and meadow 3.00E-04 [m2] Transformation, to permanent crop, fruit, intensive 8.27E-02 [m2] Transformation, to sea and ocean 3.46E-06 [m2] Transformation, to shrub land, sclerophyllous 3.63E-03 [m2] Transformation, to traffic area, rail embankment 8.67E-04 [m2] Transformation, to traffic area, rail network 9.53E-04 [m2] Transformation, to traffic area, road embankment 4.62E-01 [m2] Transformation, to traffic area, road network 4.69E-03 [m2] Transformation, to unknown 6.51E-02 [m2] Transformation, to urban, discontinuously built 1.02E-03 [m2] Transformation, to water bodies, artificial 4.12E-02 [m2] Transformation, to water courses, artificial 1.23E-03 [m2] Volume occupied, final repository for low-active radioactive waste 2.91E-06 [m3] Volume occupied, final repository for radioactive waste 7.50E-07 [m3] Volume occupied, underground deposit 1.00E-04 [m3]























**Table 8.3:** Inventory list – Emissions to air.

























**Table 8.4:** Inventory list – Emissions to freshwater.







## **Table 8.5:** Inventory list – Emissions to sea water.













**Table 8.6:** Inventory list – Emissions to agricultural soil.













**Table 8.7:** Inventory list – Emissions to agricultural soil.













