

# MEGA evaluations for the preparation of REACH exposure scenarios for decamethylcyclopentasiloxane

## 1 Introduction

The measured data for workplace exposure evaluated in the following have been gathered and documented in accordance with the principles of the measurement system of the German social accident insurance institutions for exposure assessment (MGU<sup>1</sup>, formerly BGMG). The quality of the MGU is upheld by a quality management system that in essence satisfies the requirements of DIN EN ISO 9001. The test laboratories are operated in accordance with DIN EN ISO 17025 "General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories".

To measure decamethylcyclopentasiloxane exposure at the workplace, a defined volume of air is sucked by a suitable pump through a tenax stainless steel tube. The volatile organic hazardous substance contained in the air is adsorbed by the Tenax. For analysis, the hazardous substance is evaporated in a thermal desorber and analysed by gas chromatography. After chromatographic separation, analysis is performed simultaneously by a flame ionisation detector (FID) and a mass spectrometer (MS). Qualitative analysis is performed by the MS, and quantitative analysis by the FID. The quantification limit is 3.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for a test air volume of 2 L. Source: VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) (ref. no. [8936](#), cf. Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane). In: IFA-Arbeitsmappe Messung von Gefahrstoffen. 45. Lfg. X/2010. Ed.: Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung (DGUV), Berlin. Erich Schmidt, Berlin 2011 – loose-leaf edition.

All the surveyed data in the MGU are brought together in the MEGA exposure database (measured data on exposure to hazardous substances at the workplace). If individual values fall below the measurement method's analytical quantification limit, half the value is adopted in the evaluation. The MEGA<sup>Pro</sup> software developed by the IFA (formerly BGIA) makes it possible to statistically analyse the data of the MEGA exposure database on the basis of various selection criteria and evaluation strategies.

For measurements in interiors, measured values for decamethylcyclopentasiloxane are also available in the MEGA exposure database. These are documented in the report "Innenraumarbeitsplätze – Vorgehensempfehlung für die Ermittlungen zum Arbeitsumfeld" (Ed.: Hauptverband der gewerblichen Berufsgenossenschaften (HVBG), Sankt Augustin, 2005, in German).

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<sup>1</sup> Gabriel, S.; Koppisch, D.; Range, D.: The MGU – a monitoring system for the collection and documentation of valid workplace exposure data. Gefahrstoffe – Reinhalt. Luft 70 (2010) No. 1/2, pp. 43-49  
<http://www.dguv.de/ifa>, Webcode [m200066](#)

## 2 Data situation and evaluation strategy

### 2.1 Overview of the measured values collected in the MGU, data period 2000 to 2010

There is no workplace limit for decamethylcyclopentasiloxane.

Information on the sampling systems can be found in the IFA work folder (cf. Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane; IFA-Arbeitsmappe, in German).

| General description   | Number of measured values (%) |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Total   | 767                           |
| Type of sampling: Stationary  | 635 (82.8%)                   |
| Type of sampling: Personal  | 132 (17.2%)                   |
| Sampling time $\geq 0.5$ h and exposure time $\geq 6$ h (comparable to shift measurements)  | 638 (83.2%)                   |
| Sampling time $< 0.5$ h or exposure time $< 6$ h  | 129 (16.8%)                   |
| Number of data $<$ quantification limit<br>(Values $<$ quantification limit were adopted in the calculation with half their values) | 513 (66.5%)                   |
| Examples: Exposure conditions   |                               |
| Without mechanical ventilation  | 307                           |
| With mechanical ventilation   | 265                           |
| No details  | 180                           |
| Without local exhaust ventilation   | 282                           |
| With local exhaust ventilation  | 109                           |
| No details  | 374                           |
| General description of decamethylcyclopentasiloxane measurements in 106 branches of industry and 156 work areas                     |                               |

## **2.2 Criteria for inclusion of measured data in the evaluation**

- Measured data relating to exposure
- Sampling time  $\geq$  1 hour
- Exposure time  $\geq$  6 hours
- Data sets comprising fewer than ten measured data were disregarded.

## **2.3 Evaluation strategy**

The evaluation was performed on the basis of industry groups (Appendix 1) and work area groups (Appendix 2) and broken down further according to type of sampling (stationary or personal).

## **3 Abbreviations and indices**

The following abbreviations and indices are used in the evaluation tables:

+ The distribution value is below the largest analytical quantification limit in the data set.

\$ With reference to the given limit value, the percentage of values below the limit value is given.

! The number of measured values below the analytical quantification limit (a. q.) is greater than the number of measured values represented by this cumulative frequency value. No concentration is therefore given for this cumulative frequency value.

\* Measured values below the analytical quantification limit of the measuring method concerned are adopted in the evaluation with half the analytical quantification limit value.

## Appendix 1

### Statistic evaluations for industry groups

Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, sampling time  $\geq 0.5$  h and exposure time  $\geq 6$  h

Industry groups, general

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation<br><br>Branch of industry  | Number of<br>measured data | Number of firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m³ | $\leq$<br>limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³     |                             |                             |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  |                            |                 |                                      |                    |   |                               | 50<br>percentile *<br>a. q. | 90<br>percentile *<br>a. q. | 95<br>percentile *<br>a. q. |
| D.No. 7<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>no limitation   | 638                        | 208             | 424<br>66.5                          | 24                 | 0.011                                       |                               | !<br>a. q.                  | 0.021                       | 0.04                        |
| D.No. 15<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Transport, shipping, transport com-<br>panies and similar      | 101                        | 27              | 57<br>56.4                           | 3                  | 0.005                                       |                               | !<br>a. q.                  | 0.0318                      | 0.0609                      |
| D.No. 16<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Waste and waste water disposal;<br>Hazardous waste             | 78                         | 21              | 69<br>88.5                           | 1                  | 0.006                                       |                               | !<br>a. q.                  | 0.0106                      | 0.0373                      |
| D.No. 37<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Manufacture and processing of plas-<br>tic and rubber products | 30                         | 9               | 6<br>20                              | 2                  | 0.006                                       |                               | 0.019                       | 0.055                       | 0.122                       |
| D.No. 38<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing of metals   | 18                         | 9               | 14<br>77.8                           | 3                  | 0.006                                       |                               | !<br>a. q.                  | 0.012                       | 0.0205                      |
| D.No. 39<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Manufacture of machinery and vehi-<br>cles                     | 85                         | 21              | 37<br>43.5                           | 7                  | 0.006                                       |                               | 0.0075                      | 0.0175                      | 0.0325                      |
| D.No. 40<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Repair shop  | 24                         | 4               | 15<br>62.5                           | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                               | !<br>a. q.                  | 0.0142                      | 0.0178                      |
| D.No. 41<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Electrical engineering, general,<br>Fine mechanics, optics     | 28                         | 17              | 24<br>85.7                           | 1                  | 0.006                                       |                               | !<br>a. q.                  | 0.0084                      | 0.0166                      |
| D.No. 42<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing and treatment of wood                               | 16                         | 7               | 13<br>81.3                           | 4                  | 0.006                                       |                               | !<br>a. q.                  | +<br>0.0054                 | 0.0062                      |

| Branch of industry  | Number of measured data | Number of firms | Frequency < number of values % | Number of Alls* | Largest quantification limit in mg/m <sup>3</sup> | ≤ limit value % \$ | Concentrations in mg/m <sup>3</sup> |                 |                 |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|   |                         |                 |                                |                 |   |                    | 50 percentile *                     | 90 percentile * | 95 percentile * |
| D.No. 43<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Leather industry, Textile industry  | 26                      | 7               | 11<br>42.3                     | 2               | 0.006   |                    | +<br>0.005                          | 0.0312          | 0.0601          |
| D.No. 44<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Wholesale trade with chemicals,<br>metal; Wholesale trade with textiles,<br>metal haberdashery  | 45                      | 22              | 26<br>57.8                     | 2               | 0.011   |                    | !<br>a. q.                          | 0.02            | 0.024           |
| D.No. 45<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Storage and warehousing;<br>Retail sale (with non-specialised<br>goods)   | 14                      | 4               | 11<br>78.6                     | 3               | 0.005   |                    | !<br>a. q.                          | 0.01            | 0.017           |
| D.No. 46<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Inland water transport;<br>Tanker and freight ship transport<br>(shipping companies) (Maritime<br>shipping);<br>Tanker and freight ship transport<br>(shipping companies) (Inland water<br>transport) | 14                      | 7               | 13<br>92.9                     | 2               | 0.005   |                    | !<br>a. q.                          | !<br>a. q.      | +<br>0.005      |
| D.No. 47<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Airplane;<br>Airports, airfields  | 43                      | 4               | 41<br>95.3                     | 1               | 0.005   |                    | !<br>a. q.                          | !<br>a. q.      | !<br>a. q.      |

Industry groups: Stationary measurements

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation  | Number of<br>measured data | Number of firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m³ | ≤ limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                         |                         |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                            |                 |                                      |                    |   |                       | 50<br>percen-<br>tile * | 90<br>percen-<br>tile * | 95<br>percen-<br>tile * |
| D.No. 108<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Total   | 548                        | 187             | 379<br>69.2                          | 24                 | 0.011                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.019                   | 0.0366                  |
| D.No. 56<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Transport, shipping, transport companies and similar   | 90                         | 27              | 49<br>54.4                           | 3                  | 0.005                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.04                    | 0.0645                  |
| D.No. 57<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Waste and waste water disposal,<br>Hazardous waste   | 76                         | 21              | 67<br>88.2                           | 1                  | 0.006                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.0132                  | 0.0376                  |
| D.No. 58<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Manufacture and processing of plastic and rubber products                                      | 22                         | 8               | 5<br>22.7                            | 2                  | 0.006                                       |                       | 0.015                   | 0.0542                  | 0.091                   |
| D.No. 59<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing of metals   | 13                         | 8               | 11<br>84.6                           | 3                  | 0.005                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.00635                 | 0.00905                 |
| D.No. 60<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Manufacture of machinery and vehicles  | 66                         | 17              | 27<br>40.9                           | 7                  | 0.006                                       |                       | 0.008                   | 0.0172                  | 0.032                   |
| D.No. 61<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Repair shop  | 23                         | 4               | 14<br>60.9                           | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.0149                  | 0.0179                  |
| D.No. 62<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Electrical engineering, general,<br>Fine mechanics, optics,                                    | 23                         | 16              | 19<br>82.6                           | 1                  | 0.006                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.0094                  | 0.0193                  |
| D.No. 63<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing and treatment of wood   | 12                         | 5               | 11<br>91.7                           | 4                  | 0.006                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | ! a. q.                 | + 0.005                 |
| D.No. 64<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Leather industry, Textile industry   | 20                         | 4               | 9<br>45                              | 2                  | 0.006                                       |                       | + 0.005                 | 0.018                   | 0.018                   |
| D.No. 65<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Wholesale trade with chemicals,<br>metal;<br>Wholesale trade with textiles, metal haberdashery | 32                         | 18              | 22<br>68.8                           | 2                  | 0.011                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.013                   | 0.016                   |

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation<br><br>Branch of industry   | Number of<br>measured data | Number of firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m³ | ≤ limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³          |                                  |                                  |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|   |                            |                 |                                      |                    |   |                       | 50<br>percen-<br>tile *<br>a. q. | 90<br>percen-<br>tile *<br>a. q. | 95<br>percen-<br>tile *<br>a. q. |
| D.No. 66<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Storage and warehousing;<br>Retail sale (with non-specialised<br>goods)   | 10                         | 3               | 10<br>100                            | 3                  | 0.005                                       |                       | !<br>a. q.                       | !<br>a. q.                       | !<br>a. q.                       |
| D.No. 67<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Inland water transport;<br>Tanker and freight ship transport<br>(shipping companies) (Maritime<br>shipping);<br>Tanker and freight ship transport<br>(shipping companies) (Inland water<br>transport) | 14                         | 7               | 13<br>92.9                           | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                       | !<br>a. q.                       | !<br>a. q.                       | +<br>0.005                       |
| D.No. 68<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Airplane;<br>Airports, airfields  | 43                         | 4               | 41<br>95.3                           | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       | !<br>a. q.                       | !<br>a. q.                       | !<br>a. q.                       |

## Industry groups: Personal measurements

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation   | Number of meas-<br>ured data | Number of firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m³ | ≤ limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                         |                         |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                              |                 |                                      |                    |   |                       | 50<br>percen-<br>tile * | 90<br>percen-<br>tile * | 95<br>percen-<br>tile * |
| D.No. 69<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Transport, shipping, transport com-<br>panies and similar   | 11                           | 1               | 8<br>72.7                            | 1                  | 0.005                                       | !                     | a. q.                   | 0.0078                  | 0.0089                  |
| D.No. 70<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Waste and waste water disposal,<br>Hazardous waste  | 2                            | 2               | 2<br>100                             | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 71<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Manufacture and processing of plas-<br>tic and rubber products                                    | 8                            | 4               | 1<br>12.5                            | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 72<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing of metals  | 5                            | 2               | 3<br>60                              | 1                  | 0.006                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 73<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Manufacture of machinery and vehi-<br>cles  | 19                           | 8               | 10<br>52.6                           | 4                  | 0.005                                       | !                     | a. q.                   | 0.0139                  | 0.0227                  |
| D.No. 74<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Repair shop   | 1                            | 1               | 1<br>100                             | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 75<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Electrical engineering, general,<br>Fine mechanics, optics  | 5                            | 4               | 5<br>100                             | 1                  | 0.006                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 76<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing and treatment of wood  | 4                            | 2               | 2<br>50                              | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 77<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Leather industry, Textile industry  | 6                            | 3               | 2<br>33.3                            | 1                  | 0.006                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 78<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Wholesale trade with chemicals,<br>metal;<br>Wholesale trade with textiles, metal<br>haberdashery | 13                           | 7               | 4<br>30.8                            | 1                  | 0.011                                       | 0.016                 | 0.041                   | 0.05                    |                         |
| D.No. 79<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Storage and warehousing;<br>Retail sale (with non-specialised<br>goods)                           | 4                            | 1               | 1<br>25                              | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |

| Branch of industry   | Number of measured data | Number of firms | Frequency < number of values % | Number of Alls* | Largest quantification limit in mg/m³ | ≤ limit value % \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                 |                 |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|  |                         |                 |                                |                 |                                       |                    | 50 percentile *         | 90 percentile * | 95 percentile * |
| D.No. 80<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Inland water transport;<br>Tanker and freight ship transport<br>(shipping companies) (Maritime shipping)<br>Tanker and freight ship transport<br>(shipping companies) (Inland water transport) | 0                       | 0               | 0                              | 0               |                                       |                    |                         |                 |                 |
| D.No. 81<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Airplane;<br>Airports, airfields   | 0                       | 0               | 0                              | 0               |                                       |                    |                         |                 |                 |

### Industry groups: Measurements with local exhaust ventilation

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation<br><br>Branch of industry   | Number of<br>measured data | Number of firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m³ | ≤ limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                         |                         |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                            |                 |                                      |                    |   |                       | 50<br>percen-<br>tile * | 90<br>percen-<br>tile * | 95<br>percen-<br>tile * |
| D.No. 111<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Total  | 78                         | 39              | 45<br>57.7                           | 10                 | 0.006                                       |                       | ! a.B.                  | 0.0364                  | 0.0518                  |
| D.No. 95<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Transport, shipping, transport companies and similar  | 5                          | 2               | 0                                    | 1                  |   |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 96<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Waste and waste water disposal,<br>Hazardous waste  | 4                          | 2               | 4<br>100                             | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 97<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Manufacture and processing of plastic and rubber products                                       | 11                         | 6               | 2<br>18.2                            | 2                  | 0.006                                       |                       | 0.02                    | 0.0443                  | 0.0675                  |
| D.No. 98<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing of metals  | 8                          | 4               | 5<br>62.5                            | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 99<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane,<br>Manufacture of machinery and vehicles  | 15                         | 5               | 6<br>40                              | 3                  | 0.005                                       |                       | 0.0085                  | 0.012                   | 0.0127                  |
| D.No. 100<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Repair shop  | 2                          | 1               | 2<br>100                             | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 101<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Electrical engineering, general,<br>Fine mechanics, optics,                                    | 10                         | 8               | 9<br>90                              | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       | ! a.B.                  | + 0.005                 | 0.0143                  |
| D.No. 102<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing and treatment of wood   | 0                          | 0               | 0                                    | 0                  |   |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 103<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Leather industry, Textile industry   | 9                          | 2               | 5<br>55.6                            | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 104<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Wholesale trade with chemicals,<br>metal;<br>Wholesale trade with textiles, metal haberdashery | 1                          | 1               | 0                                    | 1                  |   |                       |                         |                         |                         |

| Branch of industry   | Number of measured data | Number of firms | Frequency < number of values % | Number of Alls* | Largest quantification limit in mg/m³ | ≤ limit value % \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                 |                 |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|  |                         |                 |                                |                 |                                       |                    | 50 percentile *         | 90 percentile * | 95 percentile * |
| D.No. 105<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Storage and warehousing;<br>Retail sale (with non-specialised goods)  | 0                       | 0               | 0                              | 0               |                                       |                    |                         |                 |                 |
| D.No. 106<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Inland water transport;<br>Tanker and freight ship transport (shipping companies) (Maritime shipping);<br>Tanker and freight ship transport (shipping companies) (Inland water transport) | 0                       | 0               | 0                              | 0               |                                       |                    |                         |                 |                 |
| D.No. 107<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Airplane;<br>Airports, airfields  | 0                       | 0               | 0                              | 0               |                                       |                    |                         |                 |                 |

### Industry groups: Measurements without local exhaust ventilation

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation   | Number of<br>measured data | Number of firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m³ | ≤ limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                         |                         |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                            |                 |                                      |                    |   |                       | 50<br>percen-<br>tile * | 90<br>percen-<br>tile * | 95<br>percen-<br>tile * |
| D.No. 110<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Total  | 229                        | 84              | 144<br>62.9                          | 17                 | 0.011                                       |                       | ! a.B.                  | 0.0221                  | 0.0355                  |
| D.No. 82<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Transport, shipping, transport compa-<br>nies and similar   | 47                         | 8               | 19<br>40.4                           | 3                  | 0.005                                       |                       | 0.008                   | 0.0533                  | 0.0699                  |
| D.No. 83<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Waste and waste water disposal,<br>Hazardous waste  | 9                          | 3               | 9<br>100                             | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 84<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Manufacture and processing of plastic<br>and rubber products                                      | 3                          | 3               | 1<br>33.3                            | 1                  | 0.006                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 85<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing of metals  | 8                          | 5               | 7<br>87.5                            | 3                  | 0.006                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 86<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane,<br>Manufacture of machinery and vehi-<br>cles   | 21                         | 9               | 15<br>71.4                           | 5                  | 0.006                                       |                       | ! a.B.                  | 0.0079                  | 0.00895                 |
| D.No. 87<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Repair shop   | 2                          | 1               | 2<br>100                             | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 88<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Electrical engineering, general,<br>Fine mechanics, optics  | 11                         | 4               | 10<br>90.9                           | 1                  | 0.006                                       |                       | ! a.B.                  | ! a.B.                  | + 0.00525               |
| D.No. 89<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing and treatment of wood  | 9                          | 5               | 6<br>66.7                            | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 90<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Leather industry, Textile industry  | 10                         | 1               | 2<br>20                              | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       | 0.007                   | 0.018                   | 0.018                   |
| D.No. 91<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Wholesale trade with chemicals,<br>metal;<br>Wholesale trade with textiles, metal<br>haberdashery | 32                         | 14              | 18<br>56.3                           | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.0188                  | 0.0208                  |

| Branch of industry   | Number of measured data | Number of firms | Frequency < number of values % | Number of Alls* | Largest quantification limit in mg/m³ | ≤ limit value % \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                 |                 |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|  |                         |                 |                                |                 |                                       |                    | 50 percentile *         | 90 percentile * | 95 percentile * |
| D.No. 92<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Storage and warehousing;<br>Retail sale (with non-specialised goods)   | 10                      | 2               | 7 70                           | 2               | 0.005                                 |                    | ! a. q.                 | 0.012           | 0.021           |
| D.No. 93<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Inland water transport;<br>Tanker and freight ship transport (shipping companies) (Maritime shipping);<br>513540 Tanker and freight ship transport (shipping companies) (Inland water transport) | 8                       | 4               | 8 100                          | 1               | 0.005                                 |                    |                         |                 |                 |
| D.No. 94<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Airplane<br>Airports, airfields  | 0                       | 0               | 0                              | 0               |                                       |                    |                         |                 |                 |

## Appendix 2

### Statistical evaluations for work area groups

Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, sampling time  $\geq 0.5$  h and exposure time  $\geq 6$  h

Work area groups: General

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation<br><br>Work area                        | Number of<br>measured data | Number of<br>firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m³ | $\leq$ limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                         |                         |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                            |                    |                                      |                    |   |                            | 50<br>percen-<br>tile * | 90<br>percen-<br>tile * | 95<br>percen-<br>tile * |
| D.No. 48<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Storing                             | 128                        | 52                 | 92<br>71.9                           | 7                  | 0.006                                       |                            | !<br>a. q.              | 0.015                   | 0.022                   |
| D.No. 49<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Transport and vehicles              | 62                         | 17                 | 26<br>41.9                           | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                            | 0.008                   | 0.061                   | 0.071                   |
| D.No. 50<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Pressing, Extruder                  | 39                         | 15                 | 14<br>35.9                           | 4                  | 0.006                                       |                            | 0.01                    | 0.05                    | 0.109                   |
| D.No. 51<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing, Sanding                 | 37                         | 10                 | 15<br>40.5                           | 3                  | 0.005                                       |                            | 0.007                   | 0.036                   | 0.046                   |
| D.No. 52<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Test facilities, Quality inspection | 68                         | 26                 | 44<br>64.7                           | 10                 | 0.005                                       |                            | !<br>a. q.              | 0.013                   | 0.018                   |
| D.No. 53<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Laboratory                          | 21                         | 9                  | 15<br>71.4                           | 6                  | 0.006                                       |                            | !<br>a. q.              | 0.01                    | 0.018                   |
| D.No. 54<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Surface coating                     | 14                         | 8                  | 14<br>100                            | 4                  | 0.005                                       |                            | !<br>a. q.              | !<br>a. q.              | !<br>a. q.              |
| D.No. 55<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Flight clearance, Airport           | 36                         | 4                  | 35<br>97.2                           | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                            | !<br>a. q.              | !<br>a. q.              | !<br>a. q.              |

### Work area groups: Stationary measurements

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation  | Number of<br>measured<br>data | Number of<br>firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m³ | > limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                         |                         |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                               |                    |                                      |                    |   |                       | 50<br>percen-<br>tile * | 90<br>percen-<br>tile * | 95<br>percen-<br>tile * |
| D.No. 112<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Storing                             | 92                            | 44                 | 75<br>81.5                           | 7                  | 0.006                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.011                   | 0.013                   |
| D.No. 113<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Transport and vehicles              | 62                            | 17                 | 26<br>41.9                           | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                       | 0.008                   | 0.061                   | 0.071                   |
| D.No. 114<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Pressing, Extruder                  | 28                            | 13                 | 13<br>46.4                           | 4                  | 0.006                                       |                       | + 0.008                 | 0.05                    | 0.083                   |
| D.No. 115<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing, Sanding, Punching       | 31                            | 9                  | 12<br>38.7                           | 3                  | 0.005                                       |                       | 0.007                   | 0.025                   | 0.048                   |
| D.No. 116<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Test facilities, Quality inspection | 63                            | 23                 | 41<br>65.1                           | 9                  | 0.005                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.014                   | 0.018                   |
| D.No. 117<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Laboratory                          | 21                            | 9                  | 15<br>71.4                           | 6                  | 0.006                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.01                    | 0.018                   |
| D.No. 118<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Surface coating                     | 13                            | 7                  | 13<br>100                            | 4                  | 0.005                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | ! a. B.                 | ! a. q.                 |
| D.No. 119<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Flight clearance, Airport           | 36                            | 4                  | 35<br>97.2                           | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | ! a. q.                 | ! a. q.                 |

### Work area groups: Personal measurements

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation<br><br>Work area                         | Number of<br>measured data | Number of<br>firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m³ | ≤ limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                         |                         |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                            |                    |                                      |                    |   |                       | 50<br>percen-<br>tile * | 90<br>percen-<br>tile * | 95<br>percen-<br>tile * |
| D.No. 120<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Storing                             | 36                         | 12                 | 17<br>47.2                           | 4                  | 0.005                                       |                       | 0.006                   | 0.023                   | 0.035                   |
| D.No. 121<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Transport and vehicles              | 0                          | 0                  | 0                                    | 0                  |   |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 122<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Pressing, Extruder                  | 11                         | 5                  | 1<br>9.1                             | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                       | 0.012                   | 0.047                   | 0.112                   |
| D.No. 123<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing, Sanding, Punching       | 6                          | 4                  | 3<br>50                              | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 124<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Test facilities, Quality inspection | 5                          | 4                  | 3<br>60                              | 4                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 125<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Laboratory                          | 0                          | 0                  | 0                                    | 0                  |   |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 126<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Surface coating                     | 1                          | 1                  | 1<br>100                             | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 127<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Flight clearance, Airport           | 0                          | 0                  | 0                                    | 0                  |   |                       |                         |                         |                         |

Work area groups: Measurements without local exhaust ventilation

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation  | Number of<br>measured<br>data | Number of<br>firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m³ | > limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m³ |                         |                         |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                               |                    |                                      |                    |   |                       | 50<br>percen-<br>tile * | 90<br>percen-<br>tile * | 95<br>percen-<br>tile * |
| D.No. 128<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Storing                             | 74                            | 26                 | 49<br>66.2                           | 6                  | 0.006                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.016                   | 0.02                    |
| D.No. 129<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Transport and vehicles              | 34                            | 7                  | 12<br>35.3                           | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                       | 0.009                   | 0.068                   | 0.072                   |
| D.No. 130<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Pressing, Extruder                  | 8                             | 4                  | 5<br>62.5                            | 2                  | 0.006                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 131<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing, Sanding, Punching       | 19                            | 6                  | 9<br>47.4                            | 3                  | 0.005                                       |                       | +<br>0.005              | 0.011                   | 0.018                   |
| D.No. 132<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Test facilities, Quality inspection | 26                            | 14                 | 19<br>73.1                           | 5                  | 0.005                                       |                       | ! a. q.                 | 0.014                   | 0.022                   |
| D.No. 133<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Laboratory                          | 5                             | 2                  | 3<br>60                              | 1                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 134<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Surface coating                     | 2                             | 2                  | 2<br>100                             | 2                  | 0.005                                       |                       |                         |                         |                         |
| D.No. 135<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Flight clearance, Airport           | 0                             | 0                  | 0                                    | 0                  |   |                       |                         |                         |                         |

### Work area groups: Measurements with local exhaust ventilation

| D.No. = Data set number/<br>Designation  | Number of<br>measured data | Number of<br>firms | Frequency<br>< number<br>of values % | Number<br>of Alls* | Largest<br>quantification<br>limit in mg/m <sup>3</sup> | > limit value<br>% \$ | Concentrations in mg/m <sup>3</sup> |                         |                         |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                            |                    |                                      |                    |   |                       | 50<br>percen-<br>tile *             | 90<br>percen-<br>tile * | 95<br>percen-<br>tile * |
| D.No. 136<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Storing                             | 3                          | 1                  | 3<br>100                             | 1                  | 0.005   |                       |                                     |                         |                         |
| D.No. 137<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Transport and vehicles              | 3                          | 1                  | 0                                    | 1                  |   |                       |                                     |                         |                         |
| D.No. 138<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Pressing, Extruder                  | 11                         | 7                  | 5<br>45.5                            | 4                  | 0.006   |                       | 0.007                               | 0.047                   | 0.0692                  |
| D.No. 139<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Processing, Sanding, Punching       | 12                         | 4                  | 6<br>50                              | 2                  | 0.005   |                       | +<br>0.005                          | 0.033                   | 0.0396                  |
| D.No. 140<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Test facilities, Quality inspection | 6                          | 2                  | 1<br>16.7                            | 2                  | 0.005   |                       |                                     |                         |                         |
| D.No. 141<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Laboratory                          | 1                          | 1                  | 1<br>100                             | 1                  | 0.005   |                       |                                     |                         |                         |
| D.No. 142<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Surface coating                     | 6                          | 4                  | 6<br>100                             | 2                  | 0.005   |                       |                                     |                         |                         |
| D.No. 143<br>Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane<br>Flight clearance, Airport           | 0                          | 0                  | 0                                    | 0                  |   |                       |                                     |                         |                         |