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#### Terminology, abbreviations and acronyms

ADI acceptable daily intake active ingredient a.i. ARfD acute reference dose ATSDR United States Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry AUC area under curve bioconcentration factor **BCF** BMD benchmark dose Concise International Chemical Assessment Document CICAD EC **European Commission EFSA** European Food Safety Authority Environmental Health Criteria EHC ΕU European Union **EUROPOEM** European Predictive Operator Exposure Model Globally Harmonized System of Classification and **GHS** Labelling of Chemicals (United Nations, 2015) **GLP** good laboratory practice guideline scenario the insecticide is used according to the instructions given on the product label and in WHO guideline information International Agency for Research on Cancer **IARC IPCS** International Programme on Chemical Safety JECFA Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Management JMPM **JMPR** Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues no personal protective equipment other than light lax standard scenario clothing covering the trunk is assumed lowest-observed-adverse-effect-level LOAEL minimal risk level MRL NOAEL no-observed-adverse-effect-level OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development occupational exposure limit OEL POEM Predictive Operator Exposure Model PPE personal protective equipment **PSD** Pesticides Safety Directorate of the United Kingdom Health and Safety Executive RfC reference concentration reference dose RfD RPE respiratory protective equipment TSD tolerable systemic dose Tolerable systemic dose, acute exposure  $\mathsf{TSD}_{\mathsf{AC}}$ time-weighted average TWA UF uncertainty factor USEPA United States Environmental Protection Agency WHO World Health Organization World Health Organization Pesticide Evaluation Scheme WHOPES

#### 1. Introduction

Indoor residual spraying (IRS) is the application of insecticides on the inside walls of dwellings in order to kill target insects that come into contact with the treated surface. Such insecticidal deposits are intended to remain active for an extended period of time. Indoor residual spraying is widely used to control the vectors of malaria, Chagas disease and visceral leishmaniasis.

The equipment used for indoor residual spraying is typically a hand compression sprayer fitted with a fan-type nozzle and a control flow valve. The World Health Organization (WHO) has published specification guidelines on equipment for vector control (WHO, 2010). Procedures for indoor residual spraying are described in a separate manual (WHO, 2007).

The formulations commonly used for indoor residual application of insecticides are wettable powders, suspension concentrates, capsule suspensions and water-dispersible granules. Wettable powders or water dispersible granules in sealed water soluble bags are also formulated and provide ease of handling and mixing in a spray tank and reduce spray operators' risk (WHO, 2007). Emulsifiable concentrates are generally not suitable for use in indoor residual spraying.

The requirements, procedures and criteria for testing and evaluation of insecticides for IRS for control of malaria and Chagas disease vectors are available from WHO (http://www.who.int/whopes/guidelines/en/).

#### 2. Purpose

This document provides a generic model that can be used for the risk assessment of exposure to insecticide products applied as indoor residual sprays. It aims to harmonize the risk assessment of such insecticides for public health use in order to generate comparable data for their registering and labelling by national regulatory authorities. The assessment considers both adults and children (all age groups) as well as people in the following specific categories:

- those preparing the spray;
- those applying the spray;
- residents living in the treated houses; and
- residents who participate in preparing and applying insecticides.

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