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1. Introduction

This document provides technical guidance on how to conduct an LCA study of contracted supply service for school meals according to the PEF (Product Environmental Footprint) methodology for the evaluation of the product environmental footprint, as defined in the Commission Recommendation 2013/179/EU and, when applicable, in the Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules Guidance, Version 6.3, May 2018.

The document, developed as a part of the LIFE EFFIGE project, addresses only the Italian market and has been prepared by ENEA in collaboration with CAMST. Its content is a contribution to the sector studies, but it is not binding on other ongoing or future initiatives.



2. General information about the PEFCR

This PEFCR is valid for products in scope sold/consumed in Italy.

The applicability to the European Union context needs to be tested.

This PEFCR has been prepared in conformance with the following documents:

- PEFCR "Guidance version 6.3"
- Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) Guide; Annex II to the Recommendation 2013/179/EU, 9 April 2013. Published in the official journal of the European Union Volume 56, 4 May 2013.



3. PEFCR scope

The scope of this PECR is the "contracted school food service", defined as the catering service offered to children who attend nursery school, kindergarten, primary school, first-level secondary school and to teachers and operators working in the school. It must be guaranteed to all users and all through the school year.

Food services for other school levels not explicitly mentioned are not included.

3.1 Product classification

The CPA code for the products included in this PEFCR is:

56.29.1 Contract food services

3.2 Representative product

"Collective catering" is the service of large-scale preparation and delivery of complete meals for a community (company canteens, schools, hospitals, prisons, etc.). The customer can be private or public, with a predominance of the latter at school and health services. In Italy the value of the turnover of school catering accounts for about one third of the entire value of collective catering and contracted school food service represents approximately 70% of the school meals served.

The representative product has been defined as "the contracted supply service for a school meal for the following levels: nursery school, kindergarten, primary school, first-level secondary school".

The representative product is a virtual product defined starting from the case study of CAMST, which is significant in terms of technology and organization of the supply chain in Italy.

Two types of production processes are considered: meal preparation at school kitchens (68% of the total meals) and preparation in central kitchens (32%). Three types of kitchen are considered in the screening study: high performance central kitchens (12%), medium performance central kitchens (20%), and school kitchens (68%).

Two scenarios of food serving are included: disposable tableware and reusable tableware.

3.3 Functional unit and reference flow

The function of the system is to meet the nutritional needs of a user at school in agreement with the scientific criteria established in the following documents:

- Linee Guida per una Sana Alimentazione Italiana, Istituto Nazionale di Ricerca per gli Alimenti e la Nutrizione Rev. 1997 and rev. 2003
- Livelli di Assunzione Raccomandati di Energia e Nutrienti per la Popolazione Italiana- LARN, Società
 Italiana di Nutrizione Umana Rev. 1996 and rev. 2014



The functional unit (FU) is the supply of a daily meal at school for one average user and 200 days, i.e. 200 meals/year, which is approximately the yearly number of meals consumed at school by an Italian schoolchild.

In line with the recommendations by the Italian Ministry of Health for school catering¹, meals served at school should account for 35% (lunch) and 8-10% (snacks) of the daily caloric intake. In particular, lunch should contain 15% protein, 30% fat and 55% carbohydrate and should provide the following energy amounts, in relation to different school levels:

kindergarten: 440 – 640 kcal;primary school: 520 – 810 kcal;

- first-level secondary school: 700 – 830 kcal.

Since the recommended daily caloric intake can vary in relation to gender, age and levels of physical activity within the same school level, the energy amounts are provided as ranges.

In addition, it is recommended that the menus are designed to have a rotation of minimum 4-5 weeks.

Table 1 defines the key aspects used to define the FU.

Table 1 Key aspects of the FU

| What? | To provide school meals | |
|-----------|---|--|
| How much? | One daily meal | |
| How well? | In agreement with the recommendations of the Italian Ministry of Health for school catering and with the GPP minimum environmental criteria | |
| How long? | For one year (considering 200 school days) | |

The reference flow is the amount of product needed to fulfil the defined function and shall be measured in "number of meals". All quantitative input and output data collected in the study shall be calculated in relation to this reference flow.

The reference flow is defined as 200 average meals. The average meal is defined on the basis of the list of food bought in one year to provide the service and the number of meals provided.

¹ Ministero della Salute "Linee di indirizzo nazionale per la ristorazione scolastica" Conferenza Unificata Provvedimento 29 aprile 2010 Intesa, ai sensi dell'art.8, comma 6, della legge 5 giugno 2003, n.131, G.U. n. 134 del 11-6-2010.



3.4 System boundaries

Figure 1 shows the flow diagram of the entire process.

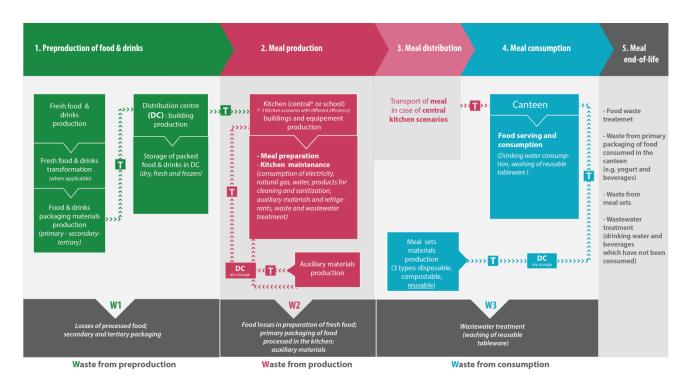


Figure 1 Flow diagram of the entire process

Table 2 describes the activities related to the life cycle stages of the product.

In addition, the production of buildings and equipment is included in the following stages:

- pre-production: building of distribution centre;
- production: building of kitchens and equipment.



Table 2 Life cycle stages²

| Life cycle stage | Short description of the processes included |
|---|--|
| Preproduction (see section 6.1 Preproduction) | Production of packed food and transport to a Distribution Centres (DC) Storage in DC, which may be run by the same company which provides the meal service. Not all materials needed for the meal service come from the company's DC, but also direct purchase may occur Distribution of packed food to the kitchens (central kitchens or school kitchens) Waste and emissions which occurs at this stage |
| Production (see section 6.2 Production) | Supply of auxiliary materials to the kitchens (production, transport to DC, storage, distribution to kitchens) Meal preparation (electricity, water, gas, refrigerants consumption) Cleaning and sanitization of spaces and equipment Waste and emissions which occurs at this stage |
| Distribution (see section 6.3 Distribution) | - Distribution from kitchens to school canteens (when applicable) |
| Use (see section 6.4 Use) | Serving of food, including the supply of meal sets (production, transport to DC, storage, distribution to kitchens, washing of reusable tableware) Drinking water supply Waste and emissions which occurs at this stage |
| End-of-Life (see section 6.5 End-of-Life) | - Treatment of food and non-food (e.g. meal sets) waste - Wastewater treatment (drinking water and beverages which have not been consumed) |

3.5 EF impact assessment

Currently the PEF impact categories are not implemented in the LCA software. Until the completion of the process of integration and control by software developers, the ILCD 2011 Midpoint (version 1.0.9, May 2016) released by the European Commission, will be used.

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² The decision about processes that may be excluded on the basis of the cut-off rule will be taken when results of the supporting studies will be available.



This LCIA method includes 16 midpoint impact categories³:

- 1 Climate change: Global Warming Potential calculating the radiative forcing over a time horizon of 100 years. | IPCC 2007.
- 2 Ozone depletion: Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) calculating the destructive effects on the stratospheric ozone layer over a time horizon of 100 years. | World Meteorological Organization (WMO) 1999.
- 3 Human toxicity, cancer effects: Comparative Toxic Unit for humans (CTUh) expressing the estimated increase in morbidity in the total human population per unit mass of a chemical emitted (cases per kilogramme). Specific groups of chemicals requires further works. | USEtox (recommended + interim).
- 4 Human toxicity, non-cancer effects: Comparative Toxic Unit for humans (CTUh) expressing the estimated increase in morbidity in the total human population per unit mass of a chemical emitted (cases per kilogramme). Specific groups of chemicals requires further works. | USEtox (recommended + interim).
- 5 Particulate matter: Quantification of the impact of premature death or disability that particulates/respiratory inorganics have on the population, in comparison to PM2.5. It includes the assessment of primary (PM10 and PM2.5) and secondary PM (incl. creation of secondary PM due to SOx, NOx and NH3 emissions) and CO. | Rabl and Spadaro 2004.
- 6 Ionizing radiation HH (human health): Quantification of the impact of ionizing radiation on the population, in comparison to Uranium 235. | Frischknecht et al. 2000.
- 7 Ionizing radiation E (ecosystems) [note: this method is classified as interim; see reference for explanation]: Comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems (CTUe) expressing an estimate of the potentially affected fraction of species (PAF) integrated over time and volume per unit mass of a radionucleide emitted (PAF m³ year/kg). Fate of radionucleide based on USEtox consensus model (multimedia model). Relevant for freshwater ecosystems. | Garnier-Laplace et al. 2008.
- 8 Photochemical ozone formation: Expression of the potential contribution to photochemical ozone formation. Only for Europe. It includes spatial differentiation | van Zelm et al. 2008.
- 9 Acidification: Accumulated Exceedance (AE) characterizing the change in critical load exceedance of the sensitive area in terrestrial and main freshwater ecosystems, to which acidifying substances deposit. European-country dependent. | Seppälä et al. 2006 and Posch et al. 2008.
- 10 Terrestrial eutrophication: Accumulated Exceedance (AE) characterizing the change in critical load exceedance of the sensitive area, to which eutrophying substances deposit. European-country dependent. | Seppälä et al. 2006 and Posch et al. 2008.
- 11 Freshwater eutrophication: Expression of the degree to which the emitted nutrients reaches the freshwater end compartment (phosphorus considered as limiting factor in freshwater). European validity. Averaged characterization factors from country dependent characterization factors. | ReCiPe version 1.05.

³ SimaPro software documentation.



- 12 Marine eutrophication: Expression of the degree to which the emitted nutrients reaches the marine end compartment (nitrogen considered as limiting factor in marine water). European validity. Averaged characterization factors from country dependent characterization factors. | ReCiPe version 1.05.
- 13 Freshwater ecotoxicity: Comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems (CTUe) expressing an estimate of the potentially affected fraction of species (PAF) integrated over time and volume per unit mass of a chemical emitted (PAF m³ year/kg). Specific groups of chemicals requires further works. | USEtox (recommended + interim).
- 14 Land use: Soil Organic Matter (SOM) based on changes in SOM, measured in (kg C/m²/a). Biodiversity impacts not covered by the data set. | Mila i Canals et al. 2007.
- 15 Water resource depletion: Freshwater scarcity: Scarcity-adjusted amount of water used. | Swiss Ecoscarcity 2006.
- 16 Mineral, fossil and renewable resource depletion: Scarcity of mineral resource with the scarcity calculated as 'Reserve base'. It refers to identified resources that meets specified minimum physical and chemical criteria related to current mining practice. The reserve base may encompass those parts of the resources that have a reasonable potential for becoming economically available within planning horizons beyond those that assume proven technology and current economics. | van Oers et al. 2002.

3.6 Limitations

The following limitations are particularly relevant to the school meal service sector and must be reported by the PEF applicant when relevant:

- Huge lack of primary data concerning equipment, infrastructure, primary production, etc. requires
 large use of proxies to model the system. This will affect the quality of the PEF results.
- Use of inconsistent data for food supply (i.e. primary vs secondary) may lead to misinterpretation of the PEF results. As a consequence, the current PEFCR may support comparative assertions (i.e. comparative claims) among meal services only under the following conditions:
 - o Primary data for food supply are used for all compared products,
 - Secondary data for production of food and auxiliary materials are used for all compared products, excepting when suppliers have a PEF study compliant with European PEFCRs. In this case primary data shall be used.
- The technological system described is typical of an Italian situation and its constraints. For example in Italy cook&chill is not accepted in Public Procurement of school meals service. The extension to a European situation requires testing.



4. Most relevant impact categories, life cycle stages, processes and elementary flows

The most relevant impact categories should be identified as all impact categories that cumulatively contribute to at least 80% of the total environmental impact (excluding toxicity related impact categories). However, due to the high uncertainty related to the ILCD normalisation factors, the normalised results of the screening study were used only as a starting point in the selection of the most relevant impact categories. Society interests in specific environmental impact categories were used as additional justifications.

The most relevant impact categories are the following:

- Water resource depletion (28%)
- Terrestrial eutrophication (15%)
- Mineral, fossil and renewable resource depletion (12%)
- Acidification (11%)
- Ionizing radiation HH (9%)
- Marine eutrophication (8%)
- Climate change (7%).

The percentages have been calculated on the total weighted results excluding the toxicity categories. Ionising radiation shall be excluded from the analysis.

The most relevant life cycle phases are Preproduction (contribution equal to 75% of the total weighted results) and Production (21%).

Table 3 shows the most relevant processes for the product group in scope of this PEFCR.

Table 3 List of the most relevant processes

| Process | Contribution to the total category |
|---|---|
| CLIMATE CHANGE | |
| Food production (including primary packaging) | 44% |
| | with Meat, fish and eggs accounting for 27% and Dairy for 8% |
| Food (including primary packaging) transport to Distribution Centre | 12% |
| Electricity consumption in Kitchen | 11% |
| Heat consumption (natural gas) in Kitchen | 8% |



| Kitchen Equipment | 7% |
|--|---|
| Total | 82% |
| WATER RESOURCE DEPLETION | |
| Food production (including primary packaging) 94% with Condiments accounting for 44% and eggs for 27% and Fruit fo | |
| TERRESTRIAL EUTROPHICATION | |
| Food production (including primary packaging) | 86% |
| | with Meat, fish and eggs accounting for 61% and Dairy for 17% |
| MINERAL, FOSSIL AND RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEPLETION | |
| Kitchen Equipment | 35% |
| Food (including primary packaging) transport to Distribution Centre | 20% |
| Food production (including primary packaging) | 14% |
| Food (including primary packaging) transport to Kitchen | 11% |
| Total 80% | |
| ACIDIFICATION | |
| Food production (including primary packaging) | 79% |
| | with Meat, fish and eggs accounting for 54% and Dairy for 15% |
| Electricity consumption in Kitchen | 7% |
| MARINE EUTROPHICATION | |
| Food production (including primary packaging) | 87% |
| | with Meat, fish and eggs accounting for 60%, Dairy for 13% and Bakery and flour products for 4% |



5. Life cycle inventory

5.1 List of mandatory company-specific data

5.1.1 Packed Food supply

The applicant shall provide a list of the food products supplied to the kitchens in one year to provide the service and their weight (kg) or volume (litre).

Each food shall be classified according to the following list:

- I. Vegetables and Legumes
- II. Fruits
- III. Meat, fish and eggs
- IV. Dairy
- V. Cereals
- VI. Bakery and flour products
- VII. Condiments
- VIII. Beverages.

Data about food packaging shall be included. If primary data are not available, default data are provided in section 6.1.2 Food Packaging.

5.1.2 Kitchens operations

The following data shall be collected referred to one year and to the service provided:

- Electricity consumption: voltage and amount
- Fuel consumption for cooking and heating: type and amount
- Water consumption: type and amount.

5.2 List of processes expected to be run by the company

The following processes are expected to be run by the company applying the PEFCR:

- Storage in Distribution Centre
- Transport from Distribution Centre to kitchens
- Kitchen buildings and equipment
- Auxiliary materials supply to kitchens
- Transport from kitchens to school canteens
- Supply of meal sets.

For these data, directions on how to manage data gaps are given in section 6. Life cycle stages.



5.2.1 Storage in Distribution centre

If the company runs the process, the following data shall be collected:

- Size of the Building and Parking Area
- Electricity consumption of the Offices Area
- Electricity consumption of the Chilled Store
- Electricity consumption of the Frozen Store
- Electricity consumption of the Dry Store
- Fuel consumption
- Refrigerant consumption and leakages
- Water consumption
- Amount of goods leaving the frozen store per year
- Amount of goods leaving the chilled store per year
- Amount of goods leaving the dry store per year
- Waste.

5.2.2 Transport from Distribution Centre to kitchens

Data about the distance between Distribution Centre and kitchens and type of transport means shall be collected.

5.2.3 Kitchens buildings and equipment

The applicant shall provide a list of the kitchen equipment and the size of the building and parking area. Refrigerating gas content in cooled cells, life time of the plants and consumption of refrigerant in one year shall also be provided.

5.2.4 Auxiliary materials supply

The applicant shall provide a list of the auxiliary materials supplied to the kitchens in one year to provide the service and their weight/volume, e.g. detergents, clothing, disposable aluminium trays, thermal containers, paper rolls.

5.2.5 Transport from kitchens to school canteens

Data about the distance between kitchens and school canteens and type of transport means shall be collected.

As an alternative, data about fuel consumption and type of transport means shall be collected.

5.2.6 Supply of tableware

Data about the meal sets (e.g. dishes, cutlery, glasses, table mats, napkins) used to serve and consume the meals shall be collected. This shall include:

- amount and materials for the meal sets



- transportation of the meal sets from supplier to distribution centre, then to the kitchen and then to the canteen.

In case the meal set is reusable, data shall be collected about the lifetime of the meal set as well as its washing (water, detergent and electricity consumption).

5.3 Data gaps

Section 6. Life cycle stages includes directions about how to deal with data gaps and gives default data to be used to cover the gaps.

5.4 Data quality requirements

The data quality of each dataset and the total EF study shall be calculated and reported. The calculation of the DQR shall be based on the following formula with four criteria:

$$DQR = \frac{\overline{Te_R} + \overline{G_R} + \overline{T\iota_R} + \overline{P}}{4}$$
 [Equation 1]

where TeR is the Technological-Representativeness, GR is the Geographical-Representativeness, TiR is the Time-Representativeness, and P is the Precision/uncertainty. The representativeness (technological, geographical and time-related) characterises to what degree the processes and products selected are depicting the system analysed, while the precision indicates the way the data is derived and related level of uncertainty.

Tables and criteria to be used for the semi-quantitative assessment of each criterion are reported in the PEFCR "Guidance version 6.3".

5.5 Data needs matrix (DNM)

All processes required to model the product and outside the list of mandatory company-specific (listed in section 5.1 List of mandatory company-specific data5.1 List of mandatory company-specific data) shall be evaluated using the Data Needs Matrix (see Table 4). The DNM shall be used by the PEFCR applicant to evaluate which data is needed and shall be used within the modelling of its PEF, depending on the level of influence the applicant (company) has on the specific process. The following three cases are found in the DNM and are explained below:

- 1. **Situation 1**: the process is run by the company applying the PEFCR
- 2. **Situation 2**: the process is not run by the company applying the PEFCR but the company has access to (company-)specific information.
- 3. **Situation 3**: the process is not run by the company applying the PEFCR and this company does not have access to (company-)specific information.



The detailed description of the three situations is given in the PEFCR "Guidance version 6.3".

Table 4 Data Needs Matrix (DNM)⁴

| | | Most relevant process | Other process | |
|---|----------|---|---|--|
| the | n 1 | Provide company-specific data (as requested in the PEFCR) and create a company specific dataset partially disaggregated at least at level 1 (DQR ≤1.6). | | |
| ocess ruapplying | Option ' | Calculate the DQR values (for each criteria + total). | | |
| Situation 1: process run by the company applying the PEFCR | Option 2 | | Use default secondary dataset in PEFCR, in aggregated form (DQR ≤3.0). Use the default DQR values. | |
| | Option 1 | Provide company-specific data (as requested in the PEFCR) and create a company specific dataset partially disaggregated at least at level 1 (DQR ≤1.6). Calculate the DQR values (for each criteria + total) | | |
| Situation 2: process not run by the company applying the PEFCR but with access to (company-)specific information | Option 2 | Use company-specific activity data for transport (distance), and substitute the subprocesses used for electricity mix and transport with supply-chain specific PEF compliant datasets (DQR ≤3.0).* Re-evaluate the DQR criteria within the product specific context. | | |
| Situation 2: pr the PEFCR t | Option 3 | | Use company-specific activity data for transport (distance), and substitute the sub-processes used for electricity mix and transport with supply-chain specific PEF compliant datasets (DQR ≤4.0). Use the default DQR values. | |
| Situation 3: process not run by the company applying the PEFCR and without access to (company)-specific information | Option 1 | Use default secondary dataset, in aggregated form (DQR ≤3.0). Re-evaluate the DQR criteria within the product specific context. | | |
| Situation 3: pi company appl without access inf | Option 2 | | Use default secondary dataset in PEFCR, in aggregated form (DQR ≤4.0) Use the default DQR values. | |

^{*}Disaggregated datasets shall be used.

 $^{^{\}rm 4}$ The options described in the DNM are not listed in order of preference.



5.6 Which datasets to use?

The secondary datasets to be used by the applicant are those listed in this PEFCR.

Whenever a dataset needed to calculate the PEF-profile is not among those listed in this PEFCR, then the applicant shall choose between the following options (in hierarchical order) 5 :

- Use an EF-compliant dataset available on one of the following nodes:
 - http://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/EF-node
 - o http://lcdn.blonkconsultants.nl
 - o http://ecoinvent.lca-data.com
 - http://lcdn-cepe.org
 - https://lcdn.quantis-software.com/PEF/
 - http://lcdn.thinkstep.com/Node
- Use an EF-compliant dataset available in a free or commercial source;
- Use another EF-compliant dataset considered to be a good proxy. In such case this information shall be included in the "limitation" section of the PEF report.
- Use an ILCD-entry level-compliant dataset. In such case this information shall be included in the "data gap" section of the PEF report.

5.7 Allocation rules

In the Distribution Centre if primary data are available, data of consumption of energy, water, refrigerants shall be allocated with respect to the total mass of materials leaving the store from each storage area (chilled, frozen and dry) in one year. If secondary data are used, see section 6.1.4 Storage in Distribution Centre.

In the kitchens, consumption (electricity, gas, water, auxiliary materials, detergents and refrigerants), solid waste, wastewater and emissions data shall be allocated on the basis of the number of provided meals.

The number of meals estimated to be produced during the equipment and building lifetime shall be considered to calculate the fraction to be allocated to the functional unit.

For meals distribution, fuel consumption data shall be allocated on the basis of the number of transported meals, when the vehicles are solely used for school meals transportation, or on the basis of the load share

⁵ The use of EF compliant datasets, instead of those listed in this PEFCR, is mandatory if one of the following conditions occur: 1) the EF compliant datasets are included in the Database integrated into the software of LCA; or 2) checked and validated procedures exist for the import of EF compliant datasets into the structure required by the software; or 3) the EF compliant impact assessment method is available in the LCA software and a PEFCR exists and benchmarks have been set; or 4) the EF compliant impact assessment method is available in the LCA software and the PEF of a supplier exists with the EF compliant environmental profile (characterized results).



dedicated to school meals transportation and the number of transported meals, when vehicles are used to transport goods other than the school meals.

5.8 Modelling of wastes and recycled content

The waste of products used during the production, distribution, retail, the use stage or after use shall be included in the overall modelling of the life cycle of the organisation. Overall, this should be modelled and reported at the life cycle stage where the waste occurs. This section gives guidelines on how to model the End-of-Life of products as well as the recycled content.

If primary data are not available, default values of the parameters used in the Circular Footprint Formula (CFF) below are provided in Annex A of this PEFCR.

The Circular Footprint Formula is used to model the End-of-Life of products as well as the recycled content and is a combination of "material + energy + disposal", i.e.:

$$\mathsf{Material}\ (\mathbf{1} - R_1)E_V + R_1 \times \left(AE_{recycled} + (\mathbf{1} - A)E_V \times \frac{q_{Sin}}{q_p}\right) + (\mathbf{1} - A)R_2 \times \left(E_{recyclingEoL} - E_V^* \times \frac{q_{Sout}}{q_p}\right)$$

Energy
$$(1-B)R_3 \times (E_{ER} - LHV \times X_{ER,heat} \times E_{SE,heat} - LHV \times X_{ER,elec} \times E_{SE,elec})$$

Disposal
$$(1 - R_2 - R_3) \times E_D$$

With the following parameters:

A: allocation factor of burdens and credits between supplier and user of recycled materials.

B: allocation factor of energy recovery processes: it applies both to burdens and credits. It shall be set to zero for all PEF studies.

 Qs_{in} : quality of the ingoing secondary material, i.e. the quality of the recycled material at the point of substitution.

 Qs_{out} : quality of the outgoing secondary material, i.e. the quality of the recyclable material at the point of substitution.

 Q_p : quality of the primary material, i.e. quality of the virgin material.

 R_1 : it is the proportion of material in the input to the production that has been recycled from a previous system.

 R_2 : it is the proportion of the material in the product that will be recycled (or reused) in a subsequent system. R2 shall therefore take into account the inefficiencies in the collection and recycling (or reuse) processes. R2 shall be measured at the output of the recycling plant.

R₃: it is the proportion of the material in the product that is used for energy recovery at EoL.



 $E_{recycled}$ (E_{rec}): specific emissions and resources consumed (per functional unit) arising from the recycling process of the recycled (reused) material, including collection, sorting and transportation process.

 $E_{recyclingEoL}$ (E_{recEoL}): specific emissions and resources consumed (per functional unit) arising from the recycling process at EoL, including collection, sorting and transportation process.

 E_{v} : specific emissions and resources consumed (per functional unit) arising from the acquisition and preprocessing of virgin material.

 E^*_v : specific emissions and resources consumed (per functional unit) arising from the acquisition and preprocessing of virgin material assumed to be substituted by recyclable materials.

EER: specific emissions and resources consumed (per functional unit) arising from the energy recovery process (e.g. incineration with energy recovery, landfill with energy recovery, ...).

 $E_{SE,heat}$ and $E_{SE,elec}$: specific emissions and resources consumed (per functional unit) that would have arisen from the specific substituted energy source, heat and electricity respectively.

ED: specific emissions and resources consumed (per functional unit) arising from disposal of waste material at the EoL of the analysed product, without energy recovery.

 $X_{ER,heat}$ and $X_{ER,elec}$: the efficiency of the energy recovery process for both heat and electricity.

LHV: Lower Heating Value of the material in the product that is used for energy recovery.



6. Life cycle stages

6.1 Preproduction

Activities from material acquisition to entrance gate of kitchens are included in this stage, in particular: the production (primary production and processing) of food and beverages to provide the school meal service, their packaging, the transport to a Distribution Centre, the storage, and the distribution to the kitchens (central kitchens or school kitchens).

6.1.1 Food and drinks production inventory

Tables 5-12 give information about the food production datasets according the following list:

- I. Vegetables and Legumes
- II. Fruits
- III. Meat, fish and eggs
- IV. Dairy
- V. Cereals
- VI. Bakery and flour products
- VII. Condiments
- VIII. Beverages.

Fruit, vegetables and legumes have been classified into botanic families and for each of them a proxy dataset has been identified. In some cases more than one dataset is associated with the same family in order to better represent differences of specific food products within the same class. Primary data on weight or volume of food are mandatory. Food shall be classified as specified in the following tables where proxy datasets identified are mandatory.

Agri-footprint is the main reference database; when food processes were not available in Agri-footprint, the Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification database has been used.

Table 5 Classification of vegetables and legumes and datasets to be used

| I. VEGETABLES AND LEGUMES | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| Family | Proxy DATASET | Database | |
| Lily (Liliaceae) | Onion at farm/FR Mass | Agri-footprint mass allocation | |
| Gourd (Cucurbitaceae) | Zucchini {GLO} market for APOS, U | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | |
| Chenodopiaceae, aromatic plants and herbs, and Minestrone (vegetable soup) | Spinach, at farm/BE Mass | Agri-footprint mass allocation | |
| Legumes (Fabaceae or Leguminosae) | Pea, at farm/IT Mass | Agri-footprint mass allocation | |



| I. VEGETABLES AND LEGUMES | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| Family | Proxy DATASET | Database | |
| Dry legumes (Fabaceae or Leguminosae) | Beans, dry, at farm/NL Mass | Agri-footprint mass allocation | |
| Umbellifers (Apiaceae or Umbelliferae) | Carrot, at farm/BE Mass | Agri-footprint mass allocation | |
| Mustards (Brassicaceae or Cruciferae) | Broccoli, at farm/FR Mass | Agri-footprint mass allocation | |
| Fresh tomato (Solanaceae) | Tomato, fresh grade {ES} tomato production, fresh grade, in unheated greenhouse Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | |
| Tomato for puree (Solanaceae) ⁶ | Tomato, processing grade {IT} tomato production, processing grade, open field Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | |
| Potato (Solanaceae) | Potato, at farm/IT Mass | Agri-footprint mass allocation | |
| Others Nightshades (Solanaceae) | Aubergine {GLO} production APOS, U | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | |

Table 6 Classification of fruits and datasets to be used

| II. FRUITS | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database |
| Fruit trees (autumn/winter) | Apple {IT} apple production APOS, U | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification |
| Fruit trees (spring/summer) | Peach {ES} peach production APOS, U | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification |
| Berry | Strawberry {ES} strawberry production, open field, macro tunnel Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification |
| Tropical fruits and fruit salad | Banana {GLO} production Cutoff, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification |
| Citrus fruits | Orange, fresh grade {ES} orange production, fresh grade Cut-off | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification |
| Gooseberry family (Actinidiaceae) | Grape {GLO} production Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification |

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 $^{^{\}rm 6}$ For 1 Kg of tomato puree, 1.5 Kg of tomato are needed



| II. FRUITS | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database | |
| Chinese gooseberry family (Actinidiaceae) | Kiwi {GLO} production APOS, U | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | |
| Gourd (Cucurbitaceae) | Cucumber {GLO} production APOS, U | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | |
| Fruit Jam ⁷ | Strawberry {ES} strawberry production, open field, macro tunnel Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | |
| | Sugar, from sugar beet, from sugar production, at plant/IT Mass | Agri-footprint mass allocation | |

Table 7 Classification of Meat, Fish and Eggs and datasets to be used

| III. MEAT, FISH, AND EGGS | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database | Amount for 1 Kg | |
| Beef and veal, cured Meat | Beef meat, fresh, from beef cattle, at slaughterhouse, PEF compliant/IE Economic/Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 1Kg (losses included in dataset) | |
| Poultry | Chicken meat, fresh, at slaughterhouse/NL Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 1Kg (losses included in dataset) | |
| Sheep | Sheep for slaughtering, live weight {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 1.67 Kg | |
| Pork | Pig meat, fresh, at slaughterhouse/NL Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 1Kg (losses included in dataset) | |
| Fish | Landed fish, from fishery, at plant/CL Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 2 Kg | |
| Eggs | Consumption eggs, laying hens >17 weeks, at farm/NL Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 0.0616 pieces | |

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 $^{^{7}\,}$ For 1 kg of fruit jam 1.25 kg of strawberry and 0.35 kg of sugar shall be considered



Table 8 Classification of Dairy Products and datasets to be used

| IV. DAIRY | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database |
| Cheese, butter, cream | Cheese, from cheese production, at plant/NL Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation |
| Milk, yogurt, other dairy products | Raw milk, at dairy farm, PEF compliant/NL IDF/Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation |

Table 9 Classification of Cereals and datasets to be used

| V. CEREALS | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database | |
| Rice and all types of cereals | Rice, at farm/CN Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | |
| Flour | Wheat flour, from dry milling, at plant/IT Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | |

Table 10 Classification of Bakery and flour products and datasets to be used

| VI. BAKERY AND | FLOUR PRODUCTS | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database | Amount for 1 kg of product |
| Dry pasta (1 kg) ⁸ | Wheat flour, from dry milling, at plant/IT Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 1.07 kg |
| | Tap water {Europe without Switzerland} market for Cut-off, U | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 1.4 kg |
| | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 0.2 kWh |
| | Heat, from steam, in chemical industry {RER} market for heat, from steam, in chemical industry Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 1.9 MJ |
| Bread (1 kg) and all kind of salted | Wheat flour, from dry milling, at plant/IT Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 0.7 kg |
| baked snacks and products | Tap water {Europe without Switzerland} market for Cut-off, U | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 1.9 kg |
| (e.g. pizza, crackers) ⁹ | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 0.02 kWh |
| | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 1 MJ |

 $^{^8}$ Data source: Screening report - Dry pasta v20151106 9 Data source: Data set "Brad, rye, conventional, fresh", from LCA Food DK Database



| VI. BAKERY ANI | FLOUR PRODUCTS | | |
|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database | Amount for 1 kg of product |
| Cakes (1 kg) and all kind of sweet baked | Wheat flour, from dry milling, at plant/IT Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 0.4 kg |
| snacks/products | Raw milk, at dairy farm, PEF compliant/NL IDF/Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 0.3 kg |
| | Sugar, from sugar beet, from sugar production, at plant/IT Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 0.2 kg |
| | Consumption eggs, laying hens >17 weeks, at farm/NL Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | 3 pcs |
| | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 0.02 kWh |
| | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 1 MJ |

Table 11 Classification of Condiments and datasets to be used

| VII. CONDIMENTS | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database | |
| Olive oil and all other types | Medium benchmark value | | |
| of condiments (sauce, salad dressing, mustard) | (Oil density= 0.92 . Packaging and EoW are included in the dataset) | PEFCR olive oil ¹⁰ | |
| Sugar, honey, all products used as sweeteners | Sugar, from sugar beet, from sugar production, at plant/IT Mass | Agri-footprint mass-allocation | |
| Salt | Sodium chloride, powder {RER} production Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | |

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¹⁰ Annex III, Table III-1. The Benchmark and classes of environmental performance. The results of 'lonising Radiation, human health effect model' shall not been included due to inconsistencies.



Table 12 Classification of Beverages and datasets to be used

| VIII. BEVERAGES | | | | |
|---|--|---|-----------------|--|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database | Amount for 1 kg | |
| Bottled Water ¹¹ | Tap water {Europe without Switzerland} market for Cut-off, U | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 1 kg | |
| | Orange, fresh grade {ES} orange production, fresh grade Cut-off | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 2.29 kg | |
| Juice (1 kg) and all types of drinks | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 32.1 Wh | |
| , | Heat, from steam, in chemical industry {RER} market for heat, from steam, in chemical industry Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 1.05 kg | |
| Dry/grinded/soluble preparations for drinks (e.g. tea, coffee) | Tea, dried {LK} tea production, dried Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 1 kg | |

In addition to the previous food list, in case of frozen and canned processed food the following relevant aspects shall be considered:

- input of food needed to obtain the final amount of processed food
- energy for processing (freezing and thermal treatment)
- input of water in case of canned products

Input of food needed to obtain the final amount of processed food

Producing 1 kg of processed food needs higher amount of fresh food (ex. Table 13). Table B.1 in Annex B shall be used to calculate the amount of food in input.

Table 13 Example of input of food to obtain the final amount of processed food

| Product | Final product weight | Losses (%) | Weight in input |
|----------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Frozen spinach | 1 kg | 26 % | 1.35 kg |

 $^{11}\,$ Note: Packaging shall be included in agreement with Table 6.1.11 Primary Packaging data



Energy for processing (freezing and thermal treatment)

In the Food and beverage sector, transformation processes are very numerous and different in terms of function and technology.

If primary data are not available, the following main processes and related datasets (see Table 14 and Table 15) shall be considered:

- Thermal treatment for canned products
- Freezing process

Table 14 Datasets and default data for food thermal treatment

| THERMAL TREATMENT (PASTEURIZATION) | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database | Quantity for 1 kg | |
| Electricity for pasteurizing | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, | 5.5 Wh | |
| | market for Cut-off, S | Cut Off by classification | | |
| Electricity for cooling | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, | 26.6 Wh | |
| | market for Cut-off, S | Cut Off by classification | | |
| Steam | Heat, from steam, in chemical | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, | 1.05 kg | |
| | industry {RER} market for heat, | Cut Off by classification | | |
| | from steam, in chemical industry | | | |
| | Cut-off, S | | | |

Table 15 Datasets and default data for food freezing

| FREEZING | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|-------------------|---|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Database | Quantity for 1 kg | Note |
| Electricity for freezing | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S | Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off by classification | 180 Wh | Average data elaborated in agreement with "Reference Document on Best Available Techniques in the Food, Drink and Milk Industries" (EC, 2006) |

Input of water in case of canned products

In some canned food an input of water for conservation is commonly added. If primary data are not available, a content of water equal to 40% of the total weight of canned product shall be considered (ex. Table 16).

Table 16 Example of canned peas

| Product | Final product weight | Water content (25% of total weight) | Peas content |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Canned peas | 400 g | 160 g | 240 g |



6.1.2 Food Packaging

Food production shall include packaging divided into the following three categories:

- Primary Packaging is the packaging in direct contact with the product and is sometimes referred to as consumer or retail packaging. The main purpose of primary packaging is to protect and/or preserve, contain and inform the consumer.
- Secondary Packaging is used for branding display and logistical purposes.
- Tertiary Packaging facilitates the protection, handling and transportation of a series of sales units in order to group everything into unit loads during transit.

If primary data are not available, data from Table 17, Table 18 and Table 19 shall be used.

For each type of packaging, the type of food and the amount of packaging material in input for 1 kg of food to be packed is provided. Packaging model include packaging material production, packaging process are not included.

Table 17 Primary packaging data

| Type of packaging | Type of food | Dataset (Ecoinvent 3) | Quantity (g per kg of food) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Plastic (PP) box | Fruit and vegetables | Polypropylene, granulate {RER} production Cut-off, S | 50 |
| Plastic (PET) tray | Meat, fish and cheese | Polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous {Europe without Switzerland} polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous, recycled to generic market for amorphous PET granulate Cut-off, S | 70 |
| Plastic (PET) tray | Eggs | Polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous {Europe without Switzerland} polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous, recycled to generic market for amorphous PET granulate Cut-off, S | 100 |
| Plastic (PET) Bottle | Bottled water | Polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous {Europe without Switzerland} polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous, recycled to generic market for amorphous PET granulate Cut-off, S | 24 |
| Liquid packaging board | Milk + juice + all type of drinks | Liquid packaging board {GLO} production Cut-off, S | 60 |
| Plastic bag (LDPE) | Frozen food | Polyethylene, low density, granulate {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | 22 |



| Type of packaging | Type of food | Dataset (Ecoinvent 3) | Quantity (g per kg of food) |
|--------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Plastic bag (LDPE) | Tomato puree | Polyethylene, low density, granulate {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | 40 |
| Plastic (PP) Jar | Jam + ice cream + other dairy products | Polypropylene, granulate {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | 55 |
| Plastic (PS) /Aluminium Jar | Yogurt | Polystyrene, general purpose {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | 40 |
| | | Aluminium, primary, ingot {RoW} market for Cut-off, S | 2 |
| Steel can | Canned food | Stainless steel *** | 120 |
| Plastic (PP) bag | All food not included in the previous list (e.g. bakery & flour product, condiments, fruits and vegetables ready to be consumed) | Polypropylene, granulate {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | 50 |
| BOTTLE FOR OLIVE OIL | Olive oil + all other type of condiments | ALREADY INCLUDED IN DATASET (including its waste treatment) | - |

- *** To properly apply the Circular Footprint Formula to stainless steel the following procedure has been used:
 - a primary stainless steel dataset has been modelled based on the Ecoinvent dataset Steel, chromium steel 18/8 {GLO}| market for | Cut-off, U by keeping only converter production (Steel, chromium steel 18/8 {RER}| steel production, converter, chromium steel 18/8 | Cut-off, U and Steel, chromium steel 18/8 {RoW}| steel production, converter, chromium steel 18/8 | Cut-off, U) and using the same proportion as in the original dataset to split in between European (RER) and extra European (ROW) production, respectively 15% and 85%, and the same transports;
 - a secondary stainless steel dataset has been modelled based on the same Ecoinvent dataset Steel, chromium steel 18/8 {GLO}| market for | Cut-off, U by keeping only electric production (Steel, chromium steel 18/8 {RER}| steel production, electric, chromium steel 18/8 | Cut-off, U and Steel, chromium steel 18/8 {RoW}| steel production, electric, chromium steel 18/8 | Cut-off, U) and using the same proportion as in the original dataset to split in between European (RER) and extra European (RoW) production, respectively 26% and 74%, and the same transports;



- finally, a stainless steel dataset has been modelled by mixing 89,2% of primary stainless steel and 10,8% of secondary stainless steel.

Table 18 Secondary packaging data

| Type of packaging | Type of food | Dataset | Quantity (g of packaging for 1 kg of food) |
|-------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Cardboard Box | All food and beverages | Corrugated board box {GLO} market for corrugated board box Cut-off, S | 25 g |

Table 19 Tertiary packaging data

| Type of packaging | Type of food | Dataset | Quantity (g of packaging for 1 kg of food) |
|--|------------------------|--|--|
| Pallet | All food and beverages | EUR-flat pallet {RER} production Cut-off, S | 7 g |
| Plastic film needed to wrap the pallet | All food and beverages | Packaging film, low density polyethylene {RER} production Cut-off, S | 0.34 g |

6.1.3 Transport of packed food to the Distribution Centre

Transport of Packed food includes primary, secondary and tertiary packaging. If primary data about type of transport and distance are not available, the following distances shall be considered:

- For products made in Italy: 600 km by truck (16-32 t, EURO 4)
- For products made in Europe: 1500 km by truck (16-32 t, EURO 4)
- For products made outside Europe: 15000 km by ship (freight, sea, transoceanic ship with reefer, cooling) +1500 km by truck.

When the origin is unknown, Europe will be the default choice.

To select the type of transport, the total **packed food** shall be grouped as follows:

- Total Dry food & beverage (kg)
- Total Fresh food & beverage (kg)
- Total Frozen food & beverage (kg)

For each group of packed food the datasets of Table 20 shall be used.



Table 20 Ecoinvent 3 Datasets for transport to Distribution Centre

| Category | Transport |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Dry food and beverages | Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO4 (GLO) market for Cut-off, S |
| Fresh food and beverages | Transport, freight, lorry with refrigeration machine, 7.5-16 ton, EURO4, R134a refrigerant, cooling {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Frozen food and beverages | Transport, freight, lorry with refrigeration machine, 7.5-16 ton, EURO4, R134a refrigerant, freezing {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| All food and beverages by ship | Transport, freight, sea, transoceanic tanker {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |

6.1.4 Storage in Distribution Centre

The following data shall be used to calculate impacts of the process "storage in Distribution Centre", when the company does not run the process:

- Infrastructure and building: a distribution centre is a 30,000 m² building, 10 m high, and with a 30,000 m² parking. Life of the building is 80 years.
- Energy consumption: the electricity consumption for storage and services areas shall be 30 kWh/m²·year. For chilled and frozen storage areas 40 kWh/m³·year shall be added. Chilled and frozen storage areas shall be 30% of the total area. Area of services shall be 5%, Area of offices shall be 1500 m² (5% of the total area). Electricity consumption for offices shall be 180 kWh/m²¹². Consumption and burning of 10 Nm³ natural gas/m²·year, calculated only for offices area, shall be included.
- Refrigerant gases consumption and leakages for DCs that contains cooling systems: gas content in fridges and freezers is 0.031 kg R404A per m³ of refrigerated cells and 0.010 kg per m³ for air conditioning (offices). A 10% annual leakage is considered (Palandre, 2003). For the portion of refrigerant gases remaining in the equipment at End-of-Life, 5% is emitted at end-of-life and the remaining fraction is treated as hazardous waste. Life of the refrigerating plants has been assumed 30 years.
- Water consumption: 0.5 m³/m² per year. The production of this amount of tap water as well as its treatment in wastewater treatment plant shall be considered.
- Allocation of the DC space-time per product: The distribution centre impact per product is calculated using an allocation based on the total storage capacity of the distribution centre. The total area of storage is 90% of the distribution centre. The average distribution centre can store 72,000 m³ for ambient storage and 36,000 m³ for chilled or frozen storage (assuming 50% of the area of storage and 8 m high) Storage during 52 weeks, i.e., 5,616,000 m³-weeks/year. The total storage capacity shall be allocated with the following storage volumes and times:
 - o For ambient products: 4 times the product volume * stored 4 weeks
 - o For chilled products: 3 times the product volume * stored 1 week

¹² The Guide Energy use in offices, March 2003 has been developed in the framework of the UK Government's Energy Efficiency Best Practice programme



o For frozen products: 2 times the product volume * stored 4 weeks

If the volume of product is unknown, but mass is known, a density of 0.4 t/m³ shall be assumed.

Inventory data and default datasets (Ecoinvent 3 – Allocation, Cut Off) are shown in Table 21, Table 22 and Table 23.

Table 21 Storage of 1 kg of dry product

| Input | Amount | Unit |
|--|----------|------|
| Tap water {Europe without Switzerland} market for | 0.11 | kg |
| Building, multi-storey {GLO} market for | 2.7E-05 | m³ |
| Refrigerant R134a {GLO} market for | 4.36E-05 | g |
| Road, company, internal {CH} construction | 1.2E-04 | m²a |
| Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for | 8.2E-03 | kWh |
| Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas | 1.03E-03 | kWh |
| Air emissions | Amount | Unit |
| Ethane, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoro-, HFC-134a | 1.33E-06 | g |
| Ethane, pentafluoro-, HFC-125 | 1.47E-05 | g |
| Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro-, HFC-143a | 1.73E-05 | g |
| Waste treatment | Amount | Unit |
| Wastewater, average {Europe without Switzerland} treatment of wastewater, average, capacity 1E9 l/year | 0.11 | L |
| Hazardous waste, for incineration {Europe without Switzerland} treatment of hazardous waste, hazardous waste incineration | 1.04E-05 | g |

Table 22 Storage of 1 kg of chilled products

| Input | Amount | Unit |
|--|----------------------|-------|
| Tap water {Europe without Switzerland} market for | 0.02 | kg |
| Building, multi-storey {GLO} market for | 5.0-06 | m³ |
| Refrigerant R134a {GLO} market for | 1.48E-03 | g |
| Road, company, internal {CH} construction | 1.2E-04 | m²a |
| Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for | 15.9-03 | kWh |
| Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for | 0.19E-03 | kWh |
| heat, central or small-scale, natural gas | 0.132-03 | KVVII |
| Air emissions | Amount | Unit |
| Ethane, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoro-, HFC-134a | 4.51E-05 | g |
| Ethane, pentafluoro-, HFC-125 | 496E-04 | g |
| Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro-, HFC-143a | 5.86E-04 | g |
| Waste treatment | Amount | Unit |
| Wastewater, average {Europe without Switzerland} treatment of wastewater, | 0.02 | 1 |
| average, capacity 1E9 l/year | 0.02 | L |
| Hazardous waste, for incineration {Europe without Switzerland} treatment of | 3.51E-04 | a |
| hazardous waste, hazardous waste incineration | 0.01L-0 1 | g |



Table 23 Storage of 1 kg of frozen products

| Input | Amount | Unit |
|--|----------|-------|
| Tap water {Europe without Switzerland} market for | 0.05 | kg |
| Building, multi-storey {GLO} market for | 1.3-05 | m³ |
| Refrigerant R134a (GLO) market for | 3.95E-03 | g |
| Road, company, internal {CH} construction | 1.2E-04 | m²a |
| Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for | 42-03 | kWh |
| Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for | 0.51E-03 | kWh |
| heat, central or small-scale, natural gas | 0.51E-05 | KVVII |
| Air emissions | Amount | Unit |
| Ethane, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoro-, HFC-134a | 1.2E-04 | g |
| Ethane, pentafluoro-, HFC-125 | 1.32E-03 | g |
| Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro-, HFC-143a | 1.56E-03 | g |
| Waste treatment | Amount | Unit |
| Wastewater, average {Europe without Switzerland} treatment of wastewater, | 0.05 | 1 |
| average, capacity 1E9 l/year | 0.03 | L |
| Hazardous waste, for incineration {Europe without Switzerland} treatment of | 9.37E-4 | a |
| hazardous waste, hazardous waste incineration | 3.37 ⊑-4 | 9 |

6.1.5 Waste at Distribution Centre

Waste shall include the secondary (cardboard boxes) and tertiary packaging (pallets) used to transport food with their primary packaging to kitchens (see section 6.1.2 Food Packaging).

To model the End-of-Life of these packaging materials according to the CFF, see the following rows in Annex A:

- Food packaging waste treatment Cardboard
- Food packaging waste treatment Wood
- Food packaging waste treatment LDPE.

6.1.6 Transport of packed food from Distribution Centre to kitchens

If primary data about type of transport and distances are not available the average distance shall be 400 km, with the following assumptions:

- 30% of the transport shall be by truck (16-32 t, EURO 4)
- 30% of the transport shall be by truck (7.5-16 t, EURO 4)
- 40% of the transport shall be by truck (3.5-7.5 t, EURO 4).

To select the type of transport, the total **packed food** shall be grouped as follow:

- Total Dry food & beverage (kg)
- Total Fresh food & beverage (kg)
- Total Frozen food & beverage (kg).

For each group the datasets of Table 24 shall be used.



Table 24 Datasets for transport to kitchens

| TRANSPORT OF PACKED FOOD TO THE KITCHEN | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Type of food | Type of transport | Dataset (Ecoinvent 3) | | |
| Dry food and beverage | Truck 16-32 t, EURO 4 | Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO4 {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |
| | Truck 3.5-7.5 t, EURO 4 | Transport, freight, lorry 3.5-7.5 metric ton, EURO4 {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |
| | Truck 7.5-16 t, EURO 4 | Transport, freight, lorry 7.5-16 metric ton, EURO4 {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |
| | | Transport, freight, lorry with refrigeration machine, 3.5-7.5 ton, EURO4, R134a refrigerant, cooling {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |
| | Truck 16-32 t, EURO 4 and Truck 7.5-16 t, EURO 4 | Transport, freight, lorry with refrigeration machine, 7.5-16 ton, EURO4, R134a refrigerant, cooling {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |
| Frozen food and beverage | Truck 3.5-7.5 t, EURO 4 | Transport, freight, lorry with refrigeration machine, 3.5-7.5 ton, EURO3, R134a refrigerant, freezing {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |
| | Truck 16-32 t, EURO 4 and Truck 7.5-16 t, EURO 4 | Transport, freight, lorry with refrigeration machine, 7.5-16 ton, EURO4, R134a refrigerant, freezing {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |

6.2 Production

This stage includes the following elements:

- auxiliary materials,
- water, electricity, natural gas and refrigerant gas,
- kitchen infrastructure,
- kitchen equipment,
- emissions, waste and wastewater.

In the reference context, i.e. Italy, school meals for a contracted food service are prepared in kitchens with different characteristics. In relation to their dimensions and the presence/absence of air-conditioning and ventilation systems and the related level of comfort provided to operators, three classes can be identified:



- High Performance Central Kitchens, which are big production sites (about 1600 m² with an additional loading/unloading area of about the same size) dedicated to the preparation of meals, for schools only or for different types of final users (e.g. hospitals), equipped with systems providing a highly comfortable working space in terms of temperature, humidity, and air quality, from where the prepared meals are delivered to different canteens;
- Medium Performance Central Kitchens, which are big production sites (about 1600 m² with an additional loading/unloading area of about the same size) dedicated to the preparation of meals, for schools only or for different types of final users (e.g. hospitals), equipped with systems providing an averagely comfortable working space in terms of temperature, humidity, and air quality, from where the prepared meals are delivered to different canteens;
- School Kitchens, which are smaller spaces (about 100 m² with no dedicated loading/unloading area) usually integrated in a school building, with no or limited air-conditioning and ventilation systems, where meals for schools but also for other type of users (e.g. public servants) are prepared; meals can be served in an adjacent room (canteen) or they can be transported, usually to canteens of nearby schools.

In the Production stage, when data are affected by the kitchen type, e.g. electricity, water, gas, refrigerant, detergents consumption, the provided default data are a weighted mean of data of the three types, considering that 68% are School Kitchens, 20% are Medium Performance Central Kitchens and 12% are High Performance Central Kitchens.

6.2.1 Auxiliary materials

The supply of all consumable auxiliary materials needed in the kitchen for meal preparation shall be considered, e.g. detergents, clothing, disposable aluminium trays, thermal containers, paper rolls.

For each product, material production, product transportation from supplier to distribution centre, dry storage at the distribution centre, and transportation to the kitchen shall be considered.

If primary data on auxiliary materials are not available, data of Table 25 shall be used.

Table 25 Production - AUXILIARY MATERIALS calculated in relation to the functional unit

| Name of the process | Default amount | Unit of measurement | Default dataset (Ecoinvent 3) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--|
| Ethoxylated alcohol in detergents | 130 | g | Ethoxylated alcohol (AE>20) {RoW} ethoxylated alcohol (AE>20) production, palm oil Cut-off, S |
| NaCl in detergents | 10.3 | g | Sodium chloride, powder {GLO} market for Cutoff, S |
| Fatty alcohols in detergents | 20.6 | g | Dodecanol {GLO} market for dodecanol Cut-off, S |
| Sodium hydroxide in detergents | 275 | g | Sodium hydroxide, without water, in 50% solution state {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Bleach in detergents | 58.2 | g | Sodium hypochlorite, without water, in 15% solution state {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |



| Name of the process | Default amount | Unit of measurement | Default dataset (Ecoinvent 3) |
|--|----------------|---------------------|--|
| Isopropanol in detergents | 11.7 | g | Isopropanol {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Ethanol in detergents | 20.8 | g | Ethanol, without water, in 95% solution state, from fermentation {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Soap in detergents | 4.24 | g | Soap {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Glycerine in detergents | 6.12 | g | Glycerine {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Citric acid in detergents | 64.9 | g | Citric acid {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Non-ionic surfactant in detergents | 51.8 | g | Non-ionic surfactant {GLO} market for non-ionic surfactant Cut-off, S |
| Ethylenediamine in detergents | 24.0 | g | Ethylenediamine {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Phosphoric acid in detergents | 8.50 | g | Phosphoric acid, industrial grade, without water, in 85% solution state {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Lactic acid in detergents | 0.535 | g | Lactic acid {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Propylene glycol in detergents | 11.5 | g | Propylene glycol, liquid {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Water in detergents | 2.65 | kg | Tap water {Europe without Switzerland} market for Cut-off, S |
| Paper for auxiliary materials | 0.49 | kg | Tissue paper {RER} production Cut-off, S |
| PP for auxiliary materials | 1.24 | kg | Polypropylene, granulate {RER} production Cutoff, S |
| PS for auxiliary materials | 0.01 | kg | Polystyrene, general purpose {RER} production Cut-off, S |
| Textile for auxiliary materials | 0.01 | kg | Textile, woven cotton {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| LDPE for auxiliary materials | 0.97 | kg | Polyethylene, linear low density, granulate {RER} production Cut-off, S |
| Aluminium for auxiliary materials | 0.13 | kg | Aluminium, wrought alloy {GLO} aluminium ingot, primary, to market Cut-off, S |
| Transport of auxiliary materials from supplier to DC | 9.29 | tkm | Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO4 [GLO] market for Cut-off, S |
| Dry storage of auxiliary materials in DC | 6.19 | kg | Dry storage (see Table 21 for modelling details). |
| | 0.991 | | Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO4 {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Transport of auxiliary materials from DC to kitchen | 0.743 | tkm | Transport, freight, lorry 3.5-7.5 metric ton, EURO4 {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| | 0.743 | | Transport, freight, lorry 7.5-16 metric ton, EURO4 [GLO] market for Cut-off, S |

6.2.2 Water, electricity, natural gas consumption

Data of consumption of water (e.g. for cooking and cleaning), electricity (e.g. for lighting, air conditioning and cooking), and natural gas (e.g. for cooking and heating) shall be collected in relation to the number of meals produced during the considered period. Ecoinvent 3 datasets to be used for background data are given in Table 26.



Table 26 Production – WATER, ELECTRICITY, NATURAL GAS DEFAULT DATASETS

| Name of the process | Unit of measurement | Default dataset (Ecoinvent 3) |
|--|---------------------|---|
| Electricity consumption - Medium voltage | kWh | Electricity, low voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Electricity consumption - Low voltage | kWh | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Natural gas consumption | Smc | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S |
| Water consumption | L | Tap water {Europe without Switzerland} market for Cut-off, S |

6.2.3 Infrastructure

The life cycle of the kitchen building and of the external loading/unloading area, if present, shall be accounted for. This shall include the materials used for construction and repair/maintenance.

If primary data are not available, the default data of Table 27, where the infrastructure lifetime has been estimated at 80 years, shall be used.

Table 27 Production - INFRASTRUCTURE calculated in relation to the functional unit

| Name of the process | Unit of measurement | Default amount | Default dataset (Ecoinvent 3) |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---|
| Kitchen building | m^3 | 0.0178 | Building, multi-storey {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| External loading/unloading | m²a | 0.0635 | Road, company, internal {CH} construction Cut-off, |
| area | III-a | 0.0033 | S |

6.2.4 Equipment

The materials used for the kitchen equipment shall be considered and shall include, for instance, furniture (e.g. tables, shelves, lockers), appliances (e.g. ovens, fridges, washing machines, scales), reusable tools and containers (e.g. trays, chopping boards, casseroles).

The number of meals produced during the equipment lifetime shall be considered to calculate the share of the equipment to be allocated to the functional unit.

Table 28 provides default data, calculated estimating the lifetime of the equipment at 15 years, to be used for equipment if primary data are not available.

Table 28 Production - EQUIPMENT main materials calculated in relation to the functional unit

| Name of the process | Unit of measurement | Default amount | Default dataset (Ecoinvent 3) | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---|--|--|
| Equipment - Steel | kg | 0.606 | Stainless steel (see Table 17) | | |
| Plastic part of Equipment | kg | 0.0897 | Polypropylene, granulate {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |



| Name of the process | Unit of measurement | Default amount | Default dataset (Ecoinvent 3) |
|---|---------------------|----------------|--|
| Equipment - Aluminium | kg | 0.131 | Aluminium, wrought alloy {GLO} aluminium ingot, primary, to market Cut-off, S |
| Equipment - Electronic Components | kg | 0.0262 | Electronic component, active, unspecified {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Equipment - Printed Wiring Board | kg | 0.000875 | Printed wiring board, surface mounted, unspecified, Pb free {GLO} production Cut-off, S |
| Refrigerant gas consumption (incl. refills) | g | 0.858 | Refrigerant R134a {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |

6.2.5 Refrigerant consumption

Consumption of refrigerant gas (used for refrigerated storage, including losses in air during the life cycle and the corresponding refills) shall also be included.

Table 29 gives default data, calculated estimating the lifetime of the equipment at 15 years, to be used for refrigerant gas consumption if primary data are not available.

Table 29 Default data for refrigerant consumption calculated in relation to the functional unit

| Name of the process Unit of measurem | | Default amount | Default dataset (Ecoinvent 3) |
|--|---|----------------|--|
| Refrigerant gas consumption (inc. refills) | g | 0.858 | Refrigerant R134a {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |

6.2.6 Emissions, waste and wastewater

Emissions to air related to leakages of the refrigeration system, emissions to air and hazardous waste due to the residual refrigerant gas disposal, solid waste (e.g. organic waste from food scraps, food packaging waste, solid waste generated by auxiliary materials and equipment disposal) and wastewater generated during meal preparation shall be considered.

Emissions and hazardous waste generated by the refrigerant gas shall be modelled according to directions provided in section 6.1.4 Storage in Distribution Centre.

To model the End-of-Life of this waste according to the CFF, see Annex A and check the correct rows for each material.

Waste which occurs at this stage includes:

- food waste (see Annex B for calculation of food waste at kitchen; for food waste treatment see datasets and CFF coefficients of Annex A)
- primary packaging of food processed in the kitchen (e.g. pasta packaging)
- solid waste generated by auxiliary materials disposal
- solid waste generated by equipment disposal.



If primary data are not available the default data of Table 30 shall be used.

Table 30 Production - EMISSIONS, WASTE AND WASTEWATER calculated in relation to the functional unit

| Name of the process/flow | Unit of measurement | Default amount | Default dataset/flow (Ecoinvent 3) | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------|---|--|--|
| Facinaian to air franc | g | 0.0268 | Ethane, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoro-, HFC-134a | | |
| Emission to air from refrigerant gas | g | 0.295 | Ethane, pentafluoro-, HFC-125 | | |
| Tomgorant gas | g 0.348 | | Ethane, 1,1,1-trifluoro-, HFC-143a | | |
| Hazardous waste treatment for Refrigerant gas | g | 0.188 | Hazardous waste, for incineration {Europe without Switzerland} treatment of hazardous waste, hazardous waste incineration Cut-off, S | | |
| Wastewater treatment | L | 3,619 | Wastewater, average {Europe without Switzerland} treatment of wastewater, average, capacity 1E9l/year Cut-off, S | | |

6.3 Distribution

When the kitchen where meals are prepared is not adjacent to the canteen where the meals are served and consumed, the transportation in between the kitchen and the canteen shall be considered.

If primary data are not available the data of Table 31 shall be used.

Table 31 Distribution calculated in relation to the functional unit

| Name of the process | Unit of measurement | Default amount | Default dataset (Ecoinvent 3) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| Meals Distribution | tkm | 0.276 | Transport, freight, light commercial vehicle {Europe without Switzerland} processing Cut-off, S |



6.4 Use

This stage includes the serving and consumption of school meals.

The amount of tap water served with the meal, if applicable, shall be collected.

Data about the meal sets (e.g. dishes, cutlery, glasses, table mats, napkins) used to serve and consume the meals shall be collected. This shall include:

- production of materials needed for the meal sets;
- transportation of the meal sets from supplier to distribution centre, then to the kitchen and then to the canteen;
- dry storage in the distribution centre.

In case the meal set is reusable, its washing shall be considered and data related also to, e.g., water and wastewater treatment, detergent, electricity consumption shall be collected.

In this PEFCR, the meal sets are assumed to be the product packaging and their disposal is therefore considered in the End-of-Life stage.

If primary data are not available, default data are provided in Table 32. The following assumptions have been considered: 66% of the meal sets are disposable and not compostable, 17% of them are disposable and compostable, and 17% of them are reusable. A total distance from the supplier of meal sets to the canteen has been assumed equal to 1900 km. Reusable meal sets are considered to last for 200 uses, i.e. one reusable meal set for functional unit.

Table 32 Use calculated in relation to the functional unit

| Name of the process | Unit of measurement | Default amount | Default dataset (Ecoinvent 3) | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Drinking Water | kg | 35 | Tap water {Europe without Switzerland} market for Cut-off, S | | |
| Melamine Resin for Meal Sets | kg | 0.0568 | Melamine {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |
| Paper and Cellulose for Meal Sets | kg | 1.56 | Tissue paper {RER} production Cut-off, S | | |
| PC (Polycarbonate) for Meal Sets | kg | 0.00910 | Polycarbonate {RER} production Cut-off, S | | |
| Stainless Steel for Meal Sets | kg | 0.0231 | Stainless steel (see Table 17) | | |
| PLA for Meal Sets | kg | 1.79 | Polylactide, granulate {GLO} production Cut-off, S | | |
| PS for Meal Sets | kg | 4.40 | Polystyrene, general purpose {RER} production Cut-off, S | | |
| Moal Sate Transportation | | 11.8 | Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO4 {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |
| Meal Sets Transportation | tkm | 1.25 | Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO4 {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | | |



| Name of the process | Unit of measurement | Default amount | Default dataset (Ecoinvent 3) |
|--|---------------------|----------------|--|
| | | 0.941 | Transport, freight, lorry 3.5-7.5 metric ton, EURO4 (GLO) market for Cut-off, S |
| | | 0.941 | Transport, freight, lorry 7.5-16 metric ton, EURO4 {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Meal Sets Dry Storage in Distribution Centre | kg | 7.84 | Dry storage (see Table 21 for modelling details) |
| Water for Washing Meal Sets | L | 51 | Tap water {Europe without Switzerland} market for Cut-off, S |
| Detergent for Washing Meal Sets | g | 34 | Soap {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Electricity for Washing Meal Sets | kWh | 4.08 | Electricity, low voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Wastewater Treatment | L | 51 | Wastewater, average {Europe without Switzerland} treatment of wastewater, average, capacity 1E9l/year Cutoff, S |



6.5 End-of-Life

The End-of-Life stage is a life cycle stage that in general includes the waste of the product in scope, such as food waste, primary packaging, or the product left at its end of use.

Data related to solid waste produced after serving and consuming the meals shall be accounted in the Endof-Life stage. This shall include food served but not consumed, waste generated by food packaging disposed in canteens (e.g. yogurt pots, bags for packed bread, plastic bottles for water, juice cartons) and waste generated by the disposal of meal sets. Water and beverages which are served but not consumed shall be considered to be treated as wastewater.

If no primary data are available about the amount of food, tap water, and beverages not consumed, 22.5% of the served quantity shall be assumed.

If the secondary data provided in the Use stage have been used for meals sets, related waste shall be quantified in agreement with data of Table 33.

For each waste treatment see datasets and CFF coefficients of Annex A.

Table 33 Solid waste originated by meal sets calculated in relation to the functional unit

| Name of the process | Unit of measurement | Default amount |
|--|---------------------|----------------|
| Melamine resin waste treatment | kg | 0.0568 |
| Paper waste treatment | kg | 1.56 |
| PC waste treatment | kg | 0.00910 |
| Steel waste from meal sets treatment | kg | 0.0231 |
| Compostable material (PLA) waste treatment | kg | 1.79 |
| PS waste from meal sets waste treatment | kg | 4.40 |



7. PEF results

The characterised results of the screening study are reported in Table 34, referred to the supply of a daily meal at school for one average user and 200 days.

Table 34 Characterised results of the screening study calculated in relation to the functional unit

| Impact Category | Unit | Total |
|--|--------------|-----------|
| Climate change | kg CO2 eq | 4.68E+02 |
| Ozone depletion | kg CFC-11 eq | 3.76E-05 |
| Human toxicity, non-cancer effects | CTUh | 5.42E-04 |
| Human toxicity, cancer effects | CTUh | 2.26E-05 |
| Particulate matter | kg PM2.5 eq | 2.54E-01 |
| Ionizing radiation HH | kBq U235 eq | 2.18E+01 |
| Ionizing radiation E (interim) | CTUe | 9.29E-05 |
| Photochemical ozone formation | kg NMVOC eq | 1.33E+00 |
| Acidification | molc H+ eq | 6.24E+00 |
| Terrestrial eutrophication | molc N eq | 2.46E+01 |
| Freshwater eutrophication | kg P eq | 1.89E-01 |
| Marine eutrophication | kg N eq | 2.32E+00 |
| Freshwater ecotoxicity | CTUe | 1.270E+04 |
| Land use | kg C deficit | 2.73E+03 |
| Water resource depletion | m³ water eq | 1.92E+01 |
| Mineral, fossil and renewable resource depletion | kg Sb eq | 2.40E-02 |



Annex A - CFF parameters

CFF Material

| | Α | R1 | R2 | Qsin/Qp | Qsout/Qp | Ev | Erecycled | ErecyclingEoL | Ev* |
|--|-----|----|------|---------|----------|---|-----------|---|---|
| Food waste treatment | 0.5 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.016 | See Tables of section 6.1 | - | Biowaste {RoW} treatment of biowaste, industrial composting Cut-off, S | Urea, as N {RER} production Cut-off, S |
| Food packaging waste treatment - PP | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | Polypropylene, granulate {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | - | - | - |
| Food packaging waste treatment - PET | 0.5 | 0 | 0.31 | 0.9 | 0.9 | Polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, bottle grade {RER} production Cut-off, S | - | Polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous, recycled {Europe without Switzerland} market for polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous, recycled Cut-off, S | Polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Food packaging waste treatment - LDPE | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.75 | 0.75 | Polyethylene, low density, granulate {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | - | - | - |
| Food packaging waste treatment - PS | 0.5 | 0 | 0.28 | 0.9 | 0.9 | Polystyrene, general purpose {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | - | Polystyrene scrap, post- consumer {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | Polystyrene, general purpose {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |



| | Α | R1 | R2 | Qsin/Qp | Qsout/Qp | Ev | Erecycled | ErecyclingEoL | Ev* |
|---|-----|----|------|---------|----------|--|-----------|---|---|
| Food packaging waste treatment - Steel | 0.2 | 0 | 0.73 | 1 | 1 | Primary stainless steel | - | Iron scrap, sorted, pressed {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | Pig iron {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Food packaging waste treatment - Liquid beverage carton - Paper | 0.2 | 0 | 0.43 | 1 | 1 | Liquid packaging board {GLO} production Cut-off, S | - | Waste paper, sorted {GLO} market for Cutoff, S | Sulfate pulp {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Food packaging waste treatment - Liquid beverage carton - Aluminium | 0.2 | 0 | 0.43 | 1 | 1 | | - | Aluminium scrap, post- consumer, prepared for melting {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | Aluminium, wrought alloy {GLO} aluminium ingot, primary, to market Cut-off, S |
| Food packaging waste treatment - Liquid beverage carton - PE | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.75 | 0.75 | | - | - | - |
| Food packaging waste treatment - Cardboard | 0.2 | 0 | 0.62 | 1 | 1 | Corrugated board box {GLO} market for corrugated board box Cut-off, S | - | Waste paper, sorted {GLO} market for Cutoff, S | Sulfate pulp {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |



| | Α | R1 | R2 | Qsin/Qp | Qsout/Qp | Ev | Erecycled | ErecyclingEoL | Ev* |
|---|-----|------|------|---------|----------|--|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Food packaging waste treatment - Aluminium | 0.2 | 0 | 0.72 | 1 | 1 | Aluminium, primary, ingot {RoW} market for Cut-off | - | Aluminium scrap, post- consumer, prepared for melting {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | Aluminium, wrought alloy {GLO} aluminium ingot, primary, to market Cut-off, S |
| Food packaging waste treatment - Wood | 0.8 | 0 | 0.39 | 1 | 1 | EUR-flat pallet {RER} production Cut-off | - | Wood chipping, industrial residual wood, stationary electric chipper {RER} processing Cut-off, S | Residual wood, dry {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Auxiliary material waste treatment - Textile | 0.8 | 0 | 0 | - | - | Textile, woven cotton {GLO} market for Cut-off | - | - | - |
| Auxiliary material waste treatment - Paper | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Tissue paper {RER} production Cut-off | - | Waste paper, sorted {GLO} market for Cutoff, S | Sulfate pulp {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |
| Auxiliary material waste treatment - PP | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | Polypropylene, granulate {GLO} market for Cut-off | - | - | - |
| Auxiliary material waste treatment - PS | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | - | - | Polystyrene, general purpose {GLO} market for Cut-off | - | - | - |
| Auxiliary material waste treatment - Aluminium | 0.2 | 0 | 0.72 | 1 | 1 | Aluminium, wrought alloy {GLO} aluminium ingot, primary, to market Cut-off | - | Aluminium scrap, post- consumer, prepared for melting {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | Aluminium, wrought alloy {GLO} aluminium ingot, primary, to market Cut-off, S |
| Equipment waste treatment - Steel | 0.2 | 0.54 | 0.9 | 1 | 1 | Primary stainless steel | Secondary stainless steel | Iron scrap, sorted, pressed {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | Pig iron {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |



| | Α | R1 | R2 | Qsin/Qp | Qsout/Qp | Ev | Erecycled | ErecyclingEoL | Ev* |
|--|-----|----|-----|---------|----------|--|-----------|---|---|
| Equipment waste treatment - PP | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | Polypropylene, granulate {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | - | - | - |
| Equipment waste treatment - Aluminium | 0.2 | 0 | 0.9 | 1 | 1 | Aluminium, wrought alloy {GLO} aluminium ingot, primary, to market Cut-off, S | - | Aluminium scrap, post- consumer, prepared for melting {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | Aluminium, wrought alloy {GLO} aluminium ingot, primary, to market Cut-off, S |
| Equipment waste treatment - Electronic Components | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | Electronic component, active, unspecified {GLO} market for Cut-off, U | - | - | - |
| Equipment waste treatment - Printed Wiring Board | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | Printed wiring board, surface mounted, unspecified, Pb free {GLO} market for Cut-off, U | - | - | - |
| Melamine resin waste treatment | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | - | - | Melamine {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | - | - | - |
| PC waste treatment | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | - | - | Polycarbonate {RER} production Cut-off, S | - | - | - |
| Compostable material (PLA) waste treatment | 0.5 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.016 | Polylactide, granulate {GLO} production Cut-off, S | - | Biowaste {RoW} treatment of biowaste, industrial composting Cut-off, S | Urea, as N {RER} production Cut-off, S |
| Meal set waste treatment - Tissue paper | 0.2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Tissue paper {RER} production Cut-off, S | - | Waste paper, sorted {GLO} market for Cutoff, S | Sulfate pulp {GLO} market for Cut-off, S |



CFF Energy

| | В | R3 | LHV (MJ/kg) | Xer,heat | Xer,elec | Eer | Ese,heat | Ese,elec |
|---|---|-------|----------------|----------|----------|---|---|---|
| Food waste treatment | 0 | 0.175 | 9 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off, | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| PP waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 46 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| PET waste treatment | 0 | 0.242 | 46 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| PE from food packaging waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 46 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| PS from food packaging waste treatment | 0 | 0.252 | 42 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Steel from food packaging waste treatment | 0 | 0.095 | 0 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Paper from liquid beverage carton waste treatment | 0 | 0.2 | 17 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Aluminium from liquid beverage carton waste treatment | 0 | 0.2 | 0 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |



| | В | R3 | LHV (MJ/kg) | Xer,heat | Xer,elec | Eer | Ese,heat | Ese,elec |
|---|---|-------|----------------|----------|----------|--|---|---|
| PE from liquid beverage carton waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 46 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Cardboard waste treatment | 0 | 0.133 | 17 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Aluminium from food packaging waste treatment | 0 | 0.098 | 0 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Wood waste treatment | 0 | 0.21 | 17 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Textile waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 21 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Paper waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 17 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| PS from auxiliary materials waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 42 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Aluminium from auxiliary material waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 0 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Steel from equipment waste treatment | 0 | 0.098 | 0 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |



| | В | R3 | LHV (MJ/kg) | Xer,heat | Xer,elec | Eer | Ese,heat | Ese,elec |
|---|---|-------|----------------|----------|----------|--|---|---|
| Aluminium from equipment waste treatment | 0 | 0.035 | 0 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Electronic Components from equipment waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 28 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Printed Wiring Board from equipment waste treatment | 0 | 0.035 | 28 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Melamine resin waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 16 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| PC waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 43 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |
| Compostable material (PLA) waste treatment | 0 | 0.35 | 9 | 0% | 0% | Municipal solid waste {IT} treatment of, incineration Cut-off | Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {Europe without Switzerland} market for heat, central or small-scale, natural gas Cut-off, S | Electricity, medium voltage {IT} market for Cut-off, S |



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| | (1-R2-R3) | Ed |
|---|-----------|---|
| Food waste treatment | 0.325 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| PP waste treatment | 0.65 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| PET waste treatment | 0.4485 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| PE from food packaging waste treatment | 0.65 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| PS from food packaging waste treatment | 0.468 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Steel from food packaging waste treatment | 0.1755 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Paper from liquid beverage carton waste treatment | 0.3705 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Aluminium from liquid beverage carton waste treatment | 0.3705 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| PE from liquid beverage carton waste treatment | 0.65 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Cardboard waste treatment | 0.247 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Aluminium from food packaging waste treatment | 0.182 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Wood waste treatment | 0.3965 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Textile waste treatment | 0.65 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Paper waste treatment | 0.65 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| PS from auxiliary materials waste treatment | 0.65 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Aluminium from auxiliary material waste treatment | 0.182 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Steel from equipment waste treatment | 0.065 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Aluminium from equipment waste treatment | 0.065 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Electronic Components from equipment waste treatment | 0.65 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Printed Wiring Board from equipment waste treatment | 0.65 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Melamine resin waste treatment | 0.65 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| PC waste treatment | 0.65 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |
| Compostable material (PLA) waste treatment | 0.15 | Municipal solid waste {RoW} treatment of, sanitary landfill Cut-off, S |



Annex B - Food losses

Tables B.1 and B.2 shall be used to calculate the amount of fresh food needed for processed food in the Preproduction stage and food preparation in the kitchens (Production stage).

Preproduction: food losses of fresh vegetables shall be considered to produce final products .For fruit the percentage of losses shall be equal to zero. Tables B.1 shall be used to calculate the total amount of vegetables and legumes in input to transformation processes. Losses of all other food families in Preproduction are already included in the selected dataset.

Production: further losses occur in Production during the preparation of vegetables, meat, fish and eggs. Tables B.1 and B.2 shall be used to calculate the total amount of food losses in the kitchen.

Food losses after meals consumption (Use stage) shall be equal to 22.5% for each type of food category and their disposal shall be accounted for in the End-of-Life stage.

Table B.1

| I. VEGETABLES AND LEGUMES | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Family | Proxy DATASET | Losses (%) | | | | | | |
| Lily (Liliaceae) | Onion at farm/FR Mass | 11% | | | | | | |
| Gourd (Cucurbitaceae) | Zucchini {GLO} market for APOS, U | 5% | | | | | | |
| Chenodopiaceae, aromatic plants and herbs, and Minestrone (vegetable soup) | Spinach, at farm/BE Mass | 26% | | | | | | |
| Legumes (Fabaceae or Leguminosae) | Pea, at farm/IT Mass | Already included in dataset | | | | | | |
| Dry legumes (Fabaceae or Leguminosae) | Beans, dry, at farm/NL Mass | Already included in dataset | | | | | | |
| Umbellifers (Apiaceae or Umbelliferae) | Carrot, at farm/BE Mass | 18% | | | | | | |
| Mustards (Brassicaceae or Cruciferae) | Broccoli, at farm/FR Mass | 39% | | | | | | |
| Fresh tomato (Solanaceae) | Tomato, fresh grade {ES} tomato production, fresh grade, in unheated greenhouse Cut-off, S | 9% | | | | | | |
| Potato (Solanaceae) | Potato, at farm/IT Mass | 19% | | | | | | |
| Others Nightshades (Solanaceae) | Aubergine {GLO} production APOS, U | 19% | | | | | | |

Table B.2

| III. MEAT, FISH AND EGGS | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Classification | Proxy DATASET | Losses (%) | | | | | | |
| Beef | Beef meat, fresh, from beef cattle, at slaughterhouse, PEF compliant/IE Economic/Mass | 9% | | | | | | |
| Cured meat + others | Beef meat, fresh, from beef cattle, at slaughterhouse, PEF compliant/IE Economic/Mass | 4% | | | | | | |
| Poultry | Chicken meat, fresh, at slaughterhouse/NL Mass | 2% | | | | | | |
| Sheep | Sheep for slaughtering, live weight {GLO} market for Cut-off, S | 2% | | | | | | |



| III. MEAT, FISH AN | III. MEAT, FISH AND EGGS | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Pork | Pig meat, fresh, at slaughterhouse/NL Mass | 9% | | | | | | | |
| Fish | Landed fish, from fishery, at plant/CL Mass | Already included in dataset provided in Table 7 | | | | | | | |
| Eggs | Consumption eggs, laying hens >17 weeks, at farm/NL Mass | 10% | | | | | | | |