

# 2.C.7.a - Copper Production

## Short description

Within this NFR sub-category, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, TSP, PCDD/F, HCB, As, Cd, Cu, Hg, and Pb emissions from the production of copper are reported.

Category Code	Method						AD			EF					
Key Category	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	NMVOC	CO	BC	Pb	Hg	Cd	Diox	PAH	HCB	TSP	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>
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## Method

### Activity data

The yearly production figures were taken from the annual statistical report of the German association for non-ferrous metals [\[Lit. 1\]](#).

### Emission factors

The emission factors are either default values according to the 2019 EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook [\[Lit. 2\]](#) or determined in several research projects or from companies environmental reports [\[Lit. 3\]](#).

Table 1: Tier1 emission factors applied for entire time series (primary and secondary copper production)

Pollutant	EF	Unit	Source
HCB	1	mg/t	
PCDD/F	2.9	µg/t	

Table 2: Emission factors applied for primary copper production in 2019

Pollutant	EF	Unit	Source
TSP	0.09	kg/t	
PM <sub>10</sub>	0.0765	kg/t	
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	0.063	kg/t	
SO <sub>2</sub>	3.6	kg/t	
As	0.8	g/t	
Cd	15	g/t	
Cu	13.8	g/t	
Hg	0.031	g/t	

Pollutant	EF	Unit	Source
Pb	3.1	g/t	

Table 3: Emission factors applied for secondary copper production in 2019

Pollutant	EF	Unit	Source
TSP	0.100	kg/t	
PM <sub>10</sub>	0.085	kg/t	
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	0.07	kg/t	
SO <sub>2</sub>	3.0	kg/t	
As	2	g/t	
Cd	486.428	mg/t	
Cu	46,088.62	mg/t	
Hg	2.644	mg/t	
Pb	21,977.15	mg/t	

## Recalculations

Recalculations were necessary



For pollutant-specific information on recalculated emission estimates for Base Year and 2018, please see the pollutant specific recalculation tables following [chapter 8.1 - Recalculations](#).

## Planned improvements

No category specific improvements are planned.

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## Bibliography

**Lit. 1:** German association for non-ferrous metals (WirtschaftsVereinigung Metalle): Annual statistical report: <https://www.wvmetalle.de>

**Lit. 2:** Ökopol, IER, IZT, IfG: Bereitstellung einer qualitätsgesicherten Datengrundlage für die Emissionsberichterstattung zur Umsetzung von internationalen Luftreinhalte- und Klimaschutzvereinbarungen für ausgewählte Industriebranchen Teilvorhaben 2: NE-Metallindustrie, Kalkindustrie, Gießereien.

