

2.G(a) - Fireworks

Short description

In this sub-category of 2.G(a) - Other product use: Fireworks Germany reports NO_x, SO_x, CO, TSP, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, Cu, Pb and Zn emissions from fireworks.

NFR-Code	Name of Category	Method	AD	EF
2.G(a)	Other Product use: Fireworks	CS	NS and association	D, CS

Methodology

In the year 2019 measurements were made by a finish laboratory for the VPI – Verband der pyrotechnischen Industrie (Association of the pyrotechnical industry) of dust emissions during the burning of fire works. The experiments were made in a container in which the whole fireworks were burned. In 2020 the VPI and the UBA had an intensive information exchange, in which the VPI presented the results of the measurements to the UBA. The different emission factors were discussed and finally based on the expert judgement it was decided which EFs shall be used for the reporting. In the next step the activity data were updated more differentiated. Further a discussion of the other EFs was made, which led to some changes in the EFs. The results are presented below. In February 2021 the VPI has published an article in the paper “Propellants, Explosives, Pyrotechnics” a description of the experiment together with the measurement results¹⁾.

Activity data

For the calculation of the activity data the following formula is used:

$$AR = \text{production} + \text{import} - \text{export} - \text{disposal} + \text{return of the year before} - \text{return of the year}$$

The **production, disposal, return from the year before and return of the year** data are yearly updated by the VPI.

Import and export: For the import and export data statistical data from the statistical federal office of Germany were taken (foreign statistics of federal office of statistics)²⁾.

The sold amounts of fireworks have increased strongly from 1990 to 1995. From 1995 to 1997 the emissions were relatively high but decreased from 1997 to 2005. Since then, the emissions have been relatively constant with small fluctuations.

Emission factors

The emission factors of SO₂, CO, NO_x, Cu, Pb and Zn are the Default-EFs derived from the EMEP Guidebook³⁾, page 22, table 3-14: Tier 2 emission factor for source category 2.D.3.i, 2.G Other solvent and product use, Other, Use of Fireworks.

Table 1: Default emission factors applied, in g/t product

	Default-EF
SO ₂	3.020
CO	7.150
NO _x	260
Cu	444
Pb	784
Zn	260

The emission factors for PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and TSP are measured values from the VPI.

Table 2: Country-specific PM emission factors applied, in g/t product

	PM ₁₀		PM _{2.5}		TSP	
	Sylvester-EF	During the period-EF	Sylvester-EF	During the period-EF	Sylvester-EF	During the period-EF
1990-2004	52.002,56	62.799,96	41.463,05	49.644,24	52.002,56	62.799,96
2005	47.509,31	72.317,11	38.129,60	57.167,68	47.509,31	72.317,11
2006	45.793,40	71.986,67	36.930,61	56.906,46	45.793,40	71.986,67
2007	45.174,65	72.071,88	36.615,74	56.973,82	45.174,65	72.071,88
2008	45.955,36	71.471,31	37.390,41	56.499,06	45.955,36	71.471,31
2009	45.701,68	70.204,58	37.132,12	55.497,69	45.701,68	70.204,58
2010	44.826,79	69.253,15	36.536,80	54.745,57	44.826,79	69.253,15
2011	44.068,30	68.877,53	36.121,87	54.448,64	44.068,30	68.877,53
2012	45.566,16	69.993,91	37.527,36	55.331,16	45.566,16	69.993,91
2013	46.098,42	67.212,39	38.026,91	53.132,33	46.098,42	67.212,39
2014	46.621,17	67.680,72	38.595,22	53.502,55	46.621,17	67.680,72
2015	47.474,24	67.313,58	39.383,93	53.212,31	47.474,24	67.313,58
2016	47.523,35	66.094,38	39.539,55	52.248,52	47.523,35	66.094,38
2017	47.853,44	65.938,58	39.907,83	52.125,36	47.853,44	65.938,58
2018	48.270,00	63.519,57	39.713,09	50.213,10	48.270,00	63.519,57
2019	48.085,00	63.217,87	40.033,58	49.974,60	48.085,00	63.217,87

The EMEP Guidebook offers Default-EFs for the pollutants Ar, Hg, Ni and Cr. But the VPI has proved that these emissions does not occur in Germany. And the VPI has further proved that Pb emissions does not anymore occur since 2003. See the following explanations:

As and Hg: For As and Hg the members of the VPI have confirmed that Ar and Hg are not anymore used since 1980. Since 2003 the DIN EN 14035:2003 went in force, which did forbid these substances. The actual follow up norm DIN EN 15947-5 was published in February 2016 and describes the german implementation of the harmonized and in the official journal of the European union 2017, C 149/2 published norm EN 15947:2015.

Pb: As the DIN EN 14035:2003 entered into force as from 2003, which did forbid this substance, there are no Pb-emissions from fireworks from 2003 onwards. The actual follow up norm DIN EN 15947-5 was published in February 2016 and describes the german implementation of the harmonized and in the official journal of the European union 2017, C 149/2 published norm EN 15947:2015.

Cd: The members of the VPI were asked and did explain, that Cd was never used, because it has no pyrotechnical effect. Since 2013 Cd is on the candidates list of the substances of Very High Concern (SVHC), published according article 59, para. 10 of the REACH-ordinance.

Ni: The members of the VPI informed that Ni was never used, because it has no pyrotechnical effect. It is part of the harmonized assessment according the ordinance (EG) Nr. 1272/2008 (CLP). Belonging to this, it is assessed as cancerogen category 2.

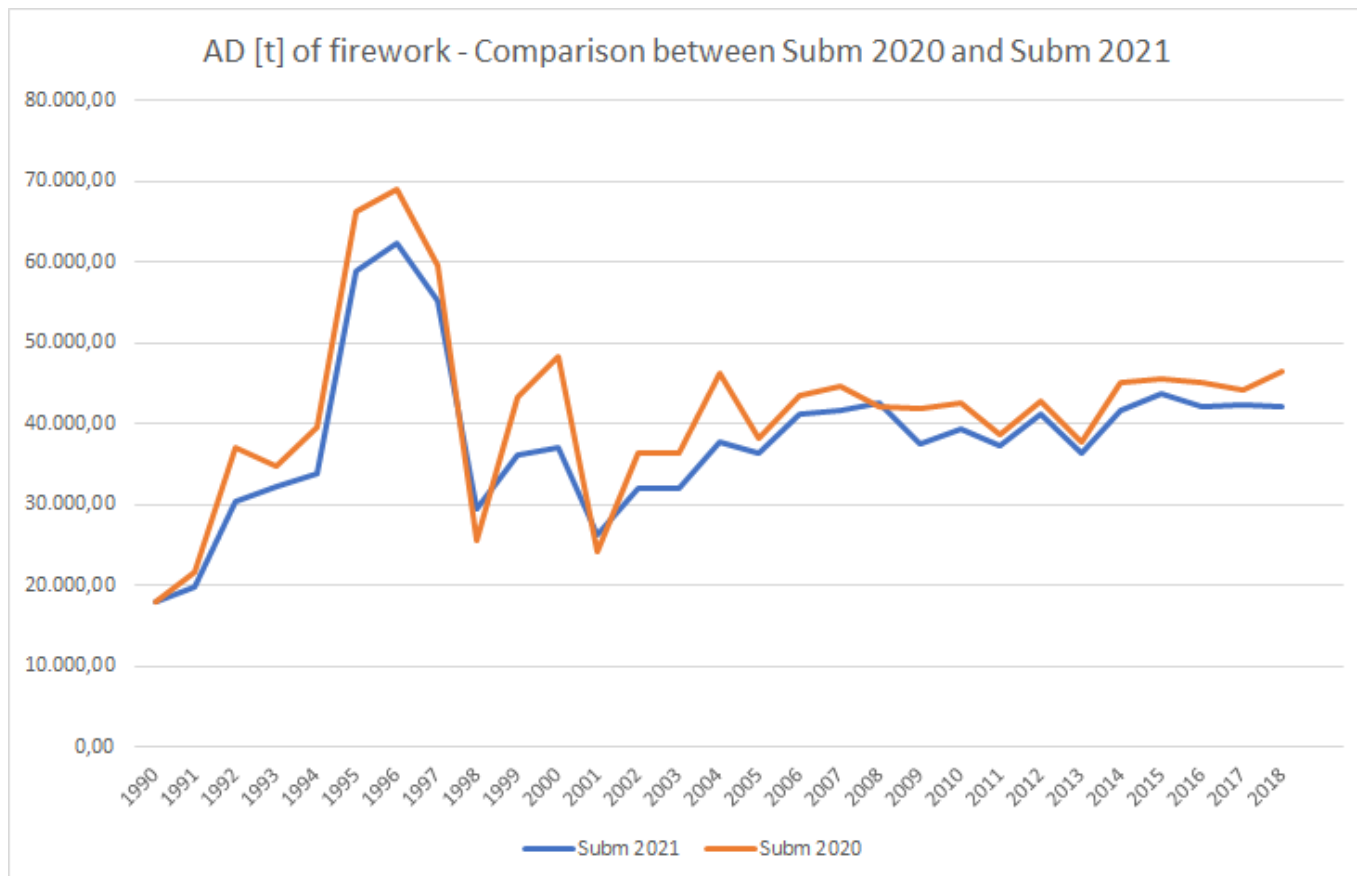
Cr: According the information from the members of the VPI Cr is not anymore used since the beginning of the 1980. Since 2012 (REACH Annex XIV (Ordinance (EU) Nr. 125/2012) Cr was implemented in the REACH Annex XIV. So from that year a permission duty is necessary. So far, none of the fireworks producers has requested for a permission.

Recalculations

Activity data has changed as follows:

Table 3: Change of AD between Submission 2020 and Submission 2021, in t

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Sylvester	13,939	16,396	24,556	26,172	27,153	51,421	54,413	48,281	24,180	24,693	26,283	21,561	25,994	25,759	29,286	28,856	30,491	33,396	34,461	30,075	31,440	29,795	33,086	29,131	33,241	34,999	32,572	33,936	32,980
Submission 2021 during the year	4,130	3,493	5,903	6,138	6,799	7,447	7,880	6,993	5,220	11,483	10,906	4,741	6,085	6,256	8,545	7,506	10,755	8,235	8,088	7,521	8,007	7,499	8,137	7,247	8,465	8,832	9,487	8,544	9,088
SUM	18,069	19,889	30,458	32,310	33,951	58,869	62,293	55,274	29,400	36,175	37,188	26,303	32,079	32,016	37,832	36,362	41,247	41,631	42,550	37,595	39,446	37,294	41,223	36,378	41,706	43,830	42,059	42,480	42,068
Submission 2020	17,957	21,741	37,116	34,781	39,579	66,272	69,010	59,560	25,605	43,244	48,355	24,150	36,462	36,352	46,347	38,148	43,487	44,705	42,228	41,839	42,652	38,638	42,857	37,847	45,164	45,656	45,208	44,111	46,462
Change	112	-1,852	-6,658	-2,471	-5,628	-7,403	-6,717	-4,286	3,795	-7,069	-11,167	2,153	-4,383	-4,336	-8,516	-1,786	-2,240	-3,073	322	-4,244	-3,206	-1,344	-1,634	-1,469	-3,458	-1,826	-3,149	-1,631	-4,394



The **emissions** from As, Cd, Cr, Hg and Ni were deleted. The VPI proved that these emissions does not occur. For Pb the emissions are from 2003 onwards changed to NA because the VPI proved that the usage of Pb is forbidden since 2003 by a DIN Norm. The emissions of CO, Cu, NO_x, SO_x, Zn and Pb are changed because of changed AD. The emissions of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and TSP are changed because of changed AD and new EFs from the VPI.

Table 4: Change of emissions between Submission 2020 and Submission 2021, in t

	Pollutant	Source	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018
Subm2020	As		0,02388268	0,08814149	0,06431255	5,07E-02	0,05672676	0,06072288	0,06012704	0,05866723	0,06179406
Subm2021		Fireworks, New Years Eve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subm2021		Fireworks, during the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference			-0,02388268	-0,08814149	-0,06431255	-0,05073702	-0,05672676	-0,06072288	-0,06012704	-0,05866723	-0,06179406
Subm2020	Cd		0,02657621	0,09808226	0,07156584	5,65E-02	0,06312452	0,06757132	0,06690828	0,06528384	0,06876332
Subm2021		Fireworks, New Years Eve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subm2021		Fireworks, during the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference			-0,02657621	-0,09808226	-0,07156584	-0,05645924	-0,06312452	-0,06757132	-0,06690828	-0,06528384	-0,06876332
Subm2020	CO		128,391835	473,84337	345,740395	272,759153	304,959655	326,442545	323,239345	315,391505	332,201155
Subm2021	CO	Fireworks, New Years Eve	99,66385	367,662295	187,921305	206,32183	224,792425	250,240705	232,887655	242,640255	235,804855
Subm2021	CO	Fireworks, during the year	29,530215	53,24748	77,975755	53,664325	57,24719	63,145225	67,83348	61,0896	64,9792
Difference	CO		0,80223	-52,933595	-79,843335	-12,7729983	-22,92004	-13,056615	-22,51821	-11,66165	-31,4171
Subm2020	Cr		0,28012764	1,03384008	0,75434268	0,59511088	0,66536652	0,71223828	0,70524948	0,68812692	0,72480252
Subm2021	Cr	Fireworks, New Years Eve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subm2021	Cr	Fireworks, during the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	Cr		-0,28012764	-1,03384008	-0,75434268	-0,59511088	-0,66536652	-0,71223828	-0,70524948	-0,68812692	-0,72480252
Subm2020	Cu		7,9728636	29,4246792	21,4697532	16,9377712	18,9373548	20,2713972	20,0724852	19,5851508	20,6289948

	Pollutant	Source	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018
Subm2021	Cu	Fireworks, New Years Eve	6,188916	22,8310572	11,6695188	12,8121528	13,959138	15,5394228	14,4618348	15,0674508	14,6429868
Subm2021	Cu	Fireworks, during the year	1,8337644	3,3065568	4,8421308	3,332442	3,5549304	3,921186	4,2123168	3,793536	4,035072
Difference	Cu		0,0498168	-3,2870652	-4,9581036	-0,7931764	-1,4232864	-0,8107884	-1,3983336	-0,724164	-1,950936
Subm2020	Hg		0,00102354	0,00377749	0,00275625	0,00217444	0,00243115	0,00260241	0,00257687	0,00251431	0,00264832
Subm2021	Hg	Fireworks, New Years Eve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subm2021	Hg	Fireworks, during the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	Hg		-0,00102354	-0,00377749	-0,00275625	-0,00217444	-0,00243115	-0,00260241	-0,00257687	-0,00251431	-0,00264832
Subm2020	Ni		0,538707	1,988154	1,450659	1,144444	1,279551	1,369689	1,356249	1,323321	1,393851
Subm2021	Ni	Fireworks, New Years Eve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subm2021	Ni	Fireworks, during the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	Ni		-0,538707	-1,988154	-1,450659	-1,144444	-1,279551	-1,369689	-1,356249	-1,323321	-1,393851
Subm2020	NOx		4,668794	17,230668	12,572378	9,91851467	11,089442	11,870638	11,754158	11,468782	12,080042
Subm2021	NOx	Fireworks, New Years Eve	3,62414	13,369538	6,833502	7,502612	8,17427	9,099662	8,468642	8,823282	8,574722
Subm2021	NOx	Fireworks, during the year	1,073826	1,936272	2,835482	1,95143	2,081716	2,29619	2,466672	2,22144	2,36288
Difference	NOx		0,029172	-1,924858	-2,903394	-0,46447267	-0,833456	-0,474786	-0,818844	-0,42406	-1,14244
Subm2020	Pb		14,0782096	51,9570912	37,9105552	29,9081365	33,4389328	35,7945392	35,4433072	34,5827888	36,4259728
Subm2021	Pb	Fireworks, New Years Eve	10,928176	24,8087995	4,75514695	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subm2021	Pb	Fireworks, during the year	3,2379984	3,59298757	1,9730928	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	Pb		0,0879648	-23,5553041	-31,1823154	-29,9081365	-33,4389328	-35,7945392	-35,4433072	-34,5827888	-36,4259728
Subm2020	PM 10			6.621,88	4.831,66	3.811,76	4.261,76	4.561,98	4.517,21	4.407,54	4.642,45
Subm2021	PM 10	Fireworks, New Years Eve		2.674,04	1.366,77	1.370,94	1.409,33	1.661,54	1.547,92	1.623,94	1.591,93
Subm2021	PM 10	Fireworks, during the year		467,683873	684,87754	542,776071	554,482233	594,479838	627,050634	563,379267	577,265866
Difference	PM 10			-3480,1554	-2780,01648	-1898,04731	-2297,94362	-2305,96094	-2342,24645	-2220,22203	-2473,25708
Subm2020	PM 2.5			3.442,16	2.511,57	1.981,41	2.215,33	2.371,39	2.348,12	2.291,11	2.413,22
Subm2021	PM 2.5	Fireworks, New Years Eve		2.132,08	1.089,76	1.100,28	1.148,70	1.378,39	1.287,87	1.354,30	1.309,73
Subm2021	PM 2.5	Fireworks, during the year		369,710572	541,40517	429,071993	438,325876	469,944536	495,692201	445,359104	456,336653
Difference	PM 2.5			-940,362639	-880,408132	-452,066627	-628,304647	-523,057419	-564,556656	-491,450477	-647,158392
Subm2020	SO2		54,229838	200,140836	146,033006	115,207363	128,808134	137,882026	136,529066	133,214314	140,314334
Subm2021	SO2	Fireworks, New Years Eve	42,09578	155,292326	79,373754	87,145724	94,94729	105,696074	98,366534	102,485814	99,598694
Subm2021	SO2	Fireworks, during the year	12,472902	22,490544	32,935214	22,66661	24,179932	26,67113	28,651344	25,80288	27,44576
Difference	SO2		0,338844	-22,357966	-33,724038	-5,39502867	-9,680912	-5,514822	-9,511188	-4,92562	-13,26988
Subm2020	TSP		1.972,21	7.278,63	5.310,86	4.189,81	4.684,44	5.014,43	4.965,23	4.844,68	5.102,89
Subm2021	TSP	Fireworks, New Years Eve	724,863616	2.674,04	1.366,77	1.370,94	1.409,33	1.661,54	1.547,92	1.623,94	1.591,93
Subm2021	TSP	Fireworks, during the year	259,370121	467,683873	684,87754	542,776071	554,482233	594,479838	627,050634	563,379267	577,265866
Difference	TSP		-987,97259	-4136,90893	-3259,2175	-2276,09531	-2720,62196	-2758,41487	-2790,2607	-2657,35906	-2933,69253
Subm2020	Zn		4,668794	17,230668	12,572378	9,91851467	11,089442	11,870638	11,754158	11,468782	12,080042
Subm2021	Zn	Fireworks, New Years Eve	3,62414	13,369538	6,833502	7,502612	8,17427	9,099662	8,468642	8,823282	8,574722

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Subm2021	Zn	Fireworks, during the year	1,073826	1,936272	2,835482	1,95143	2,081716	2,29619	2,466672	2,22144	2,36288
Difference	Zn		0,029172	-1,924858	-2,903394	-0,46447267	-0,833456	-0,474786	-0,818844	-0,42406	-1,14244



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](#).

Uncertainties

The uncertainty for the AD is given as 10%.

Planned improvements

No improvements are planned.

¹⁾ <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/prep.202000292>

²⁾ Statistisches Bundesamt (51000-0013): Aus- und Einfuhr (Außenhandel), URL: https://www-genesis.destatis.de/genesis/online/data;sid=D7FC9DA10C87E483A48EA26969FF80CF.GO_1_5?operation=abrufatabelleAbrufen&selectionname=51000-0013&levelindex=0&levelid=1552378849838&index=13

³⁾ EMEP/EEA, 2019: EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2019, Copenhagen, 2019.