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**Weight of evidence:** This approach uses a combination of several independent sources of evidence (e.g. toxicological or genotoxicity data) to arrive at a conclusion regarding potential hazard (such as mutagenicity).

**WHO-TEQs:** The system of Toxic Equivalency Factors (TEFs) used in the UK and a number of other countries to express the concentrations of the less toxic dioxin-like compounds (16 PCDDs/PCDFs and 12 PCBs) as a concentration equivalent to the most toxic dioxin 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) is that set by the World Health Organisation (WHO), and the resulting overall concentrations are referred to as WHO-TEQs (Total toxic equivalents).