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Test Report No. 51702-001, 51702-003

Test objective:	Evaluation according to French VOC-regulation
Sample description by client:	Laminate Flooring with/without Footfall Sound Insulation, with/without Chamfers Varnish, Thickness up to 12 mm <u>representative tested:</u> B&Q Overture Arlington effect Kingfisher TS Cardiff Oak
Sampled by:	Stadt Baruth, Mr. Böttcher
Date of sampling:	15.11.2016
Location of sampling:	at the client
Date of production:	03.11.2016
Date of arrival of sample:	16.11.2016
Test period:	16.11.2016 - 16.12.2016
Date of report:	25.01.2017
Number of pages of report:	19
Testing laboratory:	eco-INSTITUT Germany GmbH, Cologne
Test objective fulfilled:	✓ Class A+

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Sample View

Internal Sample-no.	Description by customer	Condition upon delivery	Type of sample
A001	B&Q Overture Arlington effect	without objection	Laminate flooring
A003	Kingfisher TS Cardiff Oak	without objection	Laminate flooring



A001: B&Q Overture Arlington effect



A003: Kingfisher TS Cardiff Oak

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Expert Evaluation

The product **Laminate Flooring with/without Footfall Sound Insulation, with/without Chamfers Varnish, Thickness up to 12 mm** has been tested on behalf of **Classen Industries GmbH**.

This evaluation bases on the test criteria of the decree no. 2011-321 of March 23rd, 2011 (VOC regulation) of the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing.

The results documented in the test report were evaluated as follows.

Sample A001: B&Q Overture Arlington effect

Emission analysis	Concentration (Test chamber air) [µg/m ³]	Class			
		after 7 days	C	B	A
Formaldehyd	8	>120	<120	<60	<10
Acetaldehyd	2	>400	<400	<300	<200
Toluol	< 1	>600	<600	<450	<300
Tetrachlorethylen	< 1	>500	<500	<350	<250
Xylol	< 1	>400	<400	<300	<200
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzol	< 1	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000
1,4-Dichlorbenzol	< 1	>120	<120	<90	<60
Ethylbenzol	< 1	>1500	<1500	<1000	<750
2-Butoxyethanol	< 1	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000
Styrol	< 1	>500	<500	<350	<250
TVOC_{tol}	45	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000

Probe A003: Kingfisher TS Cardiff Oak

Emission analysis	Concentration (Test chamber air) [µg/m³]	Class			
		after 7 days	C	B	A
Formaldehyd	7	>120	<120	<60	<10
Acetaldehyd	4	>400	<400	<300	<200
Toluol	< 1	>600	<600	<450	<300
Tetrachlorethylen	< 1	>500	<500	<350	<250
Xylol	< 1	>400	<400	<300	<200
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzol	< 1	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000
1,4-Dichlorbenzol	< 1	>120	<120	<90	<60
Ethylbenzol	< 1	>1500	<1500	<1000	<750
2-Butoxyethanol	< 1	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000
Styrol	< 1	>500	<500	<350	<250
TVOC_{tol}	50	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000

Summary evaluation

The product **Laminate Flooring with/without Footfall Sound Insulation, with/without Chamfers Varnish, Thickness up to 12 mm** meets the requirements of the **Class A+** of the decree no. 2011-321 of March 23, 2011 (VOC regulation) of the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing.

Cologne, 25.01.2017



Alexandra Kühn
 (Project Manager)

Evaluation d'expert

Le produit **Laminate Flooring with/without Footfall Sound Insulation, with/without Chamfers Varnish, Thickness up to 12 mm** a été testé sous la responsabilité du **Classen Industries GmbH**.

Cette évaluation est basée sur les critères du décret n° 2011-321 du 23 mars 2011 (COV décret) par le Ministère de l'écologie, du développement durable, des transports et du logement.

Les résultats documentés dans le rapport du test sont évalués comme suit.

Échantillon A001: B&Q Overture Arlington effect

Analyse des émissions	Concentration (air de la chambre d'essai) [µg/m³]	Classe			
		Substance	au bout de 7 jours	C	B
Formaldéhyde	8	>120	<120	<60	<10
Acétaldéhyde	2	>400	<400	<300	<200
Toluène	< 1	>600	<600	<450	<300
Tétrachloréthylène	< 1	>500	<500	<350	<250
Xylène	< 1	>400	<400	<300	<200
1,2,4-Triméthylbenzène	< 1	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000
1,4-Dichlorobenzène	< 1	>120	<120	<90	<60
Ethylbenzène	< 1	>1500	<1500	<1000	<750
2-Butoxyéthanol	< 1	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000
Styrène	< 1	>500	<500	<350	<250
COV_{Tot}	45	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000

Échantillon A003: Kingfisher TS Cardiff Oak

Analyse des émissions	Concentration (air de la chambre d'essai) [µg/m ³]	Classe			
		Substance	au bout de 7 jours	C	B
Formaldéhyde	7	>120	<120	<60	<10
Acétaldéhyde	4	>400	<400	<300	<200
Toluène	< 1	>600	<600	<450	<300
Tétrachloréthylène	< 1	>500	<500	<350	<250
Xylène	< 1	>400	<400	<300	<200
1,2,4-Triméthylbenzène	< 1	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000
1,4-Dichlorobenzène	< 1	>120	<120	<90	<60
Éthylbenzène	< 1	>1500	<1500	<1000	<750
2-Butoxyéthanol	< 1	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000
Styrène	< 1	>500	<500	<350	<250
COV_{Tol}	50	>2000	<2000	<1500	<1000

Résumé d'évaluation

Le produit **Laminate Flooring with/without Footfall Sound Insulation, with/without Chamfers Varnish, Thickness up to 12 mm** correspond aux exigences de la **classification A+** sur les critères du décret n° 2011-321 du 23 mars 2011 (COV décret) par le Ministère de l'écologie, du développement durable, des transports et du logement.

Cologne, 25.01.2017



Alexandra Kühn
(Chef de projet)

Laboratory report

1 Emission analysis

Test method

prEN 16516	Testing and evaluation of the release of dangerous substances; determination of emissions into indoor air
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A001, Preparation of test sample

Date:	25.11.2016
Pre-treatment:	Joint ratio acc. to DIBt principles: circumference to joint length 2.5:1
Masking of backside:	yes
Masking of edges:	yes, 100 %
Relationship of unmasked edges to surface:	not applicable
Loading:	related to area
Dimensions:	38,8 cm x 25,8 cm

A001, Test chamber conditions according to DIN ISO 16000-9

Chamber volume:	0.250 m ³
Temperature:	23 °C
Relative humidity:	50 %
Air pressure:	normal
Air:	cleaned
Air change rate:	0.5 h ⁻¹
Air velocity:	0.3 m/s
Loading:	0.4 m ² /m ³
Specific air flow rate:	1.25 m ³ /(m ² · h)
Air sampling:	3 days after test chamber loading 7 days after test chamber loading

A003, Preparation of test sample

Date:	25.11.2016
Pre-treatment:	Joint ratio acc. to DIBt principles: circumference to joint length 2.5:1
Masking of backside:	yes
Masking of edges:	yes, 100 %
Relationship of unmasked edges to surface:	not applicable
Loading:	related to area
Dimensions:	32 cm x 31,25 cm

A003, Test chamber conditions according to DIN ISO 16000-9

Chamber volume:	0.250 m ³
Temperature:	23 °C
Relative humidity:	50 %
Air pressure:	normal
Air:	cleaned
Air change rate:	0.5 h ⁻¹
Air velocity:	0.3 m/s
Loading:	0.4 m ² /m ³
Specific air flow rate:	1.25 m ³ /(m ² · h)
Air sampling:	3 days after test chamber loading 7 days after test chamber loading

Analytcs

Aldehydes and Ketones	DIN ISO 16000-3
Limit of determination:	2 µg/m ³
Volatile Organic Compounds	DIN ISO 16000-6
Limit of determination:	1 µg/m ³
Note for analysis:	not specified

1.1 Sample A001, Volatile Organic Compounds after 7 days

Test objective:

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), test chamber, air sampling 7 days after test chamber loading

Test result:

Sample: A001: B&Q Overture Arlington effect

No.	Substance	CAS No.	RT [min]	Concentration+ (test chamber air) Substances ≥ 1 µg/m³ after 7 days [µg/m³]	Toluene- equivalent Substances ≥ 5 µg/m³ after 7 days [µg/m³]	CMR Classifi- cation++	LCI AgBB 2015 [µg/m³]	R- value
1	Aromatic hydrocarbons							
1-1	Toluene	108-88-3		< 1		Repr. 2	2900	
1-2	Ethyl benzene	100-41-4		< 1		Group 2B	850	
1-4	p-Xylene (including m-Xylol)	106-42-3		< 1			500	
1-6	o-Xylene	95-47-6		< 1			500	
1-11	1.2.4-Trimethylbenzene	95-63-6		< 1			450	
1-25	Styrene	100-42-5		< 1		Repr. 2	250	
6	Glycols, Glycol ethers, Glycol esters							
6-3	Ethylene glycol-mobutylether (2-Butoxyethanol)	111-76-2		< 1			1100	
7	Aldehyde							
7-20	Acetaldehyde	75-07-0		2		Carc. 2	1200	0,00
7-22	Formaldehyde	50-00-0		8		Carc. 1B Muta. 2	100	0,08
13	Other identified substances in addition to LCI list							
	Benzene	71-43-2		< 1		Carc. 2 Muta. 1B		
	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	106-46-7		< 1		Carc. 2		
	Tetrachloroethene	127-18-4		< 1		Carc. 2 Repr. 2		

+ identified and calibrated substances, substance specific calculated

++ Classification according to Regulation (EG) N° 1272/2008: Categories Carc. 1A and 1B, Muta. 1A and 1B, Repr. 1A and 1B, TRGS 905: K1 and K2, M1 and M2, R1 and R2, IARC: Group 1 and 2A, DFG MAK-list: Kategorie III1 and III2

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TVOC, Total volatile organic compounds	Concentration after 7 days [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$]	SE_{Ra} [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2\text{h}$]
Sum of VOC according to ISO 16000-6	45	56

1.2 Sample A003, Volatile Organic Compounds after 7 days

Test objective:

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), test chamber, air sampling 7 days after test chamber loading

Test result:

Sample: A003: Kingfisher TS Cardiff Oak

No.	Substance	CAS No.	RT [min]	Concentration+ (test chamber air)	Toluene- equivalent	CMR Classifi- cation++	LCI AgBB 2015	R- value
				Substances ≥ 1 µg/m³ after 7 days [µg/m³]	Substances ≥ 5 µg/m³ after 7 days [µg/m³]			
1	Aromatic hydrocarbons							
1-1	Toluene	108-88-3				Repr. 2	2900	
1-2	Ethyl benzene	100-41-4				Group 2B	850	
1-4	p-Xylene (including m-Xylol)	106-42-3					500	
1-6	o-Xylene	95-47-6					500	
1-11	1.2.4-Trimethylbenzene	95-63-6					450	
1-25	Styrene	100-42-5				Repr. 2	250	
6	Glycols, Glycol ethers, Glycol esters							
6-3	Ethylene glycol-mobutylether (2-Butoxyethanol)	111-76-2					1100	
7	Aldehyde							
7-20	Acetaldehyde	75-07-0		4		Carc. 2	1200	0,00
7-22	Formaldehyde	50-00-0		7		Carc. 1B Muta. 2	100	0,07
13	Other identified substances in addition to LCI list							
	Benzene	71-43-2				Carc. 2 Muta. 1B		
	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	106-46-7				Carc. 2		
	Tetrachloroethene	127-18-4				Carc. 2 Repr. 2		


+ identified and calibrated substances, substance specific calculated

++ Classification according to Regulation (EG) N° 1272/2008: Categories Carc. 1A and 1B, Muta. 1A and 1B, Repr. 1A and 1B, TRGS 905: K1 and K2, M1 and M2, R1 and R2, IARC: Group 1 and 2A, DFG MAK-list: Kategorie III1 and III2

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TVOC, Total volatile organic compounds	Concentration after 7 days [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$]	SER_a [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2\text{h}$]
Sum of VOC according to ISO 16000-6	50	63

Cologne, 25.01.2017



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Appendix

I Sampling Sheet

Produktprüfung Product testing
 Zertifizierung Certification
 Beratung Consulting



eco-INSTITUT-Label Probenahmebegleitblatt*



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Produktname	B&Q Overture Arlington effect	Probeart (z.B. Holzwerkstoff, Bodenbelag)	Laminatfußboden
Modell / Programm/ Serie		Chargen-Nr.	1308101
Artikel-Nr.	35291	Produktionsdatum der Charge	03.11.16

Probe wird gezogen ...	<input type="checkbox"/> aus der laufenden Produktion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aus Lagerbeständen	Datum der Probenahme	15.11.16
Wo wurde das Produkt vor Probenahme gelagert?	<input type="checkbox"/> Fertigung <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lager <input type="checkbox"/> Sonstiges Lagerort: HRL Baruth	Wie wurde das Produkt vor Probenahme gelagert?	<input type="checkbox"/> offen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> verpackt Verpackungsmaterial: Karton, PE-Folie

Besonderheiten (mögliche negative Einflüsse durch Emissionen am Probenahmeort (z.B. Benzol-Abgase, Lösemittelermissionen aus der Fertigung), Unklarheiten, Fragen, etc.)

Bestätigung
 Hiermit bestätigt der Unterzeichner die Richtigkeit der oben gemachten Angaben. Die Probe wurde eigenhändig gemäß Probenahmeanleitung des eco-INSTITUT-Labels ausgewählt, gezogen und verpackt.
 Datum: 15.11.16 Unterschrift: (Stempel) *Classen Industries GmbH*
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Produktprüfung Product testing
 Zertifizierung Certification
 Beratung Consulting



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Produktname	Kingfisher TS Cardiff Oak	Probeart (z.B. Holzwerkstoff, Bodenbelag)	Laminatfußboden
Modell / Programm/ Serie		Chargen-Nr.	4044611
Artikel-Nr.	31923	Produktionsdatum der Charge	30.10.16

Probe wird gezogen ...	<input type="checkbox"/> aus der laufenden Produktion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> aus Lagerbeständen	Datum der Probenahme	15.11.16
Wo wurde das Produkt vor Probenahme gelagert?	<input type="checkbox"/> Fertigung <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lager <input type="checkbox"/> Sonstiges Lagerort: HRL Baruth	Wie wurde das Produkt vor Probenahme gelagert?	<input type="checkbox"/> offen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> verpackt Verpackungsmaterial: Karton, PE-Folie

Besonderheiten (mögliche negative Einflüsse durch Emissionen am Probenahmeort (z.B. Benzin-Abgase, Lösemittlemissionen aus der Fertigung), Unklarheiten, Fragen, etc.)

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eco-Institut-Label

II Definition of terms

VOC (volatile organic compounds)	All individual compounds with a concentration $\geq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in the retention range C_6 (n-Hexane) to C_{16} (n-Hexadecane)
TVOC	Total volatile organic compounds
TVOC according to prEN 16516	Sum of all VOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in the retention range C_6 to C_{16} , calculated as toluene equivalent
TVOC according to AgBB/DIBt	Sum of all identified and calibrated VOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, SVOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with LCI and not calibrated VOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ calculated as toluene equivalent
TVOC according to eco-INSTITUT-Label	Sum of all identified and calibrated VOC $\geq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, SVOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with LCI and not calibrated VOC $\geq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ calculated as toluene equivalent
TVOC according to ISO 16000-6	Total area of chromatogram in the retention range C_6 to C_{16} , calculated as toluene equivalent
TVOC without LCI according to AgBB/DIBt and Belgian regulation	Sum of all VOC without NIK $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in the retention range C_6 to C_{16}
TVOC without LCI according to eco-INSTITUT-Label	Sum of all VOC without NIK $\geq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in the retention range C_6 to C_{16}
CMR-VOC (carcinogenic, mutagenic, reproduction-toxic VOC, VVOC and SVOC)	All individual substances with the following categories: Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008: Category Car.1A and 1B, Muta. 1A and 1B, Repr. 1A and 1B TRGS 905: K1 and K2, M1 and M2, R1 and R2 IARC: Group 1 and 2A DFG (MAK lists): Category III1 and III2
VVOC (very volatile organic compounds)	All individual substances with a concentration $\geq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in the retention range $< \text{C}_6$
TVVOC	Total very volatile organic compounds
TVVOC according to AgBB/DIBt and Belgian regulation	Sum of all identified and calibrated VVOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with LCI
TVVOC according to eco-INSTITUT-Label	Sum of all identified and calibrated VVOC $\geq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with LCI
SVOC (semi volatile organic compounds)	All individual substances $\geq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in the retention range C_{16} to C_{22}
TSVOC	Total semi volatile organic compounds
TSVOC according to prEN 16516	Sum of all SVOC in the retention range C_{16} to C_{22} , calculated as toluene equivalent
TSVOC without LCI according to AgBB/DIBt	Sum of all SVOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ without LCI
TSVOC without LCI according to eco-INSTITUT-Label	Sum of all SVOC $\geq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ without LCI
TSVOC with LCI according to AgBB/DIBt	Sum of all identified and calibrated SVOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with LCI
SER	Specific emission rate (see appendix IV)

LCI value	Lowest Concentration of Interest; calculated value for the evaluation of VOC, established by the Committee for Health-related Evaluation of Building Products (Ausschuss zur gesundheitlichen Bewertung von Bauprodukten - AgBB)
R value	The quotient of the concentration and the LCI value is generated for every substance which is detected in the test chamber air. The sum of the calculated quotients results in the R value.
R value according to eco-INSTITUT-Label	R value for all identified and calibrated VOC $\geq 1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with LCI, established by the AgBB in 2015
R value according to AgBB 2015/DIBt	R value for all identified and calibrated VOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with LCI, established by the AgBB in 2015
R value according to Belgian regulation	R value for all identified and calibrated VOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with LCI, established by the Belgian regulation
R value according to AFSSET	R value for all identified and calibrated VOC $\geq 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ with LCI, established by ANSES (French National Agency on Food Safety, Environment, and Workplace Security)
RT (retention time)	Time for a particular analyte to pass through the system (from the column inlet to the detector)
CAS No. (Chemical Abstracts Service)	International unique numerical identifier for a chemical substance
Toluene equivalent	Concentration, calculated as toluene equivalent

III Commentary on emission analysis

Test method

Measurement of the volatile organic compounds takes place in the test chamber in conditions similar to those applying in practice. Standardized test conditions are defined for the test chamber regarding loading, air exchange, relative humidity, temperature and incoming air, based on the type of test specimen and the required guideline. These conditions and the underlying standards are to be found in the section on test methods in the laboratory report.

Air samples are taken from the test chamber at defined points in time during the continuously running test. To this end, approximately 5 L of air are collected from the test chamber with an air flow rate of 100 mL/min for Tenax and approx. 100 L with an air flow rate of 0.8 L/min for DNPH (dinitrophenylhydrazine).

After thermal desorption, the substances adsorbed on Tenax are analysed using gas chromatographic separation and mass spectrometric determination. The gas chromatographic separation is performed with a slightly polar capillary column of 60 m in length.

The substances derivatized with DNPH for the determination of formaldehyde and other short-chain carbonyl compounds (C1 - C6) are analysed using high-performance liquid chromatography.

Over 200 compounds, including volatile organic compounds (C6 - C16), semi-volatile organic compounds (C16 - C22) and – insofar as possible with this method – also very volatile organic compounds (less than C6) are determined and quantified individually.

All other substances – insofar as is possible – are identified through comparison with a library of spectra. The quantification of these substances and non-identified substances is performed through a comparison of their signal area with the toluene signal.

The concentrations of substances that have been determined are corrected based on the recovery rate for an internal standard (d8 toluene). Identification and quantification of the substances is limited to 1 µg per m³ for substances adsorbed on Tenax and 2 µg/m³ for DNPH-derivatized substances (limit of quantification).

Quality assurance

The eco-INSTITUT Germany GmbH is granted flexible scope of accreditation pursuant to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025. The accreditation covers the analytical determination of all volatile organic compounds, including the test chamber method.

In each analysis the analytical system is checked using an external standard based on the specifications in standard prEN 16516. The stability of the analytical systems is documented based on the test standard using control charts.

Laboratory performance is assessed at least once a year in inter-laboratory comparisons by comparing the results with those obtained by other laboratories for identical samples.

A blank is run prior to introducing the test specimen into the test chamber to check for the possible presence of volatile organic compounds.

IV Explanation of Specific Emission Rate SER

Emission measurements are accomplished in test chambers under defined physical conditions (temperature, relative humidity, room loading, air change rate etc.).

Test chamber measurement results are directly comparable only if the investigations were accomplished under the same basic conditions.

If the differences of the physical conditions refer only to the change of air rate and/or the loading, the "SER" or "specific emission rate" can be used for comparability of the measurement results. The SER indicates how many volatile organic compounds (VOC) are released by the sample for each material unit and hour (h).

The SER can be calculated using the formula below for each proven individual component of the VOC from the data in the test report.

As material units the following are applicable:

l = unit of length (m)	relation between emission and length
a = unit area (m ²)	relation between emission and surface
v = unit volume (m ³)	relation between emission and volume
u = piece unit (unit = piece)	relation between emission and complete unit

From this the different dimensions for SER result:

length-specific	SER _l in µg/(m·h)
surface-specific	SER _a in µg/(m ² ·h)
volume-specific	SER _v in µg/(m ³ ·h)
unit specific	SER _u in µg/(u·h)

SER thus represents a product specific rate, which describes the mass of the volatile organic compound, which is emitted by the product per time unit at a certain time after beginning of the examination.

$$\text{SER} = q \cdot c$$

- q specific air flow rate (quotient from change of air rate and loading)
c concentration of the measured substance(s)

The result can be indicated in milligrams (mg) in place of micro grams (µg), whereby 1 mg = 1000 µg.