

Sampling Plans and Uncertainty Assessement

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Legislation

Monitoring and Reporting Regulation (MRR)

Chapter III – Section 2 - Sub-Section 3 - Calculation Factors

Article 30

Calculation Factors – two ways:

- 1. Default values, or,
- 2. Values based on Analysis
 - General Provisions in Article 32-35
 - Article 33 Sampling Plan
 - Article 35 Frequencies for analyses



What are Calculation Factors

'calculation factors' means net calorific value, emission factor, preliminary emission factor, oxidation factor, conversion factor, carbon content or biomass fraction (Article 3.7)



Article 33 – Sampling Plan

 If calculation factors are determined by analyses, the operator shall submit a sampling plan to the CA for approval

 Analyses, sampling, calibrations and validations for the determination of calculation factors are carried out by applying methods based on corresponding EN standards. (Article 32.1)



Key Elements Defined in a Sampling Plan

Step-by-step Approach

- 1. Identify involved parties
- Identify objectives and define technical goals
- 3. Determine generic level of testing required (with reference to objectives)
- 4. Identify constituents to be tested
- 5. Research background information on source/material
- 6. Identify Health and Safety precautions
- 7. Select sampling approach. Identify type or sampling probabilistic versus judgemental
- 8. Identify most appropriate sampling technique to address sampling requirements >
- → Document the Sampling Plan →
- → Send to CA for Approval →
- → Undertake sampling according to the Sampling Plan



Summary - Requirements Sampling Plan

- Written procedure to be submitted to CA for approval:
 - -Sample preparation, transport and storage
 - -Locations, frequencies, quantities
 - -Responsibilities
- Representative sampling
- In agreement with laboratory
- Adaptation in accordance with actual heterogeneity ->

If homogenous → Simple Sampling Plan



Further Guidance

- NL will develope a general guidance according to MRR incl. process for producing a sampling plan
- Build on
 - -previous work (e.g. UK "Guidelines on Ash Sampling and Analysis")
 - -standards
 - -experience from MS



Article 35 - Frequencies for analyses

- Minimum frequencies for analyses according to Annex VII (article 35.1)
 - -Annex VII in MRR (= Table 5 in MRG)
- CA can decide on a different frequency if:
 - minimum frequencies not available (Article 35.2)
 - If available:
 - requiered frequency incur unreasonable cost (Article 35.2(b)), or,
 - analytic value < 1/3 of the uncertainty value with regard to the activity data detarmination (Article 35.2(a))



How to Determine Compliance with Article 35.2(a)

Proposal:

Use "Uncertainty Emission Factor Excel Tool"

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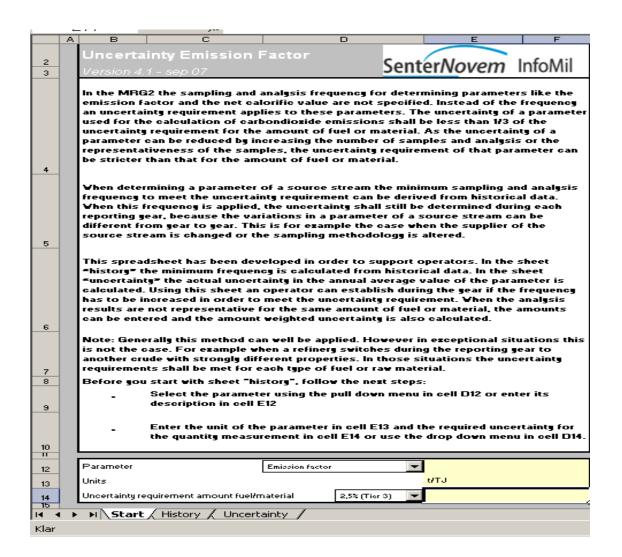
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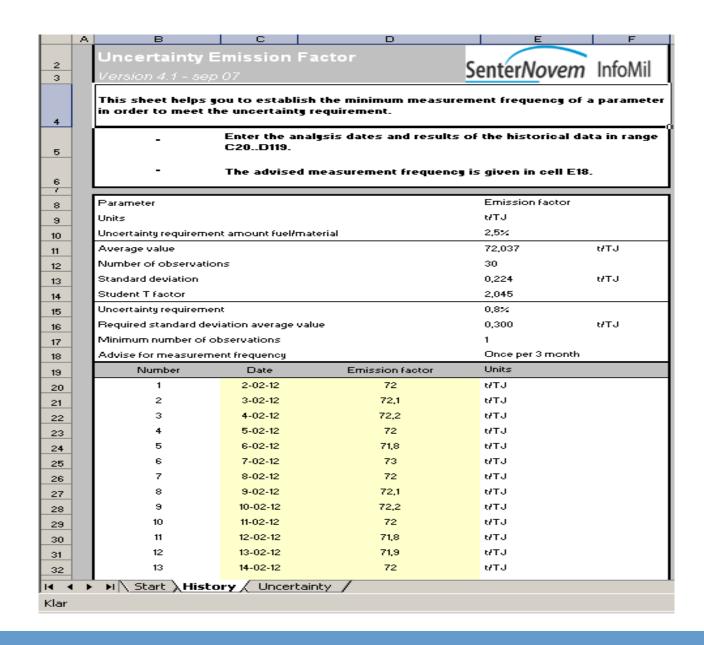


Excel Tool

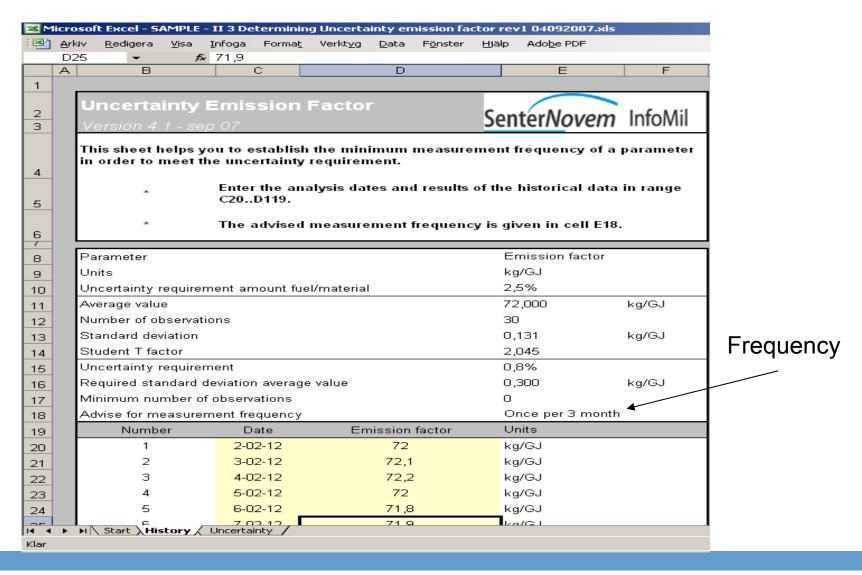




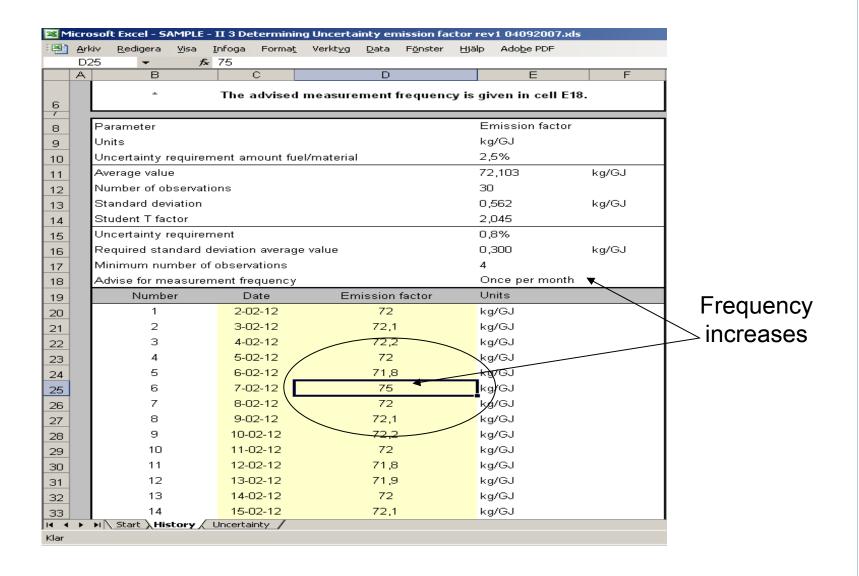




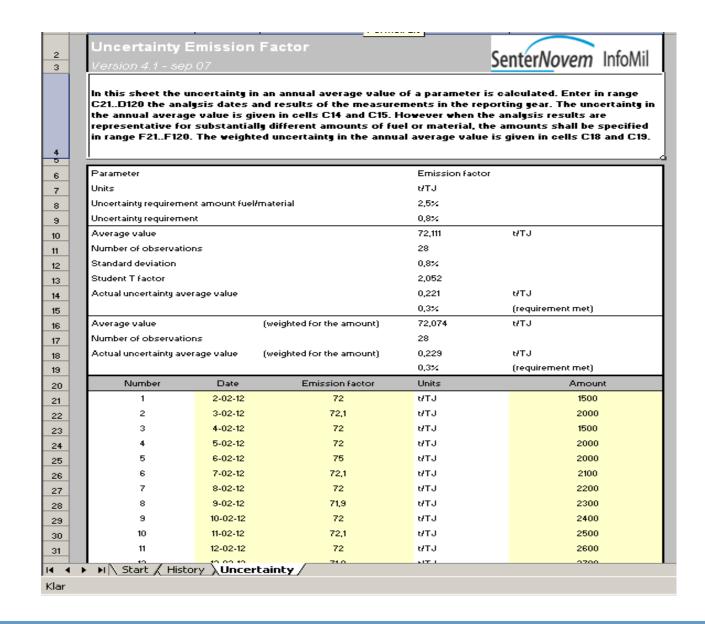




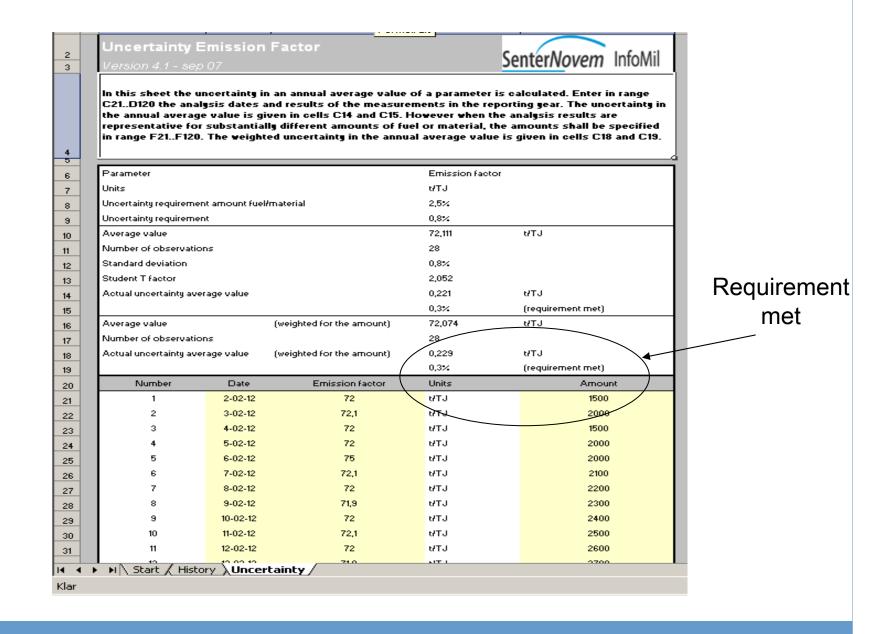




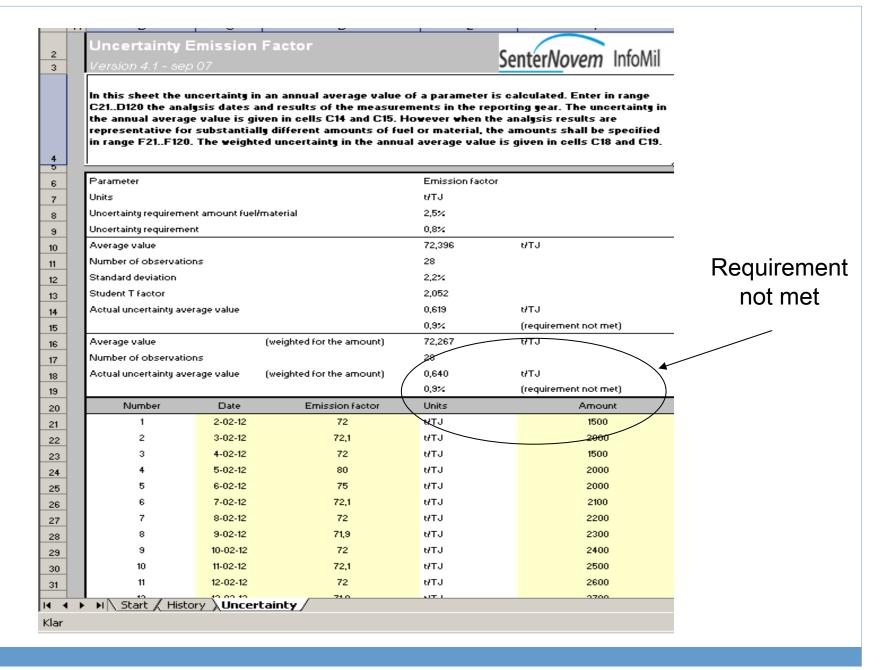














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