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SOURCE ACTIVITY TITLE: OTHER USE OF SOLVENTS & RELATED ACTIVITIES
Fat, Edible and Non Edible Oil Extraction

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1 ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Solvent extraction of edible oils from oilseeds. Drying of leftover seeds before resale as animal feed.

2 CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL EMISSIONS

Emissions of NMVOC from the solvent extraction and subsequent drying of oilseeds represent between 0 and 0.5% of a country's total NMVOC emission.

For example, in the UK the contribution is 0.34% (Passant, 1993).

3 GENERAL

3.1 Description

The extraction of oil from oil seeds is performed either mechanically or through the use of solvents, or both. Where solvent is used, it is generally recovered and cleaned for reuse. The seed may be subjected to solvent treatment many times before all the oil is extracted. The remaining seed residue is then dried and may be used as an animal feed.

3.2 Definitions

3.3 Techniques

If the oil content of the seed is high, for example olives, the majority of the oil is pressed out mechanically. Where the oil content is lower, or the remaining oil is to be taken from material which has already been pressed, solvent extraction is used.

Hexane has become a preferred solvent for extraction. In extracting oil from seeds, the cleaned and prepared seeds are washed several times in warm solvent. The remaining seed residue is treated with steam to capture the solvent and oil which remains in it.

The oil is separated from the oil-enriched wash solvent and from the steamed out solvent. The solvent is recovered and re-used. The oil is further refined.

3.4 Emissions/Controls

Solvent recovery is an integral part of solvent extraction plant. The economics of a plant may be finely balanced on the proportion of solvent which is recovered. The efficiency of recovery is usually high, but is dictated by economic considerations, and will be limited to recovery plant on which the capital investment can be paid for by reduction in expenditure on new solvent.

Emissions of NMVOC will also arise from the drying of spent oil seeds.

Emissions may be controlled by improving the efficiency of the solvent extraction plant and by adding abatement equipment such as water scrubbers to the drying plant.

4 SIMPLER METHODOLOGY

The simpler methodology is to combine an activity statistic with an appropriate emission factor for solvent extraction and for the drying of spent grain.

5 DETAILED METHODOLOGY

A more detailed methodology would combine activity statistics and emission factors for different vegetable oil types and for the production of different VOC species. It might also consider other stages within the oil extraction process.

6 RELEVANT ACTIVITY STATISTICS

For the simpler methodology, the relevant activity statistics are the quantities of oil extracted and seed used in units of tonnes per year. In addition, the total solvent consumption by the industry is a measure of the solvent required to replace that lost during the recovery process.

For the more detailed methodology, the activity for different oil types and for different NMVOC species are needed. Data on other stages within the oil extraction process could also be used.

7 POINT SOURCE CRITERIA

There are relatively few oil extraction plants in the UNECE area. These could be considered as point sources, if plant specific data are available. Otherwise the activity is a relatively small source of NMVOC and hence should be considered as an area source.

8 EMISSION FACTORS, QUALITY CODES AND REFERENCES

8.1 Simpler Methodology

Solvent extraction:

<u>Emission Factor</u>	<u>Quality Code</u>	<u>Reference.</u>
19 kg VOC. t ⁻¹ of seed	D	Finelt (1979)
6 kg VOC. t ⁻¹ of seed	D	Munday (1990)
0.85 kg VOC. t ⁻¹ of seed	C	Swannell et al. (1991)

Grain Drying:

<u>Emission Factor</u>	<u>Quality Code</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1.31 kg VOC. t ⁻¹ of seed	D	US EPA (1985)

8.2 Detailed Methodology

No data available.

9 SPECIES PROFILES

The only solvent identified is hexane (Rentz *et al.*, 1990), and any solvent which fails to be recycled will eventually be emitted. Hexane is therefore suggested as the major species emitted (Data Quality D). Aldehydes and Fatty acids are liberated during steam treatment (Swannell *et al.*, 1991).

10 UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATES

The range of emission factors available suggests that there is considerable variation from plant to plant on the efficiency of the solvent recovery systems, with older plant being considerably less efficient than new plant. If this is not taken into account then the emission estimate may vary by a factor of 20.

There is only one reference emission factor for the drying of seed. This may not be expected to vary as much as the efficiency of solvent recovery plants. Nevertheless an uncertainty estimate of 100% cannot be ruled out.

11 WEAKEST ASPECTS/PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CURRENT METHODOLOGY

The weakest aspect of the methodology is the application of general emission factors to different types of plant and different types of feedstock. The methodology would be considerably improved if emission factors could be established for old and modern plants and for the different types of seed e.g. corn, cotton seed, sunflower, rape, soya-bean, peanut.

12 SPATIAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA FOR AREA SOURCES

(Plants should be considered as point sources if possible.)

13 TEMPORAL DISAGGREGATION CRITERIA

It may be assumed that emissions occur uniformly over diurnal and annual cycles.

14 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

15 SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

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16 VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

Emission estimates based on emission factors may be compared with data on the total solvent consumption of this industrial sector. Emission factors should also be verified through measurements if possible.

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