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Criteria Assessment Indicators for the Chemical Sector

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using the activity-spec	CHEM-C1 - Activity-Specific Pathway for Nitric Acid Production: Companies shall address scope 1 N_2 O emissions from the production of nitric acid using the activity-specific pathway to set targets on the basis of kg N_2 O per tonne of nitric acid produced, if scope 1 N_2 O emissions from this activity represent at least 5% of their total scope 1 GHG emissions.				
1.1 Applicability for setting targets on nitric acid production	Sector-Specific	Companies with scope 1 N ₂ O base year emissions from this activity that represent at least 5% of their total scope 1 GHG emissions and a base year intensity greater than 0.5 kg N ₂ O / tonne of nitric acid, as described in section 2.1 of the SBTi Chemical Sector Pathways and Implementation Criteria document, shall set an intensity reduction target on scope 1 N ₂ O emissions from nitric acid production. Companies can use a reporting year between the base year and the most recent year as a baseline to determine if absolute emission reductions from the absolute contraction approach of the SBTi Corporate	The company must provide a copy of the SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool to confirm the applicability of the nitric acid production target in the baseline. Additionally, the company shall use table 2, 3 and 4 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex to confirm compliance with the 5% and the 0.5 kg N ₂ O / tonne of nitric acid applicability thresholds in the base year by reporting total GHG inventory emissions, the N ₂ O emissions related to nitric acid production and its associated production volume in each table respectively.		



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		Net-Zero Standard are greater than under this method. In that case, N_2O emissions from nitric acid production may be covered within the overall company's scope 1 absolute contraction approach target and the Nitric Acid Production Pathway shall not be used. In case the base year and the most recent year is the same, the base year value shall be used as a baseline.	
1.2 Target boundary	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Companies shall include only scope 1 N ₂ O emissions from the production of nitric acid within the target boundary. Other GHGs within scope 1, 2 and/or 3 GHG emissions associated with the production of nitric acid shall not be included within the nitric acid production target boundary; however these emissions must still be reported in the overall GHG inventory calculations and may covered by other targets if needed to comply with total target coverage thresholds.	Evidence that no CO ₂ emissions from scope 1 and neither CO ₂ nor N ₂ O emissions from scope 2 or 3 have been included within the target boundary must be provided using table 1 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.



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1.3 Upstream emissions associated with feedstocks or fuels	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Companies shall not use the nitric acid production pathway to cover upstream emissions from feedstocks and fuels; however, these emissions must still be included in the company's overall GHG inventory calculations and may be covered by other targets if needed to comply with total target coverage thresholds.	Written confirmation in question 2.1 of the Chemicals Annex that the upstream phase of the feedstock has not been included in the target boundary.
1.4 Target calculation	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Companies shall determine the following when establishing a target using the activity-specific pathway: • The total N ₂ O emissions and average N ₂ O emissions intensity in units of kg N ₂ O / tonne nitric acid across all their operations from the production of nitric acid in the chosen baseline and most recent year. • Estimated nitric acid production in the target year. The company shall base the projected production on their best available estimates.	Provision of a complete copy of the SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool. Additionally, the company shall explain how target year activity was calculated in question 3.1 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.



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1.5 Selection of base year and target year	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Companies shall use a base year that is consistent with targets set using other activity specific pathways and/or cross-sector pathways. However, as per CHEM-C1.1 they may use a different reporting year as baseline to determine the applicability of this pathway. The target year for the nitric acid production pathway target shall be 5 years after the chosen baseline year.	Indication of the base year and target year in table 4 of the Chemicals Annex.
1.6 Target achievement	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Once a company's average emissions intensity for N ₂ O emissions from nitric acid production has reached the benchmark emissions intensity, a separate emissions intensity target on these emissions is no longer required. This may occur before or at the target year.	The company shall use the SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool to calculate the average N_2O emissions intensity of the chosen baseline which shall not be equal to or less than the benchmark value of 0.5 kg N_2O / tonne of nitric acid. If the company has additionally reported a most recent year, the average N_2O emissions intensity of that year shall not be equal to or less than the benchmark value of 0.5 kg N_2O / tonne of nitric acid as well.



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ammonia, methanol ar	CHEM-C2 - Activity-Specific Pathways for Primary Chemicals Production: Companies may set targets to address GHG emissions from the production of ammonia, methanol and/or high value chemicals (HVC's) in their value chain on the basis of tonnes (t) of CO ₂ e per tonne of primary chemical produced using the respective activity-specific pathway.			
2.1 Eligibility of primary chemicals production pathways	Sector-Specific	The company shall have ammonia, methanol or HVC production activities within their operations or value chain to be eligible to use the Primary Chemicals Production Pathways for target setting.	Written confirmation of the eligibility to use a Primary Chemicals Production Pathway in table 1 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex. Additionally, the company must report the total emissions from the relevant primary chemicals production target boundary in the base year and most recent year in table 3 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.	
2.2 Target metric	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Intensity targets set with the Primary Chemicals Production Pathways shall use the tonnes of primary chemical produced as the denominator, e.g., tonnes of ammonia for non-energy purposes produced.	The company shall enter the correct activity unit for each pathway in table 4 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex depending on the selected pathway.	
2.3 Selection of the base year	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Targets set using the Primary Chemicals Production Pathways shall use a base year for scope 1 and 2, and/or scope 3 that is consistent with targets set	Indication in the SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool of what base year is used to model the targets. Additional confirmation is provided in table 4 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.	



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		using other activity specific pathways and/or cross-sector pathways.	
2.4 Base year and target year activity representativeness	Sector-Specific Target Setting	When calculating a target, the company must use data that is representative of the production of primary chemicals for the base year according to the relevant target boundary of the chosen pathway. Companies shall estimate the production of primary chemicals in the chosen target year. This shall include all production from all of the processes included within the target boundary and be based on the company's best estimates of future production.	The company must report the base year and target year activity in the SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool. Most recent year activity data must also be reported in table 4 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex. Additionally, the company shall explain how future estimates were calculated in question 3.1 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.
2.5 Target boundary	Sector-Specific Target Setting	The target boundary of all Primary Chemicals Production Pathways shall include heat, process and electricity-related emissions from the production of primary chemicals regardless of whether these emissions occur from processes operated by the company or from imported heat or electricity.	Written confirmation that the pathway boundary related to the production of primary chemicals and their components (as relevant) is respected by describing and reporting the emission sources in table 1 and 5 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex. Confirmation that heat, process and electricity-related emissions from the production of primary chemicals



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		In the case of the Ammonia (for both non-energy and all-purposes pathways) and Methanol pathways the boundary shall also include heat, process and electricity-related emissions from the production of their components: Hydrogen and nitrogen for ammonia; Hydrogen and/or syngas and supplemental sources of CO ₂ , either produced or captured, for methanol. In the case of the HVC pathway, companies shall include total production of all HVCs (except those	are 100% covered within the target boundary by entering the target coverage in table 4.
		that occur within refineries) within the primary chemicals production target boundary. This shall be done regardless of whether the individual chemicals are co-produced within the same processes or produced separately.	
2.6 Specific target boundary exclusions	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Depending on the chosen Primary Chemicals Production Pathways the following target boundary exclusions shall apply and the associated volumes shall not be used to calculate the target ambition in	Written confirmation in questions 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.8 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex that CO ₂ emissions from the use-phase of urea-containing products; emissions associated with the production of methanol that is produced for direct energy supply purposes and



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		 Ammonia production: CO₂ emissions from the use-phase of urea-containing products (i.e fertilizers). Methanol production: GHG Emissions associated with the production of methanol that is produced for direct energy supply purposes. HVC production: GHG Emissions from the production of HVC's that occur within refineries. In the case of non-HVC co-products, all emissions from the process shall be allocated to HVC products when calculating a target. When calculating the total production of HVC, only the volume of HVC shall be included. However, these emissions must still be included in the company's overall GHG inventory calculations 	emissions from the production of HVC's that occur within refineries have not been included as part of the target boundary.



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		and may be covered by other targets if needed to comply with total target coverage thresholds.	
2.7 Use of the ammonia production for all purposes pathway	Sector-Specific Target Setting	The company shall indicate which of the two Ammonia Production Pathways is used. If the company decides to use the Ammonia Production for Non-Energy Purposes Only it shall not include any emissions associated with the production of ammonia that is produced for use as an energy carrier in the target boundary.	Indication of the chosen pathway in question 2.2 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex by selecting one of the two ammonia pathways. In case of selecting the Non-Energy Purposes Only Pathway, the company shall confirm it has respected the target boundary in question 2.3 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex by describing the volume and emission sources of non-energy ammonia that have been included in the target boundary.
2.8 Upstream emissions associated with feedstocks or fuels	Sector-Specific Target Setting	The Primary Chemicals Production Pathways target boundary shall not cover upstream emissions from feedstocks and fuels; however, these emissions must still be included in the company's overall GHG inventory calculations and may be covered by other targets if needed to comply with total target coverage thresholds.	Written confirmation in question 2.1 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex that the upstream phase of feedstocks has not been included in the target boundary.



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2.9 Target revision	Measurement, Reporting and Verification	If a company concludes after its target has been set, but before the mandatory 5-year review that its estimates of future production are inaccurate, it shall revise the targets using the updated estimate.	Written confirmation in question 3.2 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex that the company will revise its target if the estimate is determined to be inaccurate.		
	CHEM-C3 - Activity Specific Pathways for Non-Primary Chemicals Production: Companies may set an absolute reduction target to address scope 1 GHG emissions from the production of non-primary chemicals using this activity-specific pathway.				
3.1 Target boundary	Sector-Specific	Companies using this Non-Primary Chemicals Production Pathway must report and include in the target boundary scope 1 CO ₂ heat and process emissions and scope 1 CH ₄ and N ₂ O combustion emissions from the direct production of non-primary chemicals that fall within the chemicals sectoral boundary. These are all activities other than primary chemicals production, such as: • The production of other base chemicals. • The production of specialty chemicals. • The production of consumer chemicals.	Written confirmation of the production of non-primary chemicals in table 1 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex. Additionally, the company must report total emissions within the boundary of the Non-Primary Chemicals Production Pathway in table 3 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.		



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		The production of pharmaceuticals.Chemical recycling activities.	
3.2 Eligibility of the non-primary chemicals production pathway	Sector-Specific Target Setting	In order to be eligible for this pathway, the company shall have non-primary chemicals production activities, as defined in the chemicals sectoral boundary, that combined account for 5% or more of total scope 1 GHG emissions.	The company must report its total inventory GHG emissions in table 2. Additionally it must report emissions from the non-primary chemicals production target boundary in table 3 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex to confirm compliance with the minimum threshold.
3.3 Selection of base year	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Targets set using the Non-Primary Chemicals Production Pathway shall use a base year for scope 1 and 2 that is consistent with targets set using other activity specific pathways and/or cross-sector pathways.	Indication in the SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool of what base year is used to model the targets. Additional confirmation is provided in table 4 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.
3.4 Target boundary exclusions	Sector-Specific Target Setting	The Non-Primary Chemicals Production Pathway target boundary shall not include: • scope 2 emissions associated with the purchase of power, steam, or heat used in the production of non-primary chemical products.	The emission sources described in table 1 shall only refer to scope 1 emissions from the direct production of non-primary chemicals. Further, the company must confirm in questions 2.7, 2.8 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex that emissions from



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		 scope 1 GHG emissions associated with self-generated electricity, even if this electricity is used in the production of non-primary chemicals. scope 1 process emissions from non-CO2 GHGs. Emissions from the production of primary chemicals or nitric acid. Emissions from production of chemicals that occur within refineries. However, these emissions must still be included in the company's overall GHG inventory calculations and may be covered by other targets if needed to comply with total target coverage thresholds. 	self-generated electricity and chemicals formed within refineries have not been included in the target boundary.
3.5 Upstream emissions associated with feedstocks and fuels	Sector-Specific Target Setting	The Non-Primary Chemicals Production Pathway target boundary shall not cover upstream emissions from feedstocks and fuels. However, these emissions must still be included in the company's overall GHG inventory calculations and may be	Written confirmation in question 2.1 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex that the upstream phase of the feedstock has not been included in the target boundary.



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		covered by other targets if needed to comply with total target coverage thresholds.	
		Sold Nitrogen Fertilizers: Companies may address scopivity-specific pathway.	be 3 category 11 N ₂ O emissions from the use-phase of
4.1 Eligibility of the sold nitrogen fertilizers pathway	Sector-Specific	Companies shall have N ₂ O emissions from the use-phase of sold nitrogen fertilizers in their downstream value chain that represent at least 5% of the sum of their total scope 3 GHG emissions to be eligible to use this activity-specific pathway.	The company must report its total inventory GHG emissions in table 2 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex. Additionally it must report CO ₂ e emissions from the fertilizer use-phase target boundary in table 3 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex to confirm compliance with the minimum threshold.
4.2 Target boundary	Sector-Specific Target Setting	The target boundary shall only include scope 3 emissions of N ₂ O that occur in the use-phase of nitrogen fertilizers sold by the company. The target boundary shall not include GHGs other than N ₂ O that occur in the use-phase of nitrogen	Description of the company's emissions included in the target boundary in table 1 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex. Additionally, confirmation of the exclusion of other GHGs shall be provided in question 2.9 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.



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		fertilizers sold by the company (e.g., CO ₂ emissions from urea-based products). However, these emissions must still be included in the company's overall GHG inventory calculations and may be covered by other targets if needed to comply with total target coverage thresholds.	
4.3 Selection of base year	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Targets set using the Sold Nitrogen Fertilizers Pathway shall use a base year for scope 3 that is consistent with targets set using other activity specific pathways and/or cross-sector pathways.	The SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool must confirm the base year used to model the targets. Additional confirmation is provided in table 4 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.
4.4 Applicability of FLAG targets	Sector-Specific Target Setting	N ₂ O emissions in scope 3 category 11 from the use of sold nitrogen fertilizers shall not count towards the calculation of the 20% applicability threshold under the SBTi FLAG Guidance. If companies have other FLAG-related emissions, these shall be considered towards the 20% applicability threshold. Moreover, companies shall follow the FLAG Guidance if they trigger any other direct applicability criteria in the FLAG Guidance.	The company confirms to use the Sold Nitrogen Fertilizers Pathway in table 1 and 4 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex. Additionally the company shall not count these emissions towards the 20% threshold assessment in other SBTi documentation.



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in activities within the	CHEM-C5 - Alternative Feedstock Target: Companies may set a near-term and/or long-term target on shares of alternative feedstock purchased for use in activities within the scope of the chemicals sectoral boundary using the activity-specific pathway, if combined scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions associated with such activities represent at least 5% of the sum of their total scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions.					
5.1 Target boundary	Sector-Specific	Companies choosing to set an alternative feedstock target shall include all carbon-containing materials purchased as feedstocks for activities in the scope of the chemicals sectoral boundary in the target boundary. This applies to purchases of: Virgin fossil-based feedstocks: The production of chemicals that originate from virgin fossil-based feedstocks containing carbon molecules. Alternative feedstocks: Bio-based feedstocks; feedstocks from chemical recycling; CO ₂ from Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) sources regardless of whether the CO ₂ has a fossil or a bio-origin, provided the CO ₂ originates from a process that is itself producing a separate product or supplying energy); direct air capture (DAC) CO ₂ .	Written confirmation of the use of carbon-containing materials as feedstocks in table 1 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex. The company must also report the scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions associated with the use of these feedstocks in table 3 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.			



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		Companies shall set the target on the total company-wide share of alternative carbon-based feedstocks they use through these activities.	
5.2 Target boundary exclusions	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Feedstocks purchased in the reporting year but stockpiled for future years shall not be included in either the alternative feedstock nor virgin fossil-based feedstock portion when calculating the company's share of alternative feedstock, until those materials are used. Companies may exclude from the target boundary any feedstocks used to produce ammonia when the ammonia is not converted to urea. Companies that re-use or recover chemicals (e.g., solvent recovery) shall not consider these as alternative feedstock.	Written confirmation in question 2.12 and 2.13 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.
5.3 Activity metric	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Companies shall calculate and report the share, as percentage by weight (wt. %) of carbon, of alternative feedstocks from all sources within the	Percentage by weight of carbon following Annex B of the SBTi Chemical Sector Pathways and



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		target boundary in their base year, relative to the sum of total virgin fossil and alternative feedstocks making sure to follow Annex B of the SBTi Chemical Sector Pathways and Implementation Criteria document. This share shall be calculated based on the total carbon utilized as feedstock in the company's operational boundary.	Implementation Criteria document reported in question 2.11 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.
5.4 GHG accounting	GHG Accounting	Companies shall adhere to the GHG accounting requirements in the GHG Protocol when calculating scope 3 emissions associated with purchased alternative feedstocks and products containing alternative sources of carbon.	Written confirmation in question 2.15 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.
5.5 Mechanical recycling	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Companies including material outputs from mechanical recycling technologies as alternative feedstocks shall set a target using the higher target threshold values determined for "alternative feedstock percentages including mechanical recycling" in the SBTi Chemicals Target-Setting Tool. Companies shall disclose whether the target	Written confirmation in question 2.14 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex. Additionally, the company must disclose whether it includes or excludes mechanically recycled feedstocks in the official target language entered in table 4 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.



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		includes or excludes mechanically recycled feedstocks in their target language.	
5.6 Maintenance target	Sector-Specific Target setting	If the company's percentage of alternative feedstock in the base year is higher than the minimum percentage required in the chosen target year, the company shall, at a minimum, establish a maintenance target to maintain their base year share of alternative feedstock.	Written confirmation in question 2.16 and target set in table 4 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.
5.7 Target strategy	Sector-Specific Target setting	Companies shall provide a defined reduction strategy to achieve the alternative feedstock target.	Written explanation in question 4.1 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.

CHEM-C6 - Conformity with activity-specific pathways and cross-sector targets: Companies must completely adhere to activity-specific pathways when relevant, ensuring conformance with the defined boundaries and calculation requirements of the chosen pathways. When setting targets over activities outside the scope of activity-specific pathways, companies must conform to the other applicable metrics, methods, and pathways present in the SBTi Corporate Net-Zero Standard.



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6.1 Minimum requirements of the SBTi Chemical Sector Pathways and Implementation Criteria document	Sector-Specific Target Setting	Companies setting targets using the Chemicals Sector Pathways must ensure those are fully aligned with the boundaries and requirements as per the SBTi Chemical Sector Pathways and Implementation Criteria document.	Report of all relevant information regarding the boundary, emissions, coverage, ambition and timeframe in table 1, 3 and 4 of the SBTi Chemicals Annex.
6.2 Minimum requirements for cross-sector targets	Target Setting	Companies setting remaining targets over activities not covered by the SBTi Chemical Sector Pathways and Implementation Criteria document must ensure those are fully aligned with cross-sector and if applicable, other sector-specific, requirements.	The SBTi Chemicals Target-Setting Tool and the SBTi Chemicals Annex are only used for the purpose of setting targets under the activity-specific pathways of the SBTi Chemical Sector Pathways and Implementation Criteria document. Information regarding other emission sources is provided in other applicable documents.
6.3 Total target coverage	Target Setting	Targets set using the SBTi Chemical Sector Pathways and Implementation Criteria document shall count towards the scope 1, 2 and 3 minimum total target coverage criteria of the SBTi Corporate Net-Zero Standard.	The company must demonstrate sufficient target coverage in the near-term and long-term targets tab of the SBTi portal using the pathways described in this document and pathways of the SBTi Corporate Net-Zero Standard criteria collectively by showcasing the tons of CO ₂ e covered under each target to reach



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			the minimum total target coverage thresholds of the SBTi Corporate Net-Zero Standard criteria.	
	CHEM-C7 - Use of the SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool: When setting targets using an activity-specific pathway, companies shall use the latest version of the SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool to establish the minimum level of ambition for their target(s).			
7.1 Target ambition	Sector-Specific Target Setting	At a minimum, targets set using the SBTi Chemical Sector Pathways and Implementation Criteria document must be aligned with or exceed the level of reduction required by the outputs of the SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool.	Submission of the SBTi Chemicals Sector Target-Setting Tool with a consistent level of ambition as reported in table 4.	



