

Reaction of the EIPRO project team on comments by CEMBUREAU

1. Extract of comments: [...CEMBUREAU would like to attend the expert stakeholder meeting on 13 July 2005 to improve its understanding of the methodological approach of EIPRO and receive explanations on the data expressed in the Annexes in "Normalised environmental impact scores per Euro of product" as these data are usually expressed per kg of product...]

Reaction: Expressing the environmental impact scores on a per kg basis of product would not be the most relevant metric for this study. In this study we do not only assess the environmental importance of products but the total “use of products” by households. This includes non-material services like insurance, hospitals etc. Expressing the environmental impacts on a per kilogram basis is therefore often not possible. Often, it also is not useful. Expressing life cycle emissions of cars, refrigerators or computers per kg hardly adds any insight. As we are considering the total “use of products and services” as acquired and used by households, expressing the environmental impacts on a per euro basis for comparison is a most appropriate method, with emissions per function, like car-km, as a next option in possible following studies.