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for sampling fume and gases —**

**Part 4:
Fume data sheets**

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Introduction

Welding and allied processes produce airborne particles and gaseous by-products that can be harmful to human health. Knowledge of the quantity and composition of the airborne particles and gases emitted can be useful for occupational hygienists in assessing workplace exposure and in determining appropriate control measures.

Welding processes, consumables and parameters give rise to various fume emission rates, which in turn lead to different welder exposures. Emission rate cannot be used directly to assess exposure. However, processes, consumables and welding parameters that give lower emission rates generally result in lower welder exposures than processes with higher emission rates used in the same working situation.

Clear instructions and supporting informative guidance are provided in order to ensure that the welding conditions used are selected thoughtfully according to a standardized procedure. The need to fully report the welding conditions used in the test is emphasized, and an example is provided of how such information should be conveyed on a fume data sheet. This document also gives information about how the data obtained can be used.

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