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**Part 1:
Steel plant with blast furnace**

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carbone de la production de la fonte et de l'acier —*

Partie 1: Usine sidérurgique avec haut fourneau

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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- revision of Introduction, Terms and definitions, and default emission factors;
- addition and revision of some emissions sources;
- clarification of the difference between "Boundary" and "Site boundary";
- revision of the calculation method of by-product gas;
- addition of a new informative annex, [Annex E](#) on "Decarbonization strategies and its impact in CO₂ Calculation Method" to give guidance on future relevant emission source categories as new materials and processes become widely applicable at industrial level.

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Introduction

The steel industry recognizes the urgent need to take actions concerning climate change. Slowing and halting global warming requires reductions in GHG emissions on a global scale. To play a part in achieving these reductions, it is necessary for steel plants to identify the amount of CO₂ emitted during the production of steel products, in order to identify next opportunities for reduction of CO₂ on their pathway to decarbonization.

The production process of steel involves complex chemical reactions, various heating cycles, and the recycling of various by-products. This variety of imports, including raw materials, reactive agents, fuel and heat sources are transformed into a wide range of steel products, by-products, waste materials and waste heat.

Steel plants manufacture a vast range of products with various shapes and specifications including: flat items, long items, pipes, tubes and many others. In addition, they produce unique specialty-grade steel products with high-performance. These are achieved using a number of sub-processes including micro-alloying and applying surface treatments like galvanizing and coating, which require additional heat treatments. The variety of products manufactured and processes used means no two steel plants are identical.

Climate regulations in each country require steel companies to devise methods to lower CO₂ emissions from steel plants while continuing to produce steel products by these diverse and complex steelmaking processes. To accomplish this, it is desirable to have universally common indicators for determining steel plant CO₂ emissions.

Additionally, there are other aspects related to the heterogeneous nature of the steel industry around the globe other than assets characteristics, that should be taken into account (inputs availability; market and business environment, innovation) when looking for commonalities in calculation methodologies to ensure consistency and comprehensiveness.

There are many methods for calculating CO₂ emission intensity from steel plants and specific processes. Each method was created to meet the objectives of a particular country or region. In some cases, a single country can have several calculation methods in order to fulfil different objectives. Each one of these methods reflects the unique local characteristics of a particular country or region. Therefore, these methods cannot be used for comparisons of CO₂ emission intensity from steel plants located in different countries and regions.

To overcome this methodological fragmentation, the World Steel Association (worldsteel) has developed a calculation method for CO₂ emission intensity of steel plants. This calculation method was developed to facilitate steel plant CO₂ emissions. It helps members keep track of their CO₂ emissions intensity relative to the other member steel companies located in different places in the world. An agreement was reached among members, and worldsteel has issued the method as a guideline called "CO₂ Emissions Data Collection User Guide." Actual data collection among worldsteel members based upon the guide started in 2007. Furthermore, worldsteel is encouraging even non-member steel companies to begin using the guide to calculate CO₂ emission intensity of their steel plants.

The present ISO 14404-1 revision is based on worldsteel's CO₂ Data Collection Users Guide, version 11^[4], reviewed in 2022, and follows ISO14404-4.

This calculation method establishes clear boundaries for collection of CO₂ emissions data. The net CO₂ emissions and production from a steel plant are calculated using all parameters within the boundaries. The CO₂ emission intensity of the steel plant is calculated by the net CO₂ emission from the plant using the boundaries divided by the amount of crude steel production of the plant. With this methodology, the CO₂ emission intensity of steel plants is calculated irrespective of the variance in the type of process used, products manufactured and geographic characteristics.

This calculation method only uses basic imports and exports that are commonly measured and recorded by the plants; thus, the method requires neither the measurement of the specific efficiency of individual equipment or processes nor dedicated measurements of the complex flow and recycling of materials and waste heat. In this way, the calculation method ensures its simplicity and universal applicability without requiring steel plants to install additional dedicated measuring devices or to collect additional dedicated data other than those commonly used in the plant management. Even though, the use of measured carbon content and net calorific values are highly recommended to obtain more accurate emissions accounting for

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each material considered. Any home metrics needs to be referenced with link to a transparent and accessible source, including indirect emission factors. To ensure transparency in communicating results to interested parties, these distinctions should be clearly stated.

With this method, a steel company can calculate a single figure for the CO₂ emissions intensity of a steel plant as a whole. By observing changes in CO₂ emissions intensity over time using this methodology, steel companies can evaluate whether their efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions are being properly implemented. As was explained earlier, most steel plants manufacture a vast range of products with various shapes and specifications. This calculation method is simple and universally applicable because it is not affected by the differences in the production processes of such diverse products, and treats a whole steel plant as one unit with one CO₂ emission intensity. Therefore, this calculation method is not applicable for calculating and determining the carbon footprint of any specific steel product.

When comparing CO₂ emission intensity between different steel plants, it should be kept in mind that each steel plant has a different composition of manufacturing products and that the energy sources and raw materials available varies among countries and regions. In addition, since the ISO 14404 series strictly defines the boundary of the target process route for each part, only steel plants using the same part of the ISO 14404 series (i.e. ISO 14404-1, ISO 14404-2, ISO 14404-3) can be compared with each other. Note that the default emission factors provided in the ISO 14404 series are global averages and is not adjusted to reflect regional differences in energy sources and raw materials. When calculating total CO₂ emissions or CO₂ emission intensity for inventory or benchmarking purposes, the emission factors applicable to the conditions of the target country or region should be selected.

In order to give guidance to users on which areas of interest will be dealt with as future sources for direct and indirect CO₂ emission factors in programmed revisions of this document, a tentative list is provided in [Annex E](#).

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Calculation method of carbon dioxide emission intensity from iron and steel production —

Part 1: Steel plant with blast furnace

1 Scope

This document specifies calculation methods for the total annual carbon dioxide (CO₂) intensity of the plant where steel is produced through a blast furnace.

NOTE The steel plant is generally called “the integrated steel plant”.

It includes boundary definition, material and energy flow definition and emission factor of CO₂. Besides direct source import to the boundary, upstream and credit concept is applied to exhibit the plant CO₂ intensity.

This document supports steel producers to establish CO₂ emissions attributable to a site.

Conversion to energy consumption and to consumption efficiency can be obtained using [Annex A](#).

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Emissions

3.1.1

emission source

process emitting CO₂ during production of steel products

Note 1 to entry: There are three categories of CO₂ emission sources: direct, upstream and credit. Examples of emission sources that are subject to this document are given in [3.1.2](#), [3.1.3](#) and [3.1.4](#).

3.1.2

direct CO₂ emission

CO₂ emissions from steel production activity inside the boundary

Note 1 to entry: Direct CO₂ emission is categorized as “direct GHG emissions” in ISO 14064-1.

3.1.3

upstream CO₂ emission

CO₂ emissions from imported material related to outsourced steel production activities outside the site boundary and from imported electricity and steam into the site boundary

Note 1 to entry: Possible outsourced activities are, for example, production of coke, burnt lime, burnt dolomite, pellet, sintered ore, hot metal, cold iron, direct reduced iron, oxygen, nitrogen and argon.

Note 2 to entry: CO₂ emissions from imported material in this term is categorized as “other indirect GHG emissions” in ISO 14064-1.

Note 3 to entry: CO₂ emissions from imported electricity and steam in this term are categorized as “energy indirect GHG emissions” in ISO 14064-1.

3.1.4

credit CO₂ emission

CO₂ emission that corresponds to exported material and electricity or steam

Note 1 to entry: Credit CO₂ emission is categorized as “direct GHG emissions” in ISO 14064-1.

3.2 Gas fuel

3.2.1

natural gas

mixture of gaseous hydrocarbons, primarily methane, occurring naturally on earth, and used in metallurgic plants either as a fuel or as raw material

3.2.2

coke oven gas

COG

gas recovered from coke oven

3.2.3

blast furnace gas

BFG

gas recovered from blast furnace

3.2.4

basic oxygen furnace gas

BOF gas

gas recovered from basic oxygen furnace

Note 1 to entry: Also known as Linz Donawitz converter gas (LDG).

3.3 Liquid fuel

3.3.1

heavy oil

No. 4 and No. 6 fuel oil defined by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

Note 1 to entry: For No.4 and No.6 fuel oil, see ASTM Fuel Oils Standard Specification.

3.3.2

light oil

No. 2 and No. 3 fuel oil defined by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)

Note 1 to entry: For No.2 and No.3 fuel oil, see ASTM Fuel Oils Standard Specification.

3.3.3

kerosene

light petroleum distillate that has maximum distillation temperature of 204 °C and a final boiling point of 300 °C

Note 1 to entry: Also known as paraffin (oil).

Note 2 to entry: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Petroleum and other liquids, units are modified.

3.3.4

liquefied petroleum gas

LPG

liquid composed predominantly of any of the following hydrocarbons or mixtures thereof: propane, propene, butanes and butene

[SOURCE: ISO 6578:2017, 3.1.4]

3.3.5

liquefied natural gas

LNG

liquids composed predominantly of methane

[SOURCE: ISO 8943:2007, 3.10]

3.4 Solid fuel

3.4.1

coking coal

solid fuel for making coke, including anthracite

3.4.2

BF injection coal

blast furnace injection coal

pulverized coal injection (PCI) coal, including anthracite

3.4.3

sinter coal

BOF coal

solid fuel for sinter/BOF, including anthracite

3.4.4

steam coal

boiler coal for producing electricity and steam, including anthracite

Note 1 to entry: Coal can be either fossil coal derived from geological deposits or biocoal derived from biomass.

3.4.5

coke

solid carbonaceous material

3.4.6

charcoal

devolatilized or coked carbon neutral materials

EXAMPLE Trees, plants.

3.5 Auxiliary material

3.5.1

limestone

calcium carbonate

CaCO₃

mineral used in metallurgic plants as slag former or as raw material for *burnt lime* (3.5.2)

3.5.2

burnt lime

calcium oxide

CaO

limestone (3.5.1) calcinated in blast furnaces or in lime kiln

Note 1 to entry: Usually used as slag former.

3.5.3

crude dolomite

calcium magnesium carbonate

CaMg(CO₃)₂

mineral used in metallurgic plants as raw material for *burnt dolomite* (3.5.4)

3.5.4

burnt dolomite

CaMgO₂

crude dolomite (3.5.3) calcinated in lime kilns

Note 1 to entry: Usually used as slag former.

3.5.5

nitrogen

N₂

inert gas separated from air at oxygen plant, imported from outside the boundary or exported to outside the boundary

3.5.6

argon

Ar

inert gas separated from air at oxygen plant, imported from outside the boundary or exported to outside the boundary

3.5.7

oxygen

O₂

gas separated from air at oxygen plant, imported from outside the boundary or exported to outside the boundary

3.6 Energy carriers

3.6.1

electricity

electrical power imported from outside the boundary or exported to outside the boundary

3.6.2

steam

pressurized water vapour imported from/exported to outside the boundary

3.6.3

waste heat

any heat that can be collected economically and re-used for low grade heating or even low pressure steam generation for social heating or process heating or cleaning, within the industry or other industries

3.7 Ferrous containing materials

3.7.1

pellets

agglomerated spherical iron ore calcinated by rotary kiln or other equipment

3.7.2

sinter

bulk iron ore sintered by baking mixture of fine iron ore, coke breeze and pulverized lime

3.7.3

pig iron

hot metal, intermediate liquid iron products produced by smelting iron ore with equipment such as blast furnace

3.7.4

cold iron

solidified hot metal as an intermediate solid iron products

3.7.5

gas-based DRI

direct reduced iron (DRI) reduced by a reducing gas such as reformed *natural gas* ([3.2.1](#))

3.7.6

coal-based DRI

direct reduced iron (DRI) reduced by coal

3.7.7

iron ore

any rock, mineral or aggregate of minerals, natural or processed, from which iron can be produced commercially

3.8 Alloys

3.8.1

ferro-nickel

alloy of iron and nickel

3.8.2

ferro-chromium

alloy of iron and chromium

3.8.3

ferro-molybdenum

alloy of iron and molybdenum

3.8.4

ferro-manganese

alloy of iron and manganese

3.8.5

ferro-silicon

alloy of iron and silicon

3.8.6

silico-manganese

alloy of silicon and manganese

3.9 Other imported/exported materials

3.9.1

crude steel

steel in its first solid (or usable) form

Note 1 to entry: Crude steel is the normalization unit for this calculation methodology.

Note 2 to entry: Ingots and semi-finished products (billets, blooms, slabs) defined by Steel Statistical Yearbook.

3.9.2

CO₂ for external use

CO₂ exported to outside the boundary

3.9.3

coal tar

by-products of the carbonization of coal to coke, containing complex and variable mixtures of phenols and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

3.9.4

coal light oil

benzole

light oil recovered by COG gas purification, consisting mainly of benzene, toluene and xylene (BTX)

3.10 Others

3.10.1

other emission source

other related *emission sources* ([3.1.1](#)) such as plastics, scraps, desulfurization additives, graphite electrodes, alloys, fluxes for secondary metallurgy, dust, sludges, etc., that can be used if not covered by any other specific source

3.10.2

boundary

limit of activity used to calculate CO₂ emissions intensity for steel production activities

Note 1 to entry: Boundary may be different from site boundary.

Note 2 to entry: Major facilities in iron and steel production in boundaries are given in [3.10.4](#) to [3.10.16](#).

3.10.3

site boundary

boundary defined by the target steel production site for the calculation of CO₂ emission and intensity

3.10.4

blast furnace

BF

vertical shaft furnace for producing hot metal from iron ore

3.10.5

basic oxygen furnace

BOF

vessel where hot metal from blast furnace and scrap is converted into molten steel using oxygen

Note 1 to entry: BOF is also known as Linz-Donawitz converter (LD converter).

3.10.6

casting

pouring steel directly from a ladle through a tundish into a mould shaped to form billets, blooms, or slabs, or pouring steel from a ladle into a mould shaped to form ingots

3.10.7

sinter plant

plant used to produce a fused clinker-like aggregate or sinter of fine iron-bearing materials suited for use in a blast furnace

3.10.8

pellet plant

plant for agglomeration and thermal treatment to convert the raw fine iron ore into spherical pellets with characteristics appropriate for use in a blast furnace

3.10.9

lime kiln

kiln used to produce *burnt lime* (3.5.2) by the calcination of *limestone* (3.5.1)

3.10.10

coke oven

oven for the conversion of coal into coke by heating the coal in the absence of air to distil the volatile ingredients

3.10.11

oxygen plant

cryogenic air separator to produce high-purity oxygen or other alternative technologies, such as hydrogen electrolysis plants

3.10.12

steam boiler

device to generate pressurized water vapour from heat

3.10.13

power plant

plant that generates electricity

3.10.14

hot rolling

rolling at temperatures above the recrystallisation temperature, normally above 500 °C

3.10.15

cold rolling

rolling at temperatures below the recrystallisation temperature, normally below 500 °C

3.10.16

coating

covering steel with another material (tin, chrome, zinc, etc.), primarily for corrosion resistance

Note 1 to entry: Coating materials may include tin, chrome, zinc, and other non-metallic materials, such as paints, etc.

4 Symbols

The symbols used in this document are given in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Symbols

Symbol	Unit	Descriptions
E_{d,CO_2}	tons (or tonnes) of CO ₂	Direct CO ₂ emissions
E_{u,CO_2}	tons (or tonnes) of CO ₂	Upstream CO ₂ emissions
E_{c,CO_2}	tons (or tonnes) of CO ₂	Credit CO ₂ emissions
$E_{CO_2,annual}$	tons (or tonnes) of CO ₂	Annual CO ₂ emissions
I_{CO_2}	tons (or tonnes) of CO ₂ per ton (or tonne)	CO ₂ intensity factor

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	Unit	Descriptions
K_{t,d,CO_2}	tons (or tonnes) of CO ₂ per unit	Emission factor for calculation of direct CO ₂ emissions
K_{t,u,CO_2}	tons (or tonnes) of CO ₂ per unit	Emission factor for calculation of upstream CO ₂ emissions
K_{t,c,CO_2}	tons (or tonnes) of CO ₂ per unit	Emission factor for calculation of credit CO ₂ emissions
P	tons (or tonnes)	Annual crude steel production
Q_{t,d,CO_2}	—	Quantities of direct CO ₂ emission sources
Q_{t,u,CO_2}	—	Quantities of upstream CO ₂ emission sources
Q_{t,c,CO_2}	—	Quantities of credit CO ₂ emission sources

5 Principles

5.1 General

The application of principles is a base to ensure that calculated CO₂ intensity is effectively usable for steel producers to assess their production site efficiency universally without specificity of product configurations, location of site and individual facility used in the site.

5.2 Relevance

Select all the direct source, upstream source and credits into and out of the boundary of steel production site, data and methodologies appropriate to the need of intended purpose.

5.3 Completeness

Include all the relevant imports to, exports from sources and credits to steel production site to calculate CO₂ intensity of steel production site.

5.4 Consistency

Enable universally meaningful assessment in CO₂ intensity of steel production site regardless of the product configurations, location of the site and individual facilities used in the site.

5.5 Accuracy

Reduce bias and uncertainties of the data being collected and used for the calculation and methodologies of the calculations as much as appropriate.

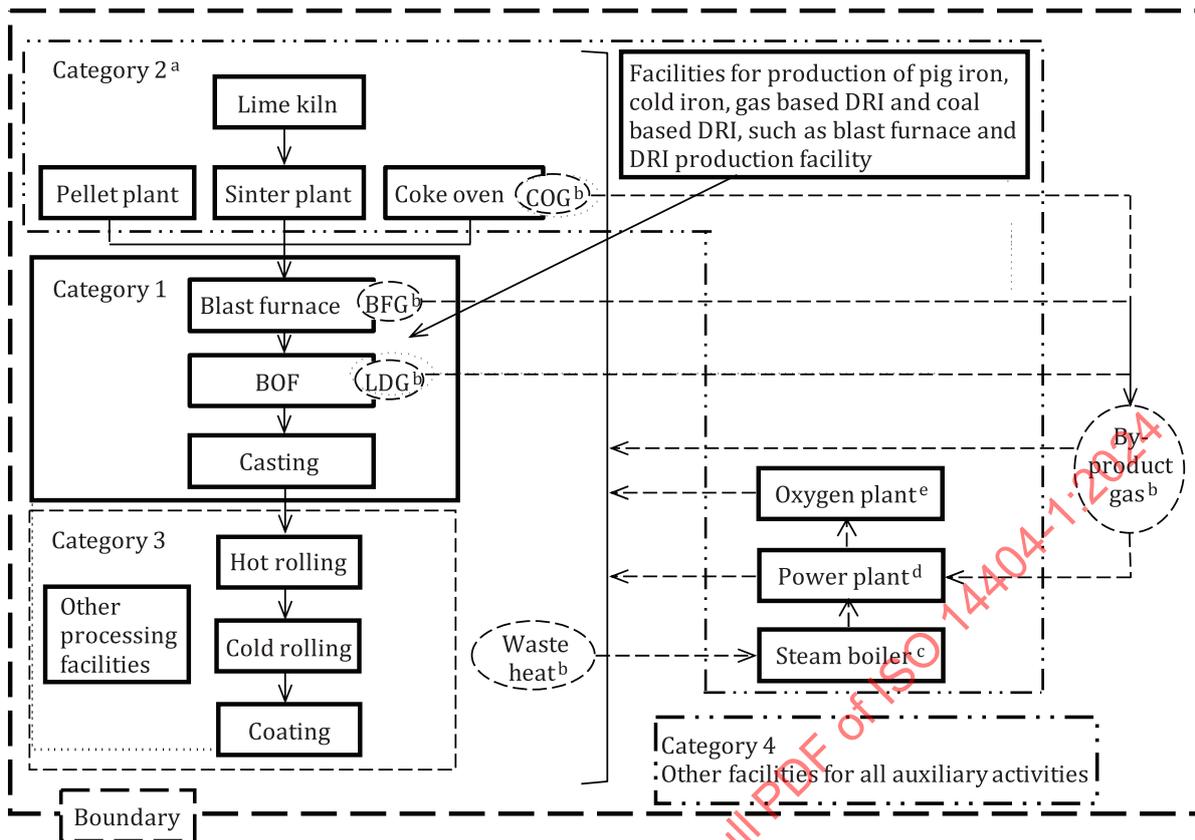
5.6 Transparency

Disclose CO₂ calculation method including emission factors to allow every steel producer assess its CO₂ intensity of steel production site universally.

6 Boundary

6.1 General

This calculation method defines the boundary applied to the calculation of CO₂ emissions of the steel production as the following essential facilities. These essential facilities are categorized into four groups. (see [Figure 1](#)).



Keys

- a Equipment that can be outsourced.
- b The materials in the dotted circles are by-products, and the dotted arrows show the flow of by-product reuse.
- c Steam boilers reuse waste heat from the production facilities to produce steam.
- d Power plants use steam and by-product gas to generate electricity to supply power to oxygen plants and Category 1~3 facilities.
- e Oxygen plants supply oxygen to Category 1~3 facilities.

Figure 1 — Essential facilities within the boundary

6.2 Category 1

The following essential facilities are classified as category 1. These facilities shall be included in the site.

- blast furnace;
- BOF;
- casting.

NOTE BOF can include degassing, ladle furnace, alloying station, etc.

6.3 Category 2

The following facilities are classified as category 2. These facilities are operated in the site or operations of these facilities are outsourced. In the case where operations of these facilities are outsourced, intermediate products from these operations are imported and these upstream CO₂ emissions shall be calculated.

- sinter plant;
- lime kiln;

- pellet plant;
- coke oven;
- facilities for production of hot metal, cold iron, gas-based DRI and coal-based DRI, such as blast furnace and DRI production facility;
- oxygen plant;
- steam boiler;
- power plant.

6.4 Category 3

The following processing facilities are classified as category 3. CO₂ emission from these facilities in the site shall be calculated.

- hot rolling;
- cold rolling;
- coating;
- other processing facilities, such as pipe manufacturing facility.

6.5 Category 4

Other facilities for all auxiliary activities are classified as category 4. CO₂ emission from these facilities in the site, if any, shall be calculated.

EXAMPLE office, on-site transport, etc.

7 Calculation

7.1 General

A plant manufacturing crude steel performs its calculations as follows.

- a) Step 1: Identify the categories of processing facilities.
- b) Step 2: Clarify the quantity of annual crude steel production at the plant.
- c) Step 3: Clarify the annual direct CO₂ emission sources and upstream CO₂ emission sources based on raw materials, intermediate products and energy imports to the plant.
- d) Step 4: Clarify the annual credit CO₂ emission sources based on raw materials, intermediate products and energy that the plant exports to outside users.
- e) Step 5: Calculate the annual CO₂ emissions and CO₂ intensity using the emission factors.

7.2 Calculation procedure

7.2.1 Data collection of crude steel production

A plant manufacturing steel records its annual production of crude steel (*P*).

7.2.2 Data collection direct and/or upstream CO₂ emission sources

A plant manufacturing steel records the quantities of raw materials, intermediate products, and energy that are imported from outside suppliers as the direct or upstream CO₂ emission sources based on Table 2.

Table 2 — Direct and/or upstream CO₂ emission sources

Subscript designator for Q_t	Emission sources	Unit	Quantities of direct emission source Q_{t,d,CO_2}	Quantities of up-stream emission source Q_{t,u,CO_2}
Gas fuel				
1	Natural gas	10 ^{3 a} m ³ (stp ^b)	Q_{1,d,CO_2}	N/A ^c
2	Coke oven gas	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	N/A	Q_{2,u,CO_2}
3	Blast furnace gas	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	N/A	Q_{3,u,CO_2}
4	BOF gas	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	N/A	Q_{4,u,CO_2}
Liquid fuel				
5	Heavy oil	m ³	Q_{5,d,CO_2}	N/A
6	Light oil	m ³	Q_{6,d,CO_2}	N/A
7	Kerosene	m ³	Q_{7,d,CO_2}	N/A
8	LPG	t	Q_{8,d,CO_2}	N/A
9	LNG	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	Q_{9,d,CO_2}	N/A
Solid fuel				
10	Coking coal	dry t	Q_{10,d,CO_2}	N/A
11	BF injection coal	dry t	Q_{11,d,CO_2}	N/A
12	Sinter/BOF coal	dry t	Q_{12,d,CO_2}	N/A
13	Steam coal	dry t	Q_{13,d,CO_2}	N/A
14	Coke	dry t	Q_{14,d,CO_2}	Q_{14,u,CO_2}
15	Charcoal	dry t	Q_{15,d,CO_2}	N/A
Auxiliary material				
16	Limestone	dry t	Q_{16,d,CO_2}	N/A
17	Burnt lime	t	N/A	Q_{17,u,CO_2}
18	Crude dolomite	dry t	Q_{18,d,CO_2}	N/A
19	Burnt dolomite	t	N/A	Q_{19,u,CO_2}
20	Nitrogen	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	N/A	Q_{20,u,CO_2}
21	Argon	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	N/A	Q_{21,u,CO_2}
22	Oxygen	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	N/A	Q_{22,u,CO_2}
Energy carriers				
23	Electricity	MWh	N/A	Q_{23,u,CO_2}
24	Steam	t	N/A	Q_{24,u,CO_2}
Ferrous containing material				
25	Pellets	t	N/A	Q_{25,u,CO_2}
26	Sinter	t	N/A	Q_{26,u,CO_2}
27	Pig iron	t	Q_{27,d,CO_2}	Q_{27,u,CO_2}
NOTE Raw materials that are recorded as both direct and upstream CO ₂ emission sources are handled similarly as both direct and upstream CO ₂ emission sources when calculating CO ₂ emissions.				
a 10 ³ =1 000				
b Standard temperature and pressure.				
c Not applicable.				

Table 2 (continued)

Subscript designator for Q_t	Emission sources	Unit	Quantities of direct emission source Q_{t,d,CO_2}	Quantities of upstream emission source Q_{t,u,CO_2}
28	Cold iron	t	Q_{28,d,CO_2}	Q_{28,u,CO_2}
29	Gas-based DRI	t	Q_{29,d,CO_2}	Q_{29,u,CO_2}
30	Coal-based DRI	t	Q_{30,d,CO_2}	Q_{30,u,CO_2}
31	Iron ore	dry t	Q_{31,d,CO_2}	N/A
Alloys				
32	Ferro-nickel	t	Q_{32,d,CO_2}	N/A
33	Ferro-chromium	t	Q_{33,d,CO_2}	N/A
34	Ferro-molybdenum	t	Q_{34,d,CO_2}	N/A
35	Ferro-manganese	t	Q_{35,d,CO_2}	N/A
36	Ferro-silicon	t	Q_{36,d,CO_2}	N/A
37	Silico-manganese	t	Q_{37,d,CO_2}	N/A
Other imported material				
38	CO ₂ for internal use	t	Q_{38,d,CO_2}	N/A
39	Coal tar	t	Q_{39,d,CO_2}	N/A
40	Benzole (coal light oil)	t	Q_{40,d,CO_2}	N/A
N	Other emission sources	—	Q_{N,d,CO_2}	Q_{N,u,CO_2}

NOTE Raw materials that are recorded as both direct and upstream CO₂ emission sources are handled similarly as both direct and upstream CO₂ emission sources when calculating CO₂ emissions.

a 10³=1 000

b Standard temperature and pressure.

c Not applicable.

7.2.3 Data collection of credit CO₂ emission sources

A plant manufacturing steel records the quantities of raw materials, intermediate products and energy that are exported to outside users as the credit CO₂ emission sources based on [Table 3](#).

Table 3 — Credit CO₂ emission sources

Subscript designator for Q_t	Emission sources	Unit	Quantities of credit emission source Q_{t,c,CO_2}
Gas fuel			
1	Natural gas	10 ³ a m ³ (stp b)	Q_{1,c,CO_2}
2	Coke oven gas	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	Q_{2,c,CO_2}
3	Blast furnace gas	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	Q_{3,c,CO_2}
4	BOF gas	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	Q_{4,c,CO_2}
Liquid fuel			
5	Heavy oil	m ³	Q_{5,c,CO_2}
6	Light oil	m ³	Q_{6,c,CO_2}
7	Kerosene	m ³	Q_{7,c,CO_2}
8	LPG	t	Q_{8,c,CO_2}

a 10³=1 000

b Standard temperature and pressure.

Table 3 (continued)

Subscript designator for Q_t	Emission sources	Unit	Quantities of credit emission source Q_{t,c,CO_2}
9	LNG	$10^3\text{m}^3(\text{stp})$	Q_{9,c,CO_2}
Solid fuel			
10	Coking coal	dry t	Q_{10,c,CO_2}
11	BF injection coal	dry t	Q_{11,c,CO_2}
12	Sinter/BOF coal	dry t	Q_{12,c,CO_2}
13	Steam coal	dry t	Q_{13,c,CO_2}
14	Coke	dry t	Q_{14,c,CO_2}
15	Charcoal	dry t	Q_{15,c,CO_2}
Auxiliary material			
16	Limestone	dry t	Q_{16,c,CO_2}
17	Burnt lime	t	Q_{17,c,CO_2}
18	Crude dolomite	dry t	Q_{18,c,CO_2}
19	Burnt dolomite	t	Q_{19,c,CO_2}
20	Nitrogen	$10^3\text{m}^3(\text{stp})$	Q_{20,c,CO_2}
21	Argon	$10^3\text{m}^3(\text{stp})$	Q_{21,c,CO_2}
22	Oxygen	$10^3\text{m}^3(\text{stp})$	Q_{22,c,CO_2}
Energy carriers			
23	Electricity	MWh	Q_{23,c,CO_2}
24	Steam	t	Q_{24,c,CO_2}
Ferrous-containing material			
25	Pellets	t	Q_{25,c,CO_2}
26	Sinter	t	Q_{26,c,CO_2}
27	Pig iron	t	Q_{27,c,CO_2}
28	Cold iron	t	Q_{28,c,CO_2}
29	Gas-based DRI	t	Q_{29,c,CO_2}
30	Coal-based DRI	t	Q_{30,c,CO_2}
31	Iron ore	dry t	Q_{31,c,CO_2}
Alloys			
32	Ferro-nickel	t	Q_{32,c,CO_2}
33	Ferro-chromium	t	Q_{33,c,CO_2}
34	Ferro-molybdenum	t	Q_{34,c,CO_2}
35	Ferro-manganese	t	Q_{35,d,CO_2}
36	Ferro-silicon	t	Q_{36,d,CO_2}
37	Silico-manganese	t	Q_{37,d,CO_2}
Other exported materials			
38	CO ₂ for external use	t	Q_{38,c,CO_2}
39	Coal tar	t	Q_{39,c,CO_2}
40	Benzole (coal light oil)	t	Q_{40,c,CO_2}
<i>N</i>	Other emission sources	—	Q_{N,c,CO_2}
<p>^a $10^3=1\ 000$</p> <p>^b Standard temperature and pressure.</p>			

7.2.4 Calculation

The annual CO₂ emissions ($E_{CO_2,annual}$) and CO₂ intensity (I_{CO_2}) of a site are calculated from [Formula \(1\)](#) and [\(2\)](#) using CO₂ emission factors that correspond to the direct CO₂ emission sources, upstream CO₂ emission sources and credit CO₂ emission sources recorded as specified in [7.2.2](#) and [7.2.3](#).

A calculation example is shown in [Annex C](#). See [Tables C.1](#) and [C.2](#).

$$E_{CO_2,annual} = \sum_{t=1}^N K_{t,d,CO_2} \times Q_{t,d,CO_2} + \sum_{t=1}^N K_{t,u,CO_2} \times Q_{t,u,CO_2} - \sum_{t=1}^N K_{t,c,CO_2} \times Q_{t,c,CO_2} \quad (1)$$

$$I_{CO_2} = E_{CO_2,annual} / P \quad (2)$$

[Table 4](#) gives an indication of emission factors that can be used if no other reliable data are available.

Table 4 — Indicative emission factors for CO₂ emission sources

Subscript designator for K_t	CO ₂ emission sources	Direct emission factor (K_{t,d,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit	Upstream emission factor (K_{t,u,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit	Credit emission factor (K_{t,c,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit
Gas fuel				
1	Natural gas	2,015	N/A	2,015
2	Coke oven gas	N/A	0,977 ^a	0,977 ^a
			1,066 ^b	1,066 ^b
3	Blast furnace gas	N/A	0,170 ^a	0,170 ^a
			0,185 ^b	0,185 ^b
4	BOF gas	N/A	0,432 ^a	0,432 ^a
			0,471 ^b	0,471 ^b
Liquid fuel				
5	Heavy oil	2,907	N/A	2,907
6	Light oil	2,601	N/A	2,601
7	Kerosene	2,481	N/A	2,481
8	LPG	2,985	N/A	2,985
9	LNG	2,015	N/A	2,015
Solid fuel				
10	Coking coal	3,060	N/A	3,060
11	BF injection coal	2,953	N/A	2,953
12	Sinter/BOF coal	2,785	N/A	2,785
13	Steam coal	2,462	N/A	2,462
14	Coke	3,257	0,224	3,481
15	Charcoal	0,000	N/A	0,000
Auxiliary material				
16	Limestone	0,440	N/A	0,440
17	Burnt lime	N/A	0,950	0,950
18	Crude dolomite	0,476	N/A	0,476

If different emission factors or simplifications from [Table 4](#) are applied, such emission factors or simplifications should be clearly identified and justified. If other emission sources specified in No. N of [Table 4](#) are applied, such sources should be clearly identified with their emission factors. An example of a template is available in [Table B.1](#) of [Annex B](#).

^a This credit emission factor is based on world average electricity equivalent based on worldsteel methodology^[4]. See [Annex D](#).

^b This credit emission factor is based on natural gas equivalent. See [Annex D](#).

^c The value shall be determined by using available data backed by reliable evidence.

Table 4 (continued)

Subscript designator for K_t	CO ₂ emission sources	Direct emission factor (K_{t,d,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit	Upstream emission factor (K_{t,u,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit	Credit emission factor (K_{t,c,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit
19	Burnt dolomite	N/A	1,100	1,100
20	Nitrogen	N/A	0,103	0,103
21	Argon	N/A	0,103	0,103
22	Oxygen	N/A	0,355	0,355
Energy carriers				
23	Electricity	N/A	0,504	0,504
24	Steam	N/A	0,195	0,195
Ferrous-containing material				
25	Pellets	N/A	0,137	0,137
26	Sinter	N/A	0,262	0,262
27	Pig iron	0,172	1,855	2,027
28	Cold iron	0,172	1,855	2,027
29	Gas-based DRI	0,073	0,780	0,853
30	Coal-based DRI	0,073	1,210	1,283
31	Iron ore	0,037	N/A	0,037
Alloys				
32	Ferro-nickel	0,037	N/A	0,037
33	Ferro-chromium	0,275	N/A	0,275
34	Ferro-molybdenum	0,018	N/A	0,018
35	Ferro-manganese	0,183	N/A	0,183
36	Ferro-silicon	0,004	N/A	0,004
37	Silico-manganese	0,018	N/A	0,018
Other imported/exported materials				
38	CO ₂ for internal/external use	1,000	N/A	1,000
39	Coal tar	3,389	N/A	3,389
40	Benzole (coal light oil)	3,382	N/A	3,382
<i>N</i>	Other emission sources	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>

If different emission factors or simplifications from Table 4 are applied, such emission factors or simplifications should be clearly identified and justified. If other emission sources specified in No. N of Table 4 are applied, such sources should be clearly identified with their emission factors. An example of a template is available in Table B.1 of Annex B.

- ^a This credit emission factor is based on world average electricity equivalent based on worldsteel methodology^[4]. See Annex D.
- ^b This credit emission factor is based on natural gas equivalent. See Annex D.
- ^c The value shall be determined by using available data backed by reliable evidence.

Annex A (informative)

Calculation of energy consumption and intensity

The annual energy consumption, $C_{E,annual}$, and intensity, I_E , at a plant manufacturing steel using blast furnaces can be calculated from [Formulae \(A.1\)](#) and [\(A.2\)](#) using Q_{t,d,CO_2} , Q_{t,u,CO_2} and Q_{t,c,CO_2} collected as explained in [7.2.2](#) and [7.2.3](#) and the energy conversion factors ($K_{t,d,E}$, $K_{t,u,E}$, and $K_{t,c,E}$):

$$C_{E,annual} = \sum_{t=1}^N K_{t,d,E} \times Q_{t,d,CO_2} + \sum_{t=1}^N K_{t,u,E} \times Q_{t,u,CO_2} - \sum_{t=1}^N K_{t,c,E} \times Q_{t,c,CO_2} \quad (A.1)$$

$$I_E = C_{E,annual} / P \quad (A.2)$$

where

- Q_{t,d,CO_2} are the quantities of direct CO₂ emission sources;
- Q_{t,u,CO_2} are the quantities of upstream CO₂ emission sources;
- Q_{t,c,CO_2} are the quantities of credit CO₂ emission sources;
- $K_{t,d,E}$ is the energy conversion factor for calculation of direct energy consumption;
- $K_{t,u,E}$ is the energy conversion factor for calculation of upstream energy consumption;
- $K_{t,c,E}$ is the energy conversion factor for calculation of credit energy consumption;
- I_E is the energy intensity factor;
- $C_{E,annual}$ is the annual energy consumption;
- P is the annual crude steel production.

NOTE Energy conversion factors for CO₂ emission sources are referred in worldsteel CO₂ emissions data collection^[4].

Additionally, upstream/credits factors for some materials should be dependent of electricity grid mix factor. The following formula guiding this assumption is provided by worldsteel.

For CO₂ emission sources :

- steam;
- oxygen;
- nitrogen;
- argon;
- waste heat.

Upstream K_{t,u,CO_2} and Credit K_{t,c,CO_2} emission factors are a function of the applicable Upstream emission factor for Electricity.

$$K_{t,c,co_2} = K_{t,c,E} \times \frac{K_{20,c,co_2}}{K_{20,c,E}}$$

$$K_{t,u,co_2} = K_{t,u,E} \times \frac{K_{20,u,co_2}}{K_{20,u,E}}$$

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Annex B

(informative)

Example of template for using different emission factors or emission sources from [Table 4](#)

Table B.1 — Indicative CO₂ emission factors for CO₂ emission sources

Subscript designator for K_t	CO ₂ emission source	Direct emission factor (K_{t,d,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit	Upstream emission factor (K_{t,u,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit	Credit emission factor (K_{t,c,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit	Justification
Gas fuel					
1	Natural gas				
2	Coke oven gas				
3	Blast furnace gas				
4	BOF gas				
Liquid fuel					
5	Heavy oil				
6	Light oil				
7	Kerosene				
8	LPG				
9	LNG				
Solid fuel					
10	Coking coal				
11	BF injection coal				
12	Sinter/BOF coal				
13	Steam coal				
14	Coke				
15	Charcoal				
Auxiliary material					
16	Limestone				
17	Burnt lime				
18	Crude dolomite				
19	Burnt dolomite				
20	Nitrogen				
21	Argon				
22	Oxygen				
Energy carriers					
23	Electricity				
24	Steam				
Ferrous-containing material					
25	Pellets				
26	Sinter				
27	Pig iron				

Table B.1 (continued)

Subscript designator for K_t	CO ₂ emission source	Direct emission factor (K_{t,d,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit	Upstream emission factor (K_{t,u,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit	Credit emission factor (K_{t,c,CO_2}) t CO ₂ /unit	Justification
28	Cold Iron				
29	Gas-based DRI				
30	Coal-based DRI				
31	Iron ore				
Alloys					
32	Ferro-nickel				
33	Ferro-chromium				
34	Ferro-molybdenum				
35	Ferro-manganese				
36	Ferro-silicon				
37	Silico-manganese				
Other imported/exported materials					
38	CO ₂ for internal/external use				
39	Coal tar				
40	Benzole (coal light oil)				
N	Other emission sources				

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Annex C

(informative)

Example of CO₂ emission and intensity calculations for a steel plant — Data of a steel plant

For an annual crude steel production: 7 000 000 t, the following applies.

Table C.1 — Example of imports and exports of a steel plant

Subscript designator for K_t	Emission sources	Unit	Imports	Exports
Gas fuel				
1	Natural gas	10^3 a m ³ (stp b)	50 000	—
2	Coke oven gas	10^3 m ³ (stp)	—	80 000
3	Blast furnace gas	10^3 m ³ (stp)	—	100 000
4	BOF gas	10^3 m ³ (stp)	—	10 000
Liquid fuel				
5	Heavy oil	m ³	5 000	—
6	Light oil	m ³	2 000	—
7	Kerosene	m ³	800	—
8	LPG	t	3 000	—
9	LNG	10^3 m ³ (stp)	—	—
Solid fuel				
10	Coking coal	dry t	3 500 000	—
11	BF injection coal	dry t	1 000 000	—
12	Sinter/BOF coal	dry t	100 000	—
13	Steam coal	dry t	600 000	—
14	Coke	dry t	200 000	—
15	Charcoal	dry t	—	—
Auxiliary material				
16	Limestone	dry t	1 500 000	—
17	Burnt lime	t	500 000	—
18	Crude dolomite	dry t	10 000	—
19	Burnt dolomite	t	20 000	—
20	Nitrogen	10^3 m ³ (stp)	1 000 000	20 000
21	Argon	10^3 m ³ (stp)	—	—
22	Oxygen	10^3 m ³ (stp)	800 000	—
Energy carriers				
23	Electricity	MWh	100 000	1 500 000
24	Steam	t	—	50 000
Ferrous-containing material				
25	Pellets	t	1 000 000	—
a $10^3=1\ 000$ b Standard temperature and pressure.				

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Table C.1 (continued)

Subscript designator for K_t	Emission sources	Unit	Imports	Exports
26	Sinter	t	—	—
27	Pig iron	t	—	—
28	Cold iron	t	—	—
29	Gas-based DRI	t	—	—
30	Coal-based DRI	t	—	—
31	Iron ore	dry t	8 400 000	—
Alloys				
32	Ferro-Nickel	t	—	—
33	Ferro-Chromium	t	—	—
34	Ferro-Molybdenum	t	—	—
35	Ferro-manganese	t	—	—
36	Ferro-silicon	t	—	—
37	Silico-manganese	t	—	—
Other imported/exported materials				
38	CO ₂ for internal/external use	t	—	—
39	Coal tar	t	—	90 000
40	Benzole (coal light oil)	t	—	30 000
<i>N</i>	Other emission sources	—	—	—
<p>^a 10³=1 000</p> <p>^b Standard temperature and pressure.</p>				

Table C.2 — Example of the calculation result of a steel plant^a

Subscript designator for K_t	Emission sources	Unit	Calculation results		
			Direct emissions tCO ₂	Upstream emissions tCO ₂	Credit emissions tCO ₂
Gas fuel					
1	Natural gas	10 ^{3 b} m ³ (stp) ^c	100 750	—	—
2	Coke oven gas	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	—	—	78 160 ^d
3	Blast furnace gas	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	—	—	17 000 ^d
4	BOF gas	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	—	—	4 320 ^d
Liquid fuel					
5	Heavy oil	m ³	14 535	—	—
6	Light oil	m ³	5 202	—	—
7	Kerosene	m ³	1 985	—	—
8	LPG	t	8 955	—	—
9	LNG	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	—	—	—
Solid fuel					
10	Coking coal	dry t	10 710 000	—	—
<p>^a These calculation data and values use indicative factors in Table 4.</p> <p>^b 10³=1 000</p> <p>^c Standard temperature and pressure.</p> <p>^d These credit emission factors are based on worldsteel methodology^[4].</p>					

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Table C.2 (continued)

Subscript designator for K_t	Emission sources	Unit	Calculation results		
			Direct emissions tCO ₂	Upstream emissions tCO ₂	Credit emissions tCO ₂
11	BF injection coal	dry t	2 953 000	—	—
12	Sinter/BOF coal	dry t	278 500	—	—
13	Steam coal	dry t	1 477 200	—	—
14	Coke	dry t	651 400	44 880	—
15	Charcoal	dry t	—	—	—
Auxiliary material					
16	Limestone	dry t	660 000	—	—
17	Burnt lime	t	—	475 000	—
18	Crude dolomite	t	4 760	—	—
19	Burnt dolomite	t	—	22 000	—
20	Nitrogen	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	—	103 000	2 060
21	Argon	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	—	—	—
22	Oxygen	10 ³ m ³ (stp)	—	284 000	—
Energy carriers					
23	Electricity	MWh	—	50 400	756 000
24	Steam	t	—	—	9 750
Ferrous containing material					
25	Pellets	t	—	137 000	—
26	Sinter	t	—	—	—
27	Pig iron	t	—	—	—
28	Cold iron	t	—	—	—
29	Gas-based DRI	t	—	—	—
30	Coal-based DRI	t	—	—	—
31	Iron ore	dry t	310 800	—	—
Alloys					
32	Ferro-nickel	t	—	—	—
33	Ferro-chromium	t	—	—	—
34	Ferro-molybdenum	t	—	—	—
35	Ferro-manganese	t	—	—	—
36	Ferro-silicon	t	—	—	—
37	Silico-manganese	t	—	—	—
Other imported/exported materials					
38	CO ₂ for internal/external use	t	—	—	—
39	Coal tar	t	—	—	305 010
40	Benzole (coal light oil)	t	—	—	101 460
<i>N</i>	Other emission sources	—	—	—	—
<p>^a These calculation data and values use indicative factors in Table 4.</p> <p>^b 10³=1 000</p> <p>^c Standard temperature and pressure.</p> <p>^d These credit emission factors are based on worldsteel methodology^[4].</p>					