

Terms of Use

The following rules (the "**Terms of Use**") set forth the terms under which users are permitted to access and use the Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) database of the Swiss Federal Administration BAFU:2025 or part of its constitutive elements. By accessing and using this database and its datasets (as defined below), users agree to comply with the Terms of Use.

1. Definitions

- 1.1 **Database** or **BAFU:2025 LCI-Database** refers to the entirety of the Datasets. It contains structured information that can be used for various types of analysis and reporting.
- 1.2 **Dataset** means an individual file provided in an open-source format (EcoSpold v1 or any other open-access format) that is contained in the Database including a reference to the Reports relating to the contents of the Dataset.
- 1.3 **Data** refers to the information contained in the BAFU:2025 LCI-Database and its Datasets accessible online. It includes raw facts and figures that describe various aspects of a study or survey.
- 1.4 **Reports** mean the expert reports issued by Authors describing the Data and the Datasets by explaining the assumptions and models used for their development.
- 1.5 **Authors** mean the persons mentioned as authors of the Reports regardless of their function (researchers, freelancers, PhD students, etc.)
- 1.6 **Modified Data** refers to modifications made to the Data according to section 3.

2. Permitted Use and Quotation

- 2.1. The Data, as such without modification, excluding the Reports, may be freely used, processed, analyzed and reused (in particular in life cycle assessment studies, by a calculator, etc.) as long as the Data is not sold, resold, distributed, or marketed separately as such or as a part of another database. Section 3 below must be respected in case of Data modifications.
- 2.2. Subject to paragraph 2.1, any other commercial and non-commercial use of the Data, regardless of format, is excluded unless there is an agreement with the Federal Office for the Environment (BAFU) explicitly allowing such use.
- 2.3. Any use according to section 2.1 must give credit to the original source. The quotation shall be: "Life Cycle Inventory database of the Swiss Federal Administration, BAFU:2025".

3. Specific terms for modifications and documentation of the modifications and share alike

- 3.1. Users may modify the Data contained in the BAFU:2025 LCI-Database, excluding the Reports, but not in any way that suggests BAFU endorses them or their use.
- 3.2. If users modify the Data contained in the BAFU:2025 LCI-Database, to the exclusion of the Reports, they must document all changes made. This includes but is not limited to:
 - specific datasets or data points altered;
 - the nature of changes (e.g. data values updated, emissions or resource consumptions added or deleted);
 - the purpose or rationale behind each modification.
- 3.3. This documentation must be presented in a standalone document (e.g. a report) that accompanies the modified dataset(s), and it must be made accessible together with the modified dataset(s).
- 3.4. If users modify the Data contained in the BAFU:2025 LCI-Database and intend to make the Modified Data accessible to a third party, they must share the Modified Data under terms that are substantially equivalent to these Terms of Use, to promote a consistent and transparent sharing culture, and they must give credit to the original source according to section 2.3.

3.5. Users must not represent Modified Data as the original Dataset. All Modified Data must be clearly labeled as such, and the original Dataset must be cited as the primary source and credited according to section 2.3.

4. Copyright and attribution of the Report

4.1. Each Report is protected by copyright.

4.2. The use or reuse of the Reports or parts of the Reports in other work or publications is subject to the agreement of the Authors, in particular regarding how they are credited.

5. No Additional Restrictions

5.1. Users may not impose any additional legal terms, technical barriers, or digital rights management measures that restrict others from exercising the rights granted under these Terms of Use.

6. Exclusions of Warranty and Liability

6.1. The Database is provided on an “as-is” basis without warranty of any kind, express or implied. The Authors of Datasets do not guarantee that the Database and the Datasets are free of errors or suitable for any particular purpose.

6.2. The BAFU and the Authors of Datasets shall not be held liable for any issues, losses, or damage that may arise from the use or modification of the Datasets.

7. Validity

The Terms of Use apply to the version of the Database that you download.

By downloading the BAFU:2025 LCI-Database, users acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Terms of Use.

Yes, I would like to be informed by BAFU via newsletter about the database developments (e.g. the release of new versions) (optional)