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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AMF	Air-Mass Factor
BIRA-IASB	Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy
BrO	Bromine Oxide
CGS	Carlo Gavazzi Space
CO	Carbon Monoxide
DLR	German Aerospace Center
DOAS	Differential Optical Absorption Spectrometry
DU	Dobson Unit
ECMWF	European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecast
ENVISAT	Environmental Satellite (ESA)
EOS-Aura	Earth Observing System - Chemistry & Climate Mission (NASA)
ERS-2	European Remote Sensing Satellite (ESA)
ESA	European Space Agency
ESRIN	European Space Research Institute
EUMETSAT	European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites
FRESCO	Fast Retrieval Scheme for Cloud Observables
GOME	Global Ozone Monitoring Instrument (aboard ERS-2)
GOME-2	Global Ozone Monitoring Instrument (aboard MetOp-A)
H ₂ SO ₄	Sulphuric acid
IAVW	International Airways Volcano Watch
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
KNMI	Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute
LIDORT	Linearized Discrete Ordinate RTM
MetOp-A	Meteorological Operational Satellite (Eumetsat)
MSG	Meteosat Second Generation (Eumetsat)
N/A	Not Applicable
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NRT	Near-Real Time
OMI	Ozone Monitoring Instrument (aboard EOS-Aura)
PROMOTE	Protocol Monitoring for the GMES Service Element: Atmosphere
SACS	Support to Aviation Control Service
SCIAMACHY	SCanning Imaging Absorption spectroMeter for Atmospheric CartographY (aboard ENVISAT)
SCD	Slant Column Density
SEVIRI	Spinning Enhanced Visible and Infrared Imager (aboard MSG)
SO ₂	Sulphur Dioxide
SZA	Solar Zenith Angle
TBC	To Be Confirmed
TBD	To Be Defined / Described
TEMIS	Tropospheric Emission Monitoring Internet Service
VAAC	Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre
VCD	Vertical Column Density
N/A	Not Available
n.a.	not applicable
n.s.	not specified

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16 SUPPORT TO AVIATION CONTROL SERVICE (SACS)

16.1 Service Summary

This Special Service consists in the delivery in near-real-time of data derived from satellite measurements regarding SO₂ and aerosol emissions possibly related to volcanic eruptions, and where possible to track volcanic plumes. On the basis of selection criteria of exceptional SO₂ emissions, notifications will be sent by e-mail to interested parties, with a reference to specific pages at the website.

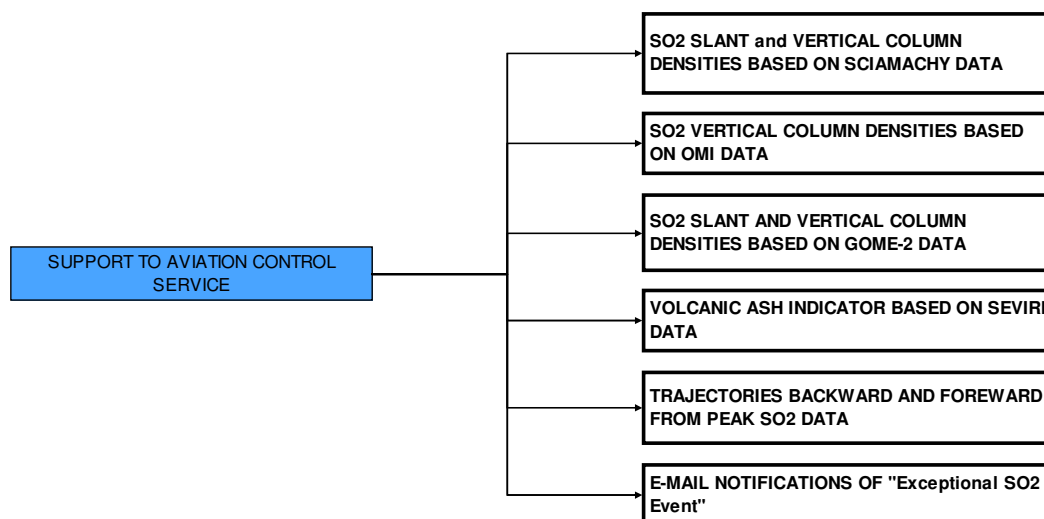


Figure 16.1-1 Structure of the Special PROMOTE 2 Service for Support to Aviation Control (SACS).

Service is/will be operational since/after: First element of the service operational since February 2007, the rest will follow in the course of this and the next phase.

Provider(s): Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy (BIRA-IASB)

Service Partners: Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI), Carlo Gavazzi Space (CGS), German Aerospace Center (DLR)

Validation contact: Jos van Geffen (BIRA-IASB)

This service is devoted to detect and map volcanic abrasive ashes and corrosive sulfur compounds that represent a major hazard for aviation. A warning system based on the automatic delivery of alert email is also a product of this service.

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16.2 Product characterization

SO₂ slant and vertical column densities based on SCIAMACHY data	
Parameter	SACSCI-SP-GSE-PRO2
Typical range	n.s.
Determination of the typical range (Method, criteria)	n.a.
Units	Dobson Units (DU)
<i>Standards</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
SO₂ vertical column densities based on OMI data	
Parameter	SACOMI-SP-GSE-PRO2
Typical range	n.s.
Determination of the typical range (Method, criteria)	n.a.
Units	Dobson Units (DU)
<i>Standards</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
SO₂ slant and vertical column densities based on GOME-2 data	
Parameter	SACGM2-SP-GSE-PRO2
Typical range	n.s.
Determination of the typical range (Method, criteria)	n.a.
Units	Dobson Units (DU)
<i>Standards</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
Volcanic ash indicator based on SEVIRI data	
Parameter	SACSEV-SP-GSE-PRO2
Typical range	n.s.
Determination of the typical range (Method, criteria)	n.a.

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Units	N/A
<i>Standards</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
Trajectories, backward and forward, from peak SO2 concentrations	
Parameter	SACTRA-SP-GSE-PRO2
Typical range	<i>n.a.</i>
Determination of the typical range (Method, criteria)	<i>n.a.</i>
Units	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>Standards</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
E-mail notifications of “exceptional SO2 concentrations”	
Parameter	SACEML-SP-GSE-PRO2
Typical range	<i>n.a.</i>
Determination of the typical range (Method, criteria)	<i>n.a.</i>
Units	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>Standards</i>	<i>n.a.</i>

Table 16.2-1 Characterization of products provided by the Support to Aviation Control Service (SACS)

16.3 Validation plan and validation data

At this stage of the service, quantitative validation of the different products is not possible due to technical and operational reasons. Therefore, the validation of the SACS service will focus on the demonstration for a sufficient amount of past volcanic eruptions in long-term satellite records.

Validation data is not available at the moment. Future datasets obtained in the framework of the project NOVAC will be used for quantitative validation when existing.

VALIDATION DATA
Ground based observations
N/A
<i>In-situ</i> observations

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N/A
Model outputs
N/A
Other Satellite data
N/A

Table 16.3-1 Validation data for SACS Service and products.

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16.4 SO₂ slant and vertical column densities based on SCIAMACHY data

16.4.1 Validation of individual components

SO₂ slant column data is derived with a DOAS technique from measurements by SCIAMACHY. Combining this data with an appropriate air-mass-factor (AMF) gives SO₂ total vertical column data.

VALIDATION OF INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS [SACSCI-SP-GSE-PRO2]	
Quality assessment	
N/A	
MODELS/ALGORITHMS	
Comparison with other Satellite SO ₂ data	N/A
Comparison with ground-based observations	N/A

Table 16.4-1 Validation of individual components for the SO₂ slant and vertical column densities based on SCIAMACHY data.

16.4.2 Validation against specifications and user requirements

*Requirements written in *Italics* were not compulsory for Phase 1.

VALIDATION AGAINST SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS & USER REQUIREMENTS [SACSCI-SP-GSE-PRO2]			
No limitations/delays for compliance between theoretical and actual service specifications given in S5 for the product named above have been reported.			
SPECIFICATION	S5	REQUIRED*	ACTUAL
Parameter	SO ₂ slant and vertical column densities		
Accuracy			
Uncertainty	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Uncertainty minimum	n.s.	n.s.	N/A



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Uncertainty target	0-2 DU depending mostly on SZA, actual SO ₂ content and clouds	n.s.	0-2 DU depending mostly on SZA, actual SO ₂ content and clouds
Spatiotemporal characteristics			
Spatial coverage	Satellite orbits (level-2) and global (level-3)/Identification of active areas	Global/selected areas with volcanic eruptions after 1800	Satellite orbits (level-2) and global (level-3)/Identification of active areas
Horizontal resolution	30x60 Km ²	n.s.	30x60 Km ²
Vertical resolution	n.s.	n.s.	n.a.
Grid/Projection	Level-1: Orbit geometry (swath 960Km, 6 days global) Level-2: Lat-Long	n.s.	Level-1: Orbit geometry (swath 960Km, 6 days global) Level-2: Lat-Long
Temporal coverage	2003-Now	n.s.	2003-Now
Temporal resolution	Level-1: 6 days global Level-2: daily, 3-daily, monthly	n.s.	Level-1: 6 days global Level-2: daily, 3-daily, monthly
Availability	Since August 2006	n.s.	Since August 2006
User Interfaces			
PROMOTE Web	Complete, operational and up-to-date	Complete; operational and up to date	Complete, operational and up to date
ftp	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Data formats and data delivery			
Data access	Dedicated webpages with links to data files and images	Dedicated webpages with links to data files and images	http://sacs.aeronomie.be/ http://www.gse-promote.org
Delivery Mode	Offline: Level-2 and Level-3 data NRT: Level-2 data	NRT and off-line (archived data)	Offline: Level-2 and Level-3 data NRT: Level-2 data
Delivery	At every SO ₂ event	At every SO ₂ event	On event

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frequency			
Historical archive	2003-end	During SCIAMACHY operational life	2003-end
Data Format	HDF, ASCII	HDF, ASCII	HDF, ASCII
Visualization	Global and regional maps (gif)	GIF	Global and regional maps (gif)
Remarks			
No remarks.			

*Requirements written in *Italics* were not compulsory for Phase 1.

Table 16.4-2 Validation against specifications and against user requirements of SCIAMACHY SO₂ slant and vertical column densities

16.4.3 Quality assessment and control procedures for SCIAMACHY SO₂ slant and vertical column densities

Service Quality			
SPECIFICATION	S5	REQUIRED	ACTUAL
Quality checks	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
Product confidence data	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
Error bar definition and representation	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
Representation of missing data	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
Documentation of process failure	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
Version control mechanisms and representation	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.

*Requirements written in *Italics* were not compulsory for Phase 1.

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**Table 16.4-3 Quality assessment and control procedures for SCIAMACHY
SO₂ slant and vertical column densities**

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16.5 SO₂ vertical column densities based on OMI data

Note from the Validation Office: At the moment of the generation of this report no NRT OMI data was made available by NASA and, therefore, the provision of this product is delayed.

16.5.1 Validation of individual components

VALIDATION OF INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS [SACOMI--SP-GSE-PRO2]	
Quality assessment	
Quality screening of Level-1 data	N/A
DOAS Quality check	
Quantification of DOAS fitting precision	
AMF Quality check	
Estimated SO ₂ Column accuracy	
Comparison with other Satellite SO ₂ data	N/A
Comparison with ground-based observations	N/A

Table 16.5-1 Validation of individual components of SO₂ vertical column densities based on OMI data

16.5.2 Validation against specifications and against user requirements

VALIDATION AGAINST SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS & USER REQUIREMENTS [SACOMI-SP-GSE-PRO2]			
Parameter	SO ₂ vertical column in Dobson Units (DU); Level-2 data files and global and regional maps		
N/A			
SPECIFICATION	S5	REQUIRED	ACTUAL
Accuracy			
Uncertainty	n.s.	n.s.	N/A



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minimum			
Uncertainty target	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Spatiotemporal characteristics			
Spatial coverage	Orbits (level-2)	Global/selected areas with volcanic eruptions after 1800	Orbits (level-2)
Horizontal resolution	OMI Resolution/Swath width 2200	n.s.	OMI Resolution/Swath width 2200
Vertical resolution	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Grid/Projection	Level-1: satellite orbits	n.s.	Level-1: satellite orbits
Temporal coverage	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Temporal resolution	Global coverage in 1 day	n.s.	Global coverage in 1 day
User Interfaces			
PROMOTE Web	N/A	Complete, operational and up-to-date for this product	N/A
ftp	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Other			
Data formats and data delivery			
<u>Data access</u>	http://sacs.aeronomie.be/ http://www.gse-promote.org/	Dedicated webpages with links to data files and images	http://sacs.aeronomie.be/ http://www.gse-promote.org/
Delivery Mode	N/A	NRT and off-line (archived data)	N/A
Delivery frequency	N/A	At every SO ₂ event	N/A
Historical archive	N/A	OMI Operational life	N/A
Data Format	N/A	HDF, ASCII	N/A
Visualization	N/A	GIF	N/A



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Remarks

No remarks.

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Table 16.5-2 Validation against specifications and against user requirements of SO₂ vertical column densities based on OMI data

16.5.3 Quality assessment and control procedures for OMI SO₂ slant and vertical column densities

Service Quality			
SPECIFICATION	S5	REQUIRED	ACTUAL
Quality checks	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Product confidence data	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Error bar definition and representation	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Representation of missing data	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Documentation of process failure	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Version control mechanisms and representation	n.s.	n.s.	N/A

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Table 16.5-3 Quality assessment and control procedures for OMI SO₂ slant and vertical column densities

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16.6 Volcanic ash indicator

16.6.1 Validation of individual components

VALIDATION OF INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS [SACSEV-SP-GSE-PRO2]	
Quality assessment	
N/A	
MODELS/ALGORITHMS	
N/A	

Table 16.6-1 Validation of the individual components for the Volcanic Ash Indicator

16.6.2 Validation against specifications and against user requirements

VALIDATION AGAINST SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS & USER REQUIREMENTS [SACSEV-SP-GSE-PRO2]			
Parameter	Volcanic ash indicator based on SEVIRI data		
N/A			
SPECIFICATION	S5	REQUIRED	ACTUAL
Accuracy			
Uncertainty minimum	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Uncertainty target	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Spatiotemporal characteristics			
Spatial coverage	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Horizontal resolution	N/A	n.a.	N/A
Vertical resolution	n.a.	n.a.	N/A
Grid/Projection	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Temporal coverage	N/A	n.s.	N/A

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Temporal resolution	N/A	n.s.	N/A
User Interfaces			
PROMOTE Web	N/A	Complete, operational and up-to-date for this product	N/A
ftp	N/A	n.a.	N/A
Other	N/A	n.a.	N/A
Data formats and data delivery			
Data availability	N/A	On best effort basis	N/A
Data access	http://sacs.aeronomie.be/ http://www.gse-promote.org/	n.s.	N/A
Delivery Mode	NRT and off-line	NRT and off-line (archived data)	N/A
Delivery frequency	NRT	NRT	N/A
Historical archive	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Data Format	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Visualization	Maps	n.s.	N/A
Remarks			
No remarks.			

*Requirements written in *Italics* were not compulsory for Phase 1.

Table 16.6-2 Validation against specifications and against user requirements for the Volcanic Ash Indicator

16.6.3 Quality assessment and control procedures for the Volcanic Ash Indicator

Service Quality			
SPECIFICATION	S5	REQUIRED	ACTUAL
Quality checks	n.s.	n.s.	N/A

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Product confidence data	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Error bar definition and representation	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Representation of missing data	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Documentation of process failure	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Version control mechanisms and representation	n.s.	n.s.	N/A

*Requirements written in *Italics* were not compulsory for Phase 1.

Table 16.6-3 Quality assessment and control procedures for the Volcanic Ash Indicator

16.7 Trajectories, backward and forward, from peak SO₂ concentrations

16.7.1 Validation of individual components

VALIDATION OF INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS [SACTRA-SP-GSE-PRO2]	
Quality assessment	
N/A	
MODELS/ALGORITHMS	
FLEXTRA model	Stohl et. al., 1995; Stohl and Seibert, 1998; Stohl, 1998 http://zardozenilunorandreasflextraflexpart.html
FLEXPART particle dispersion model	

Table 16.7-1 Validation of individual components for trajectories



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16.7.2 Validation against specifications and against user requirements

VALIDATION AGAINST SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS & USER REQUIREMENTS [SACTRA-SP-GSE-PRO2]			
Parameter	Backward and forward trajectories		
N/A			
SPECIFICATION	S5	REQUIRED	ACTUAL
Accuracy			
Uncertainty minimum	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Uncertainty target	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Spatiotemporal characteristics			
Spatial coverage	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Horizontal resolution	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Vertical resolution	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Grid/Projection	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Temporal coverage	N/A	n.s.	N/A
Temporal resolution	N/A	n.s.	N/A
User Interfaces			
PROMOTE Web	N/A	Complete, operational and up-to-date for this product	N/A
ftp	N/A	n.a.	N/A
Other	N/A	n.a.	N/A
Data formats and data delivery			
Data availability	N/A	On best effort basis	N/A
Data access	http://sacs.aeronomie.be/ http://www.gse-promote.org/	Dedicated webpages with links to data files and images	N/A



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Delivery Mode	NRT and off-line	NRT and off-line (archived data)	N/A
Delivery frequency	At every SO ₂ event	At every exceptional SO ₂ density event	N/A
Historical archive	Trajectories related to an exceptional SO ₂ density event	Trajectories related to an exceptional SO ₂ density event	N/A
Data Format	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Visualization	Maps	n.s.	N/A
Remarks			
No remarks			

*Requirements written in *Italics* were not compulsory for Phase 1.

Table 16.7-2 Validation against specifications and against user requirements for trajectories

16.7.3 Quality assessment and control procedures

Service Quality			
SPECIFICATION	S5	REQUIRED	ACTUAL
Quality checks	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Product confidence data	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Error bar definition and representation	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Representation of missing data	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Documentation of process failure	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Version control mechanisms and representation	n.s.	n.s.	N/A

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Table 16.7-3 Validation of Quality assessment and control procedures for the product Trajectories

16.8 E-mail notifications of exceptional SO2 concentrations

16.8.1 Validation of individual components

VALIDATION OF INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS [SACEML-SP-GSE-PRO2]	
Quality Assessment	n.a.
MODELS/ALGORITHMS	N/A

Table 16.8-1 Validation of individual components for E-mail notifications and dedicated web pages

16.8.2 Validation against specifications and against user requirements

VALIDATION AGAINST SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS & USER REQUIREMENTS [SACEML-SP-GSE-PRO2]			
Parameter	E-mail and dedicated web pages		
No limitations/delays for compliance between theoretical and actual service specifications given in S5 for the product named above have been reported.			
SPECIFICATION	S5	REQUIRED	ACTUAL
Accuracy			
Uncertainty minimum	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Uncertainty target	n.s.	100%	N/A
Spatiotemporal characteristics			
Spatial coverage	n.s.	Global	One or more of the regions: Europe&Africa Asia&Australia North&South America North & South Pacific
Horizontal	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.



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resolution			
Vertical resolution	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Grid/Projection	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Temporal coverage	Exceptional events	n.s.	Jan 2007 on (Event dedicated webpage)
Temporal resolution	Exceptional events	Exceptional events	Exceptional events
User Interfaces			
PROMOTE Web	Complete, operational and up-to-date	Complete, operational and up-to-date	In progress
ftp	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
On demand	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Data formats and data delivery			
Data availability	On event	On best effort basis	On event
Data access	http://sacs.aeronomie.be/ / http://www.gse-promote.org/ and event dedicated web page	Dedicated web pages with links to data files and images	http://sacs.aeronomie.be/ http://www.gse-promote.org/ and event dedicated web pag
Delivery Mode	NRT and off-line	NRT and off-line (archived data)	NRT
Delivery frequency	At every SO ₂ event	At every exceptional SO ₂ density event	On event
Historical archive	Past exceptional SO ₂ density event	Past exceptional SO ₂ density event	February 2007-present
Data format	Text (e-mail)	Text (e-mail)	Text (e-mail)
Visualization	Event-specific webpage	Event-specific webpage	Event-specific webpage

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Table 16.8-2 Validation against specifications and against user requirements for e-mail notifications and dedicated web pages

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16.8.3 Quality assessment and control procedures

Service Quality			
SPECIFICATION	S5	REQUIRED	ACTUAL
Quality checks	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Product confidence data	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Error bar definition and representation	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Representation of missing data	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Documentation of process failure	n.s.	n.s.	N/A
Version control mechanisms and representation	n.s.	n.s.	N/A

*Requirements written in *Italics* were not compulsory for Phase 1.

Table 16.8-3 Validation of Quality assessment and control procedures for e-mail and dedicated web pages

16.9 References

16.9.1 Electronic references and online data access paths

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