

# The Way of CEN

## Tools for Dose Assessment of Building Products and Constructions

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Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances - Radiation

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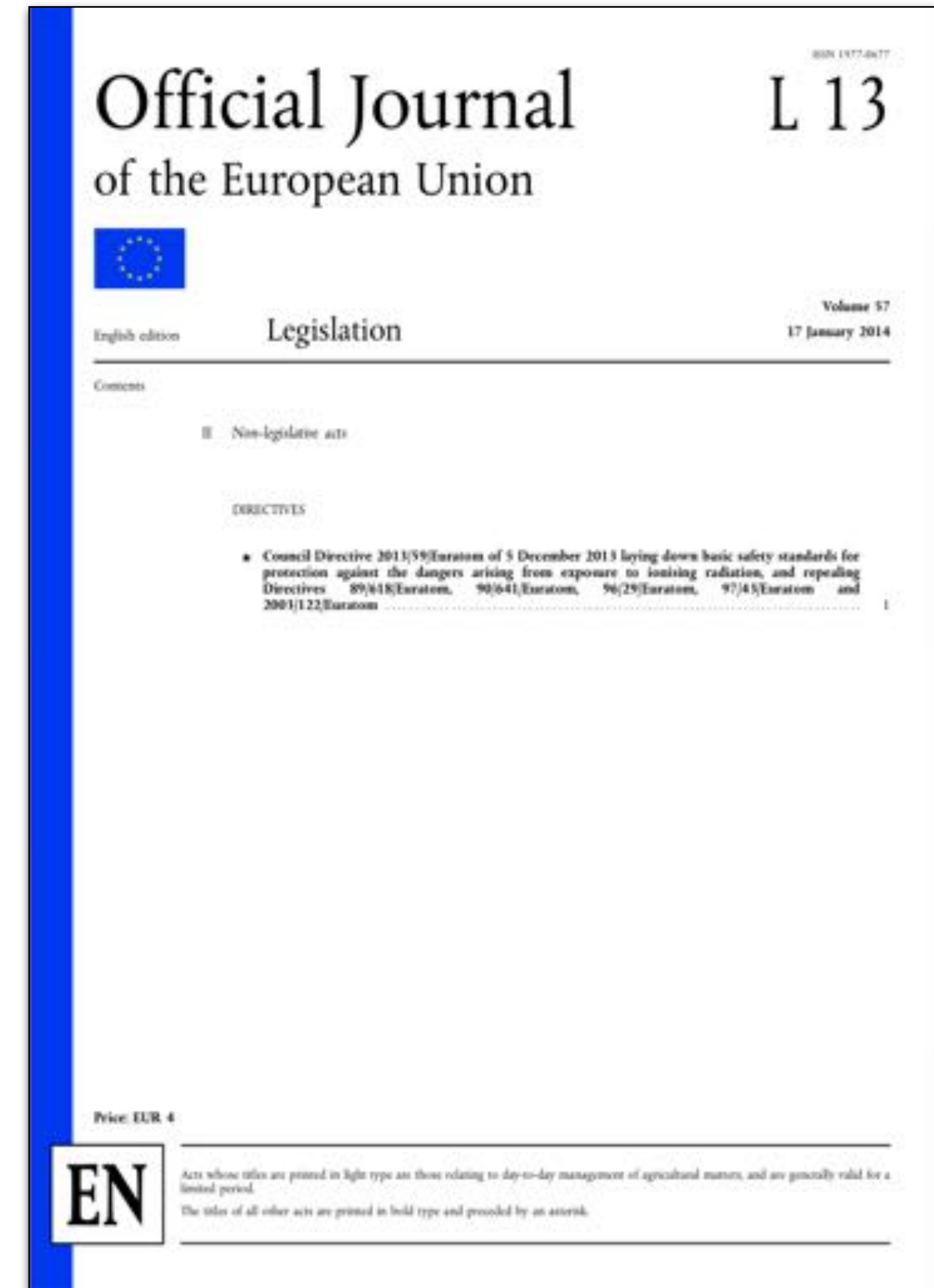
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# Background Euratom-BSS

- ▶ 1 mSv per year (in add. to nat. background)
- ▶ national list of materials
  - ▶ natural materials (alum-shales, igneous rock)
  - ▶ residues from NORM-Practices (PG, fly ashes, slags, ...)
- ▶ activity index I, notification, ...



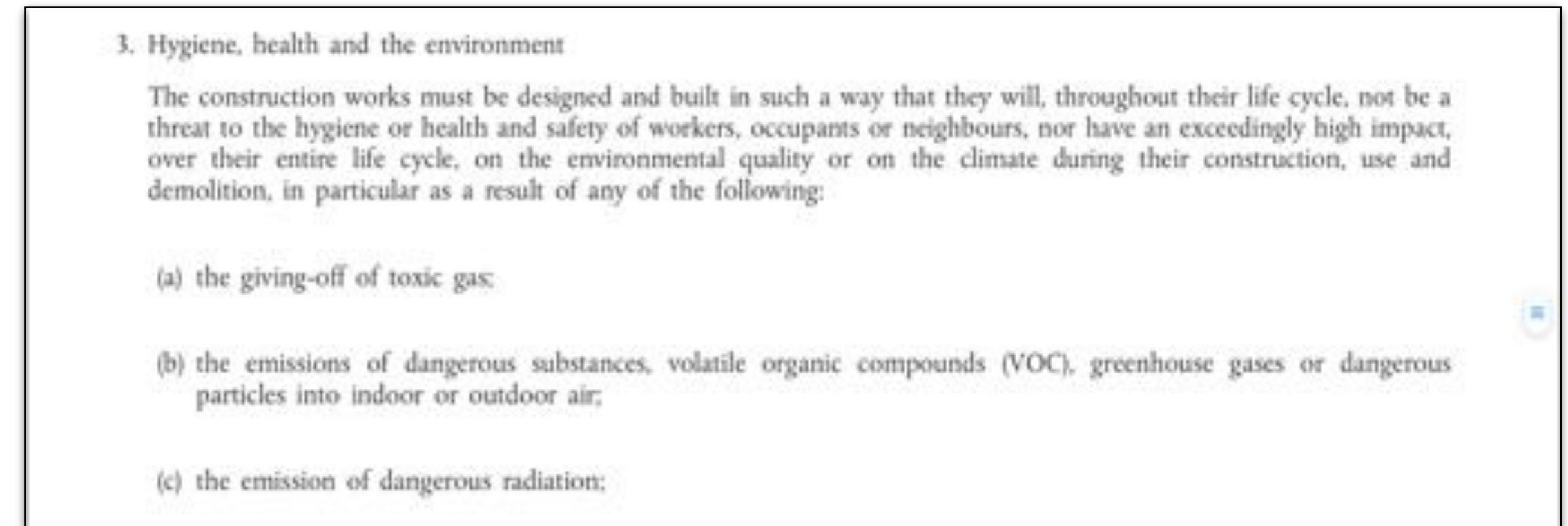
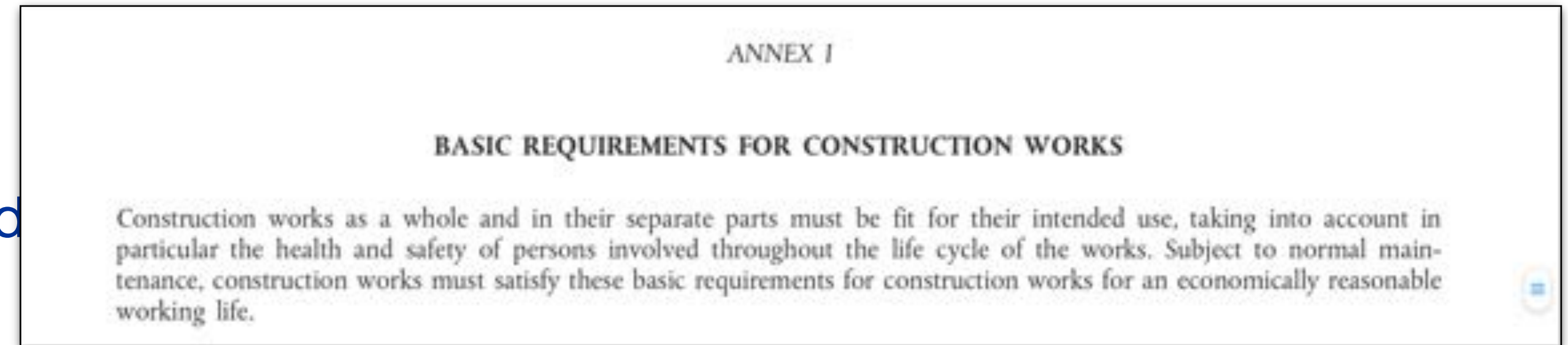
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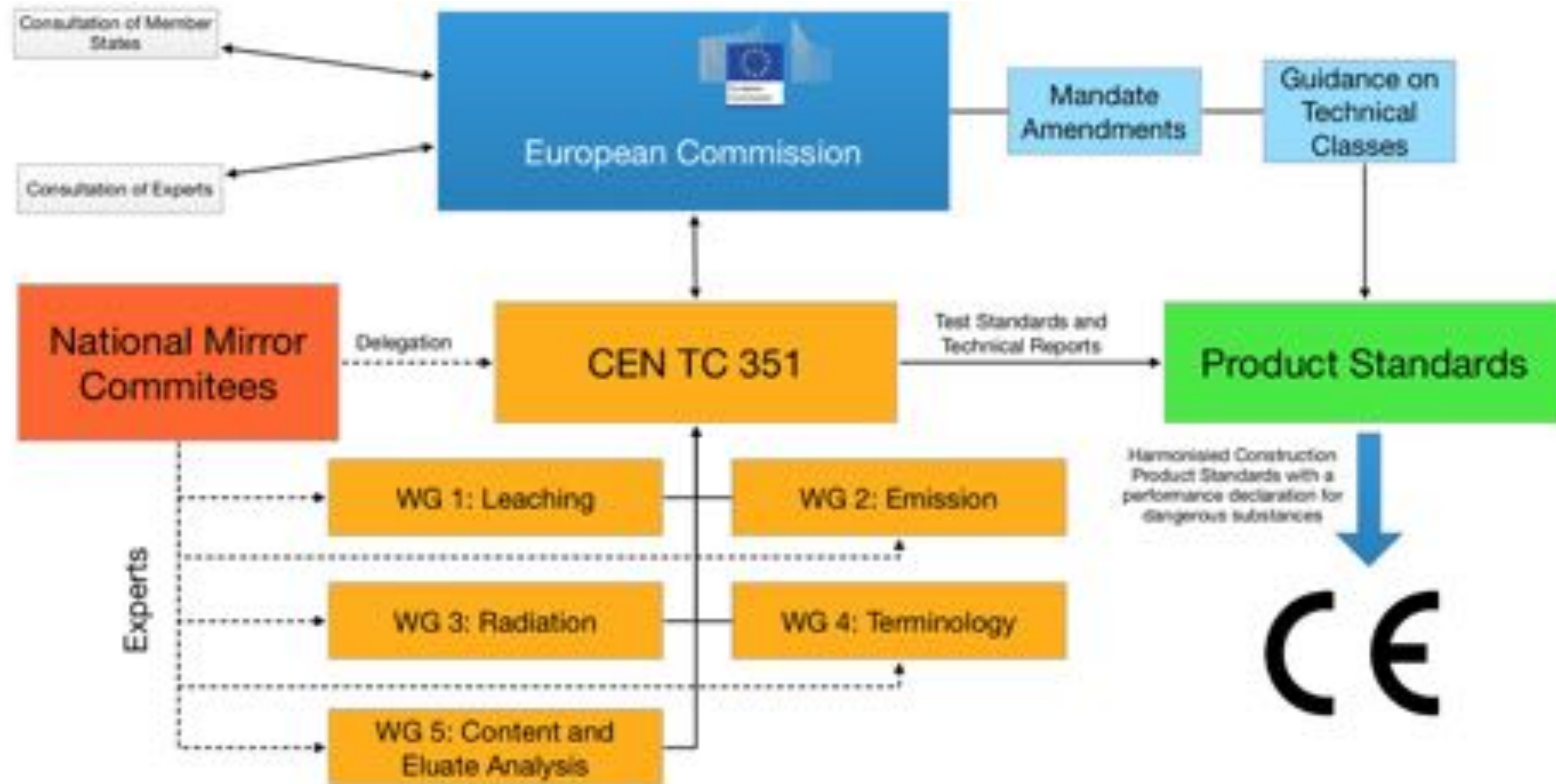
- ▶ Regulation 305/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council
- ▶ Harmonized conditions for the marketing of construction products
- ▶ to avoid barriers of trade
- ▶ basic requirements: no threat to health, i.e.
  - ▶ emission of dangerous substances
  - ▶ emission of dangerous radiation
- ▶ CE Marking, Declaration of Performance





## CEN/TC 351 Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances (established 2006)

- the aim to harmonize assessment methods for CE marking purposes (Declaration of Performance) under CPR (Mandate M/366)



- ▶ WG3 TG31: Test Standard (CEN/TS 17216)
- ▶ WG3 TG32: Standard for Assessment (CEN/TR 17113)

# The CPR - BSS Connection

- Ionizing Radiation part of Mandate M/366 → Link between EURATOM BSS Directive and EU CPR
- BSS Directive (2013/59/EURATOM) issued officially on January 2014
- EU Member States have 4 years time for implementation
- Ionizing Radiation = the first pan-European “Dangerous Substance”
- Pan-European content: Ra, Th, K
- Pan-European reference value: 1 mSv per year (in addition to the background)

## Under the Framework of CPR - some FAQs:

- What to measure? National requirements → product standards (e.g. EN 450 - Fly ash for concrete)
- How to measure? Technical Specification (TS) → European Standard (EN)
- How to assess? Technical Report (TR) → European Standard (EN)
- How often? AVCP (Assessment and Verification of Constancy of Performance) 1+, 1, 2+, 3 or 4; EC Delegated Act, not yet decided
- Who can measure? Only notified bodies (NANDO-CPR Database)
- What to declare? Activity concentrations? Doses? Classes? National requirements → EC Delegated Act

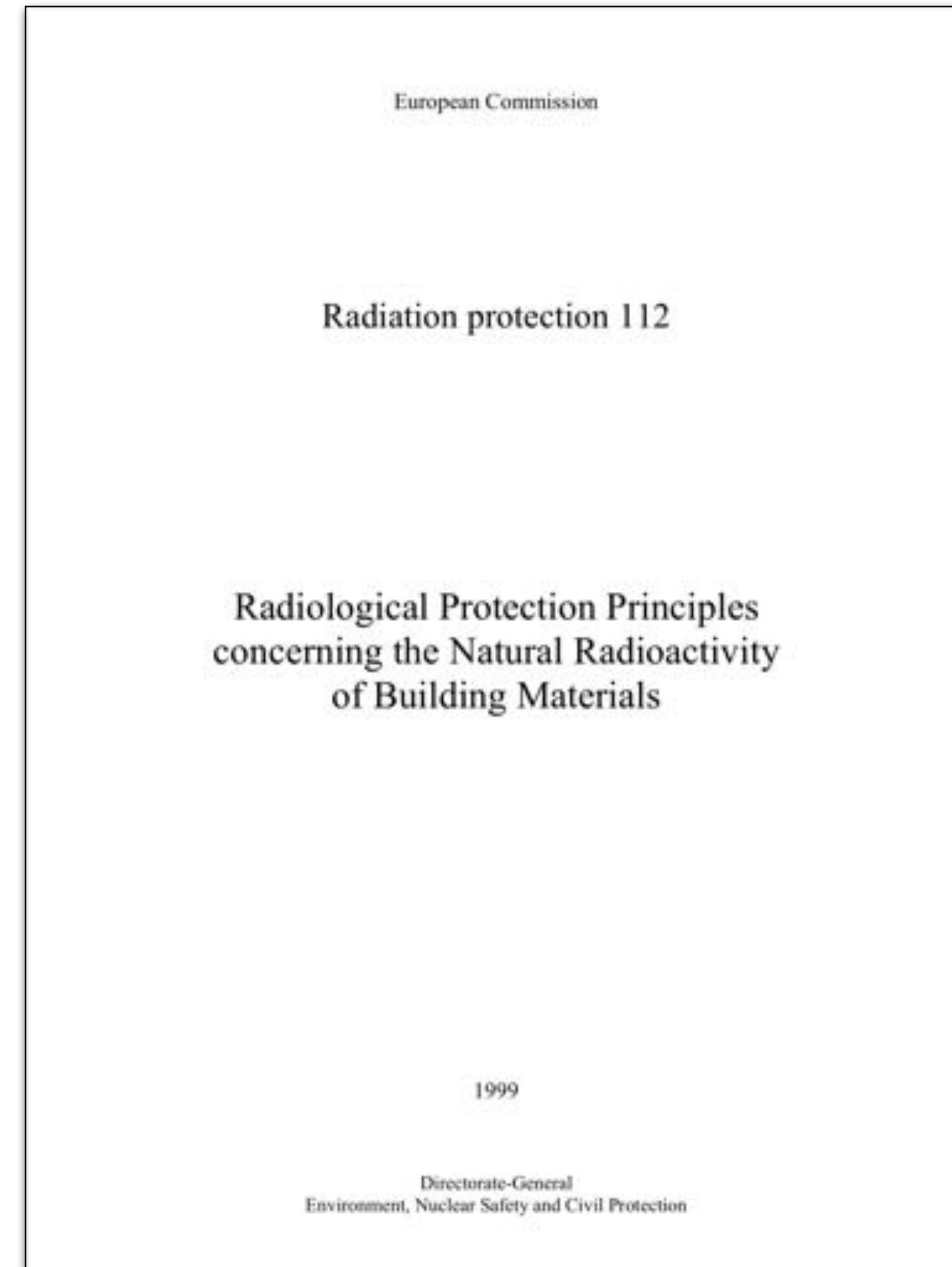
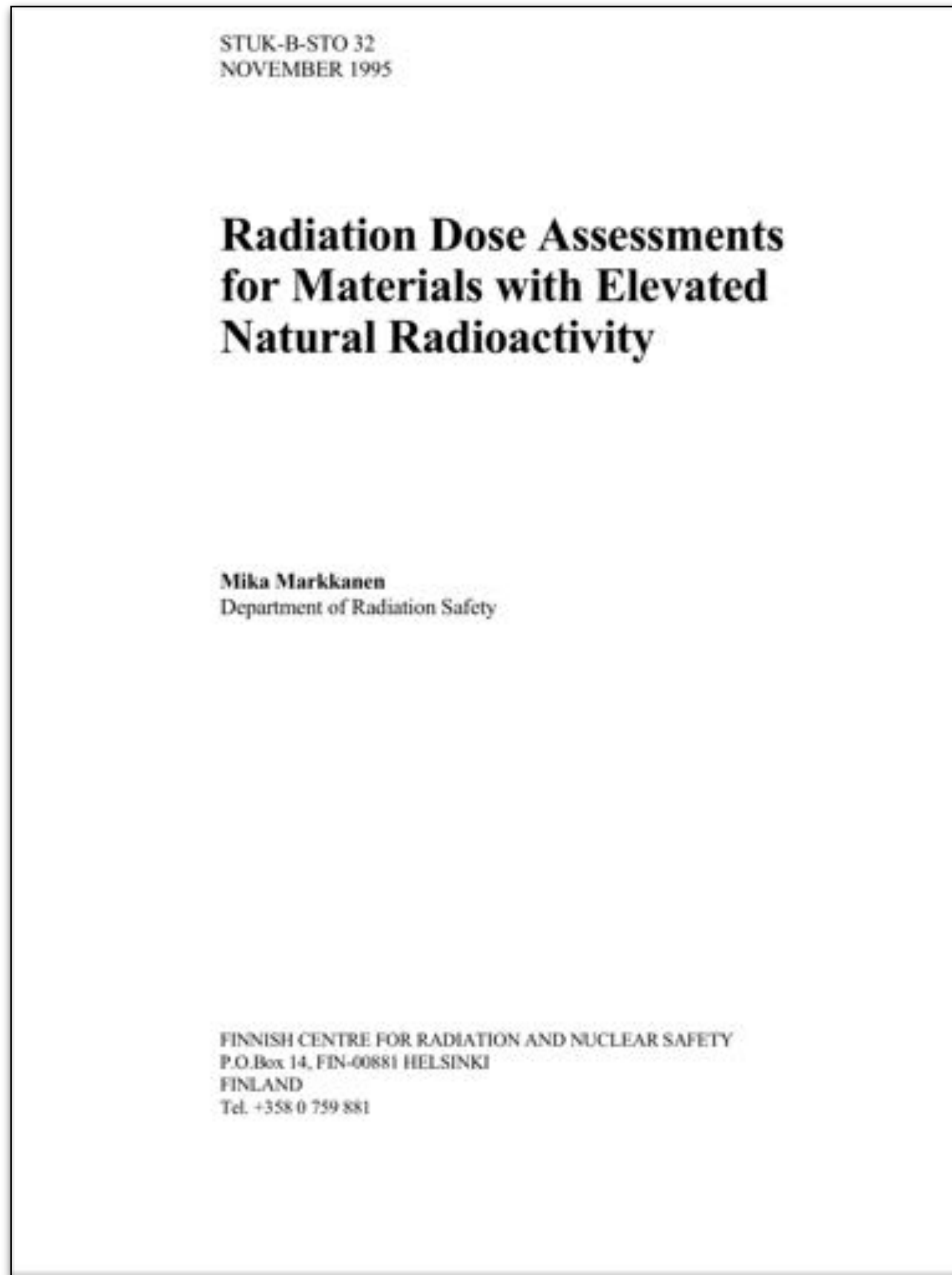
# Specifications for a dose assessment

- ▶ Graded approach!
- ▶ Be compatible to Euratom-BSS!
- ▶ But use the standard room of WG2 (Emission in indoor air)!
- ▶ But without windows and doors!
- ▶ Consider the individual thickness (d) and density ( $\rho$ )!
- ▶ It would be nice to have the mass per unit area ( $\rho \cdot d$ ) as parameter!
- ▶ And the result should be the annual dose and not an index!
- ▶ Keep it simple!

**Stakeholder acceptance  
(Producers, Planners, Authorities, Regulators)**

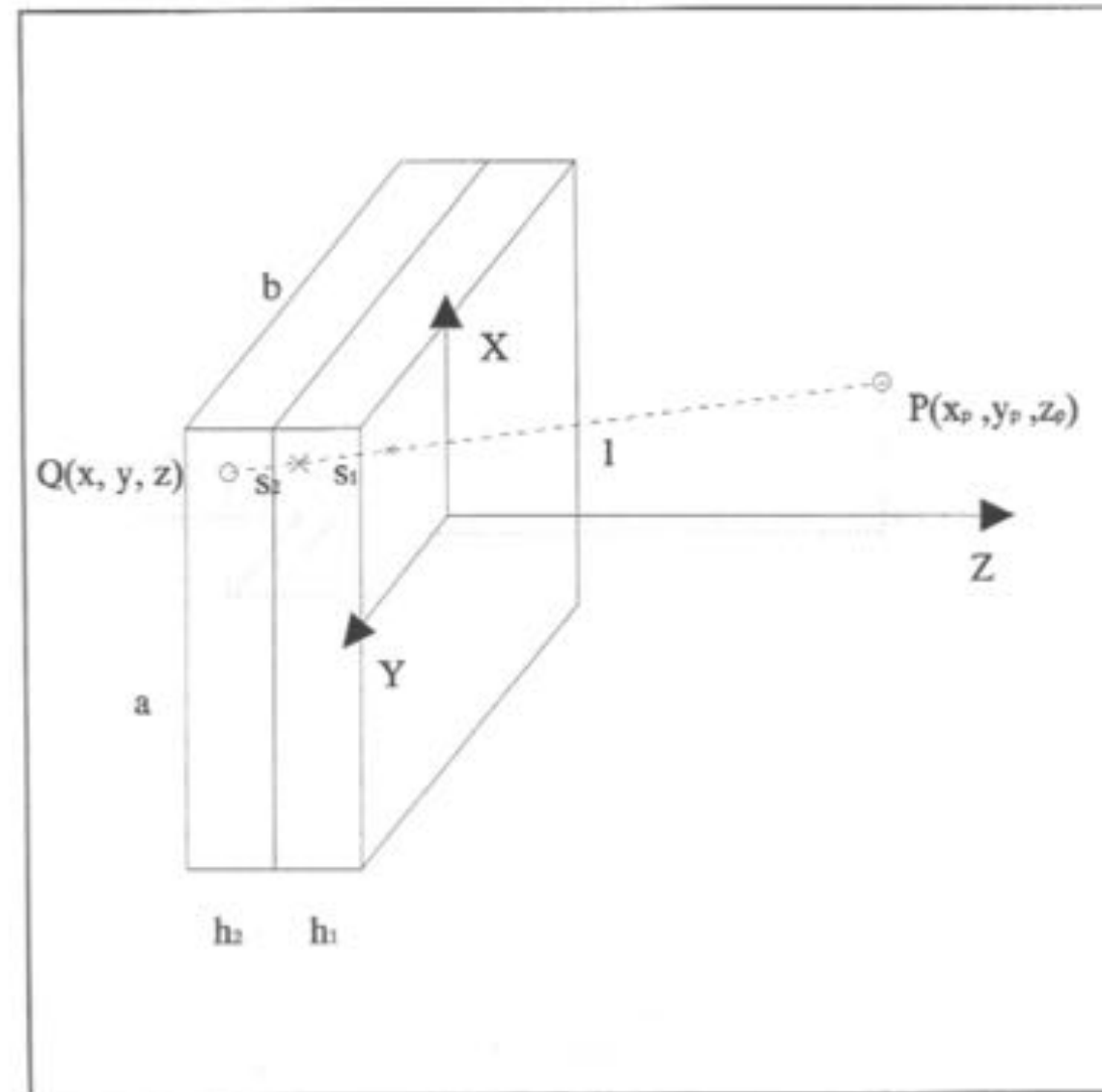


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Point Kernel Integration, Buildup Factor, Self Attenuation, Model Room, nat. Background, Averaged Energies, ...

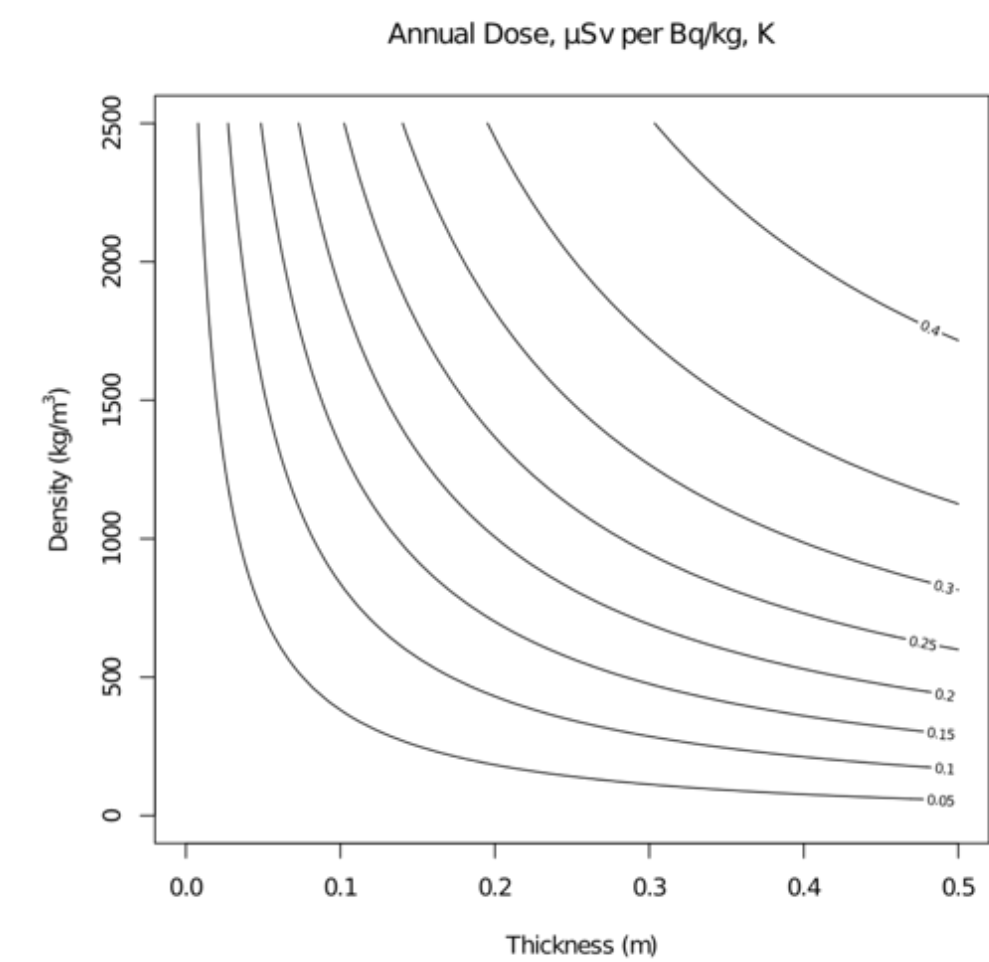
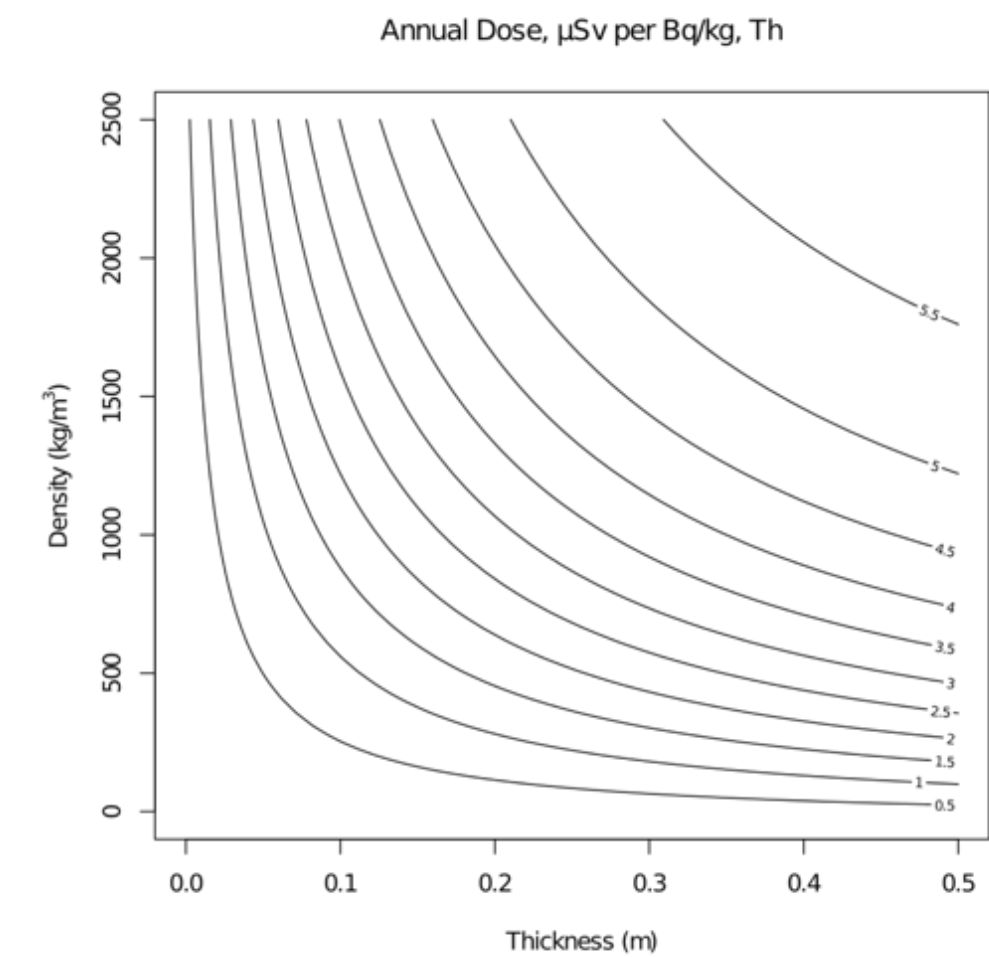
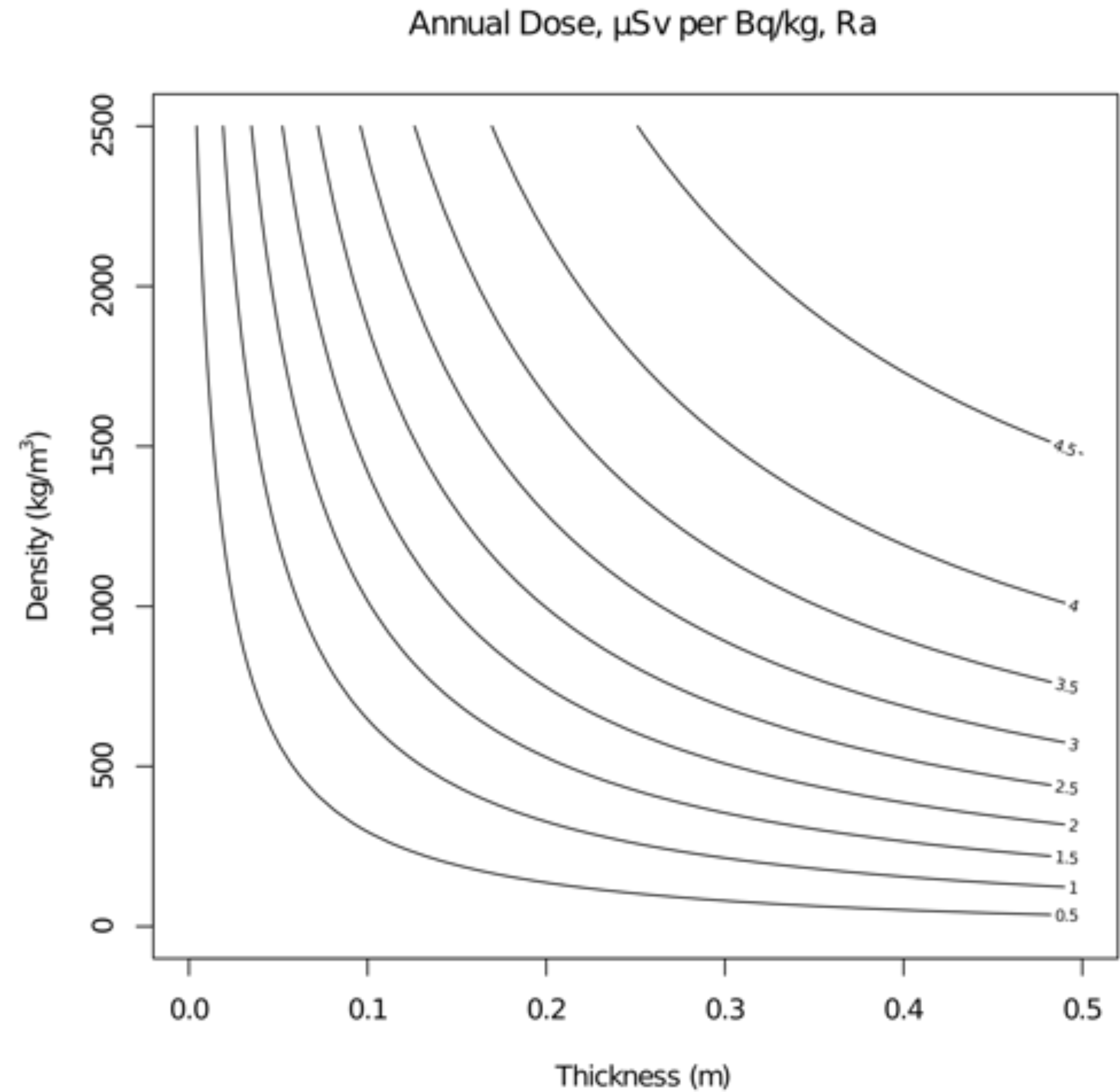
$$D_1 = 5.77 \cdot 10^{-7} \frac{C_1 \rho_1}{4\pi} \sum \gamma_i \left( \frac{\mu_{en}}{\rho} \right)_i E_i \int B_i(1) \frac{e^{-\mu_i(1)s_1}}{l^2} dV$$

$$B_i(1) = 1 + C(E_i) \mu_i(1) s_1 e^{D(E_i) \mu_i(1) s_1}$$

$$s_1 = \left| \frac{z}{z_p - z} \right| l \quad l = \sqrt{(x_p - x)^2 + (y_p - y)^2 + (z_p - z)^2}$$

$$I = \frac{C_{Ra}}{300 \text{ Bq kg}^{-1}} + \frac{C_{Th}}{200 \text{ Bq kg}^{-1}} + \frac{C_K}{3000 \text{ Bq kg}^{-1}}$$

Let's do some number crunching!





# Result

Table 2 — Specific dose rate in air from the different structures in the room of Figure 1

Mass per unit area <sup>a</sup> of wall, ceiling or floor material	Wall, ceiling or floor material (top layer) <sup>b</sup>			20 cm thick concrete behind the wall, ceiling or floor material			Shielding factor <sup>c</sup>		
	pGy/h per Bq/kg			pGy/h per Bq/kg					
kg/m <sup>2</sup>	<sup>226</sup> Ra	<sup>232</sup> Th	<sup>40</sup> K	<sup>226</sup> Ra	<sup>232</sup> Th	<sup>40</sup> K	<sup>226</sup> Ra	<sup>232</sup> Th	<sup>40</sup> K
Wall W <sub>1</sub> : Dimensions 4,0 m × 2,5 m, distance to room centre 1,5 m									
0	0	0	0	150	180	13	1,0	1,0	1,0
25	15	17	1,2	140	160	12	0,93	0,89	0,92
50	30	34	2,4	130	150	11	0,87	0,83	0,85
100	58	66	4,6	100	120	8,9	0,67	0,67	0,68
150	81	93	6,5	82	99	7,3	0,55	0,55	0,56
200	100	120	8,1	64	79	6,0	0,43	0,44	0,46
300	130	150	10	37	49	3,9	0,25	0,27	0,30
500	160	180	13	12	19	1,6	0,08	0,11	0,12

Let's do some maths!

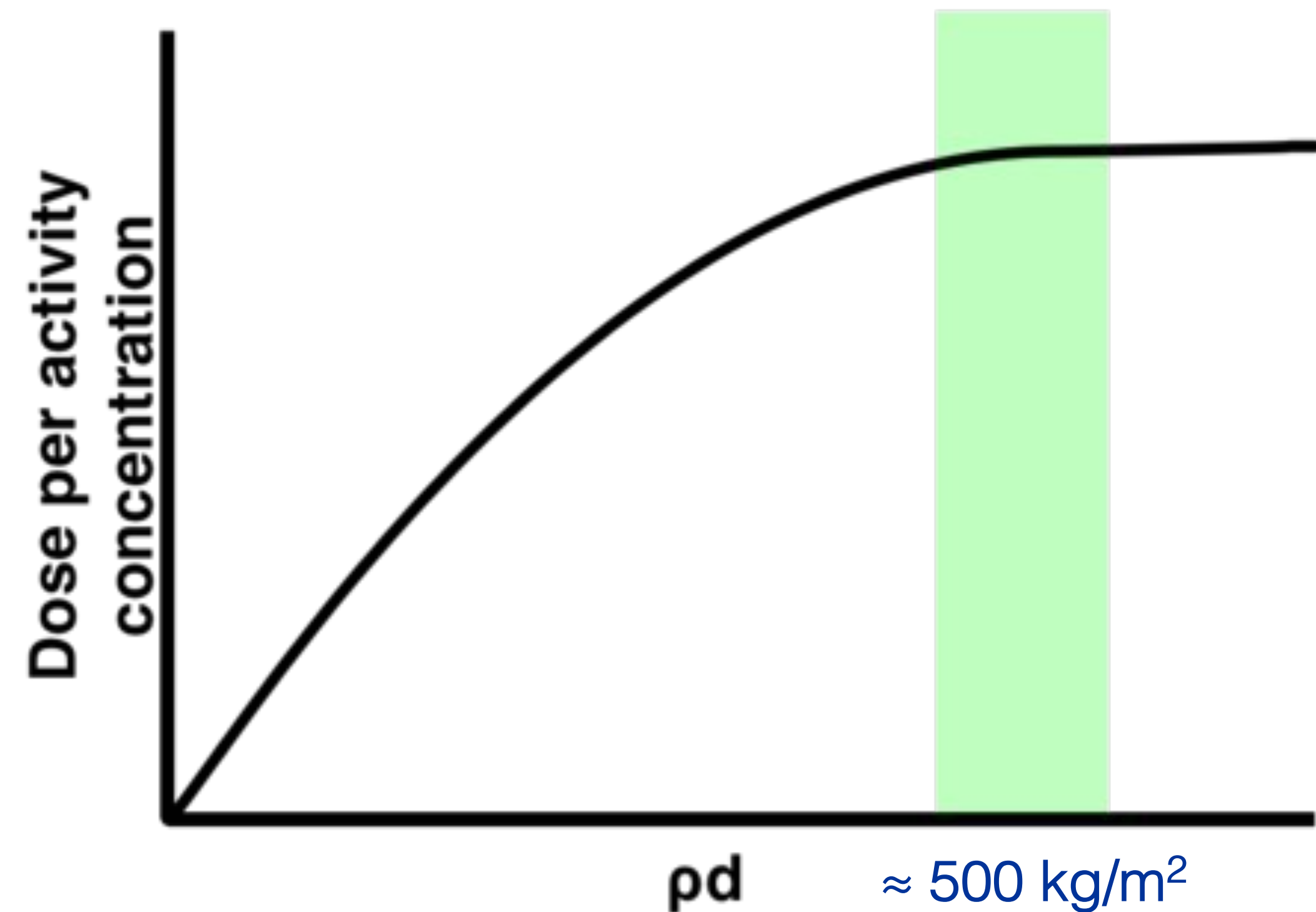
$$\begin{aligned} D &= f(\text{total activity, room dimension, all the rest}) \\ &= f(C_{Ra}, C_{Th}, C_K, m, \dots), \text{ with } m = \rho d A \\ &= f_1(\rho d, \dots) C_{Ra} + f_2(\rho d, \dots) C_{Th} + f_3(\rho d, \dots) C_K \end{aligned}$$

$f_i$  is smooth  $\rightarrow$  Polynomial expansion

$$f_i = a_0 + a_1(\rho d) + a_2(\rho d)^2 + a_3(\rho d)^3 + \dots$$

fit  $\rightarrow a_i$

For  $\rho d < 500 \text{ kg/m}^2$ : 2<sup>nd</sup> order





## Result

$$D = \left[ \begin{array}{l} [281 + 16.3\rho d - 0.0161(\rho d)^2] \cdot C_{Ra} \\ + [319 + 18.5\rho d - 0.0178(\rho d)^2] \cdot C_{Th} \\ + [22.3 + 1.28\rho d - 0.00114(\rho d)^2] \cdot C_K \end{array} \right] \cdot 10^{-6} - 0.29 \text{ mSv}$$

for  $\rho d < 500 \text{ kg/m}^2$

$[C] = \text{Bq/kg}$

$[D] = \text{mSv per year}$

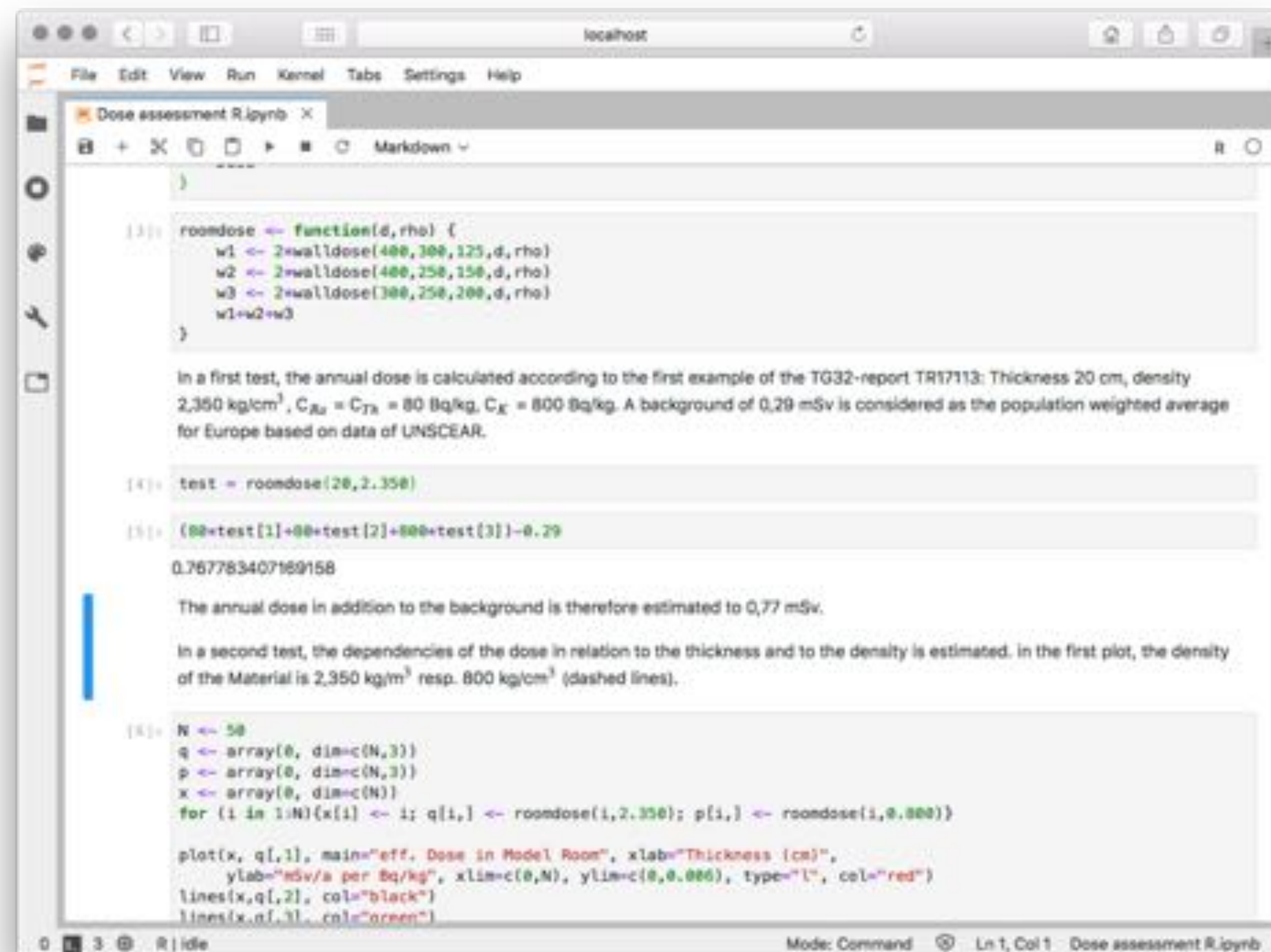
$\cong 60 \text{ nSv/h}$

$\approx$  surface area weighted average of all  
23 countries

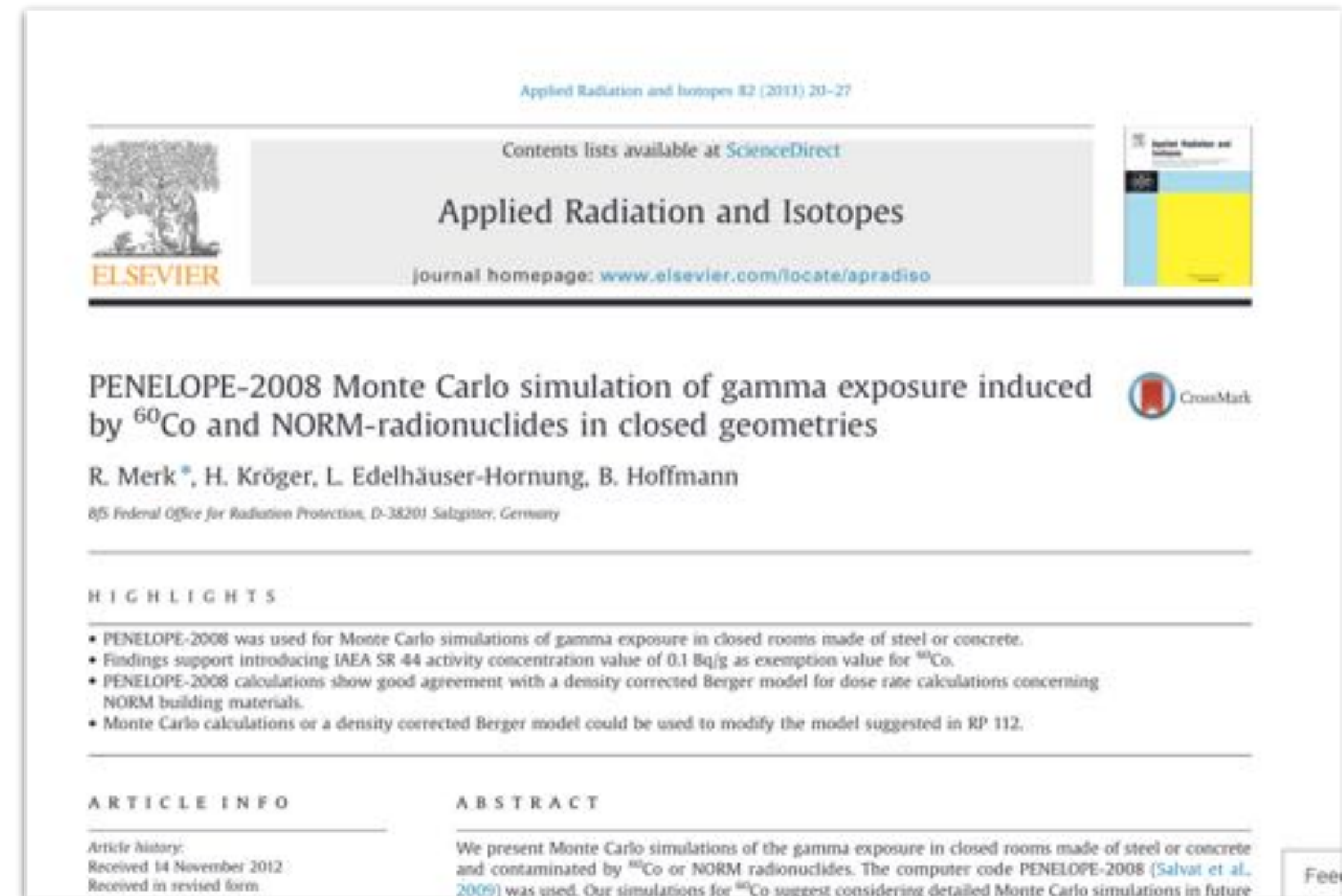
(7000 h, 0.7 Sv/Gy)

# Technical remarks

- ▶ R (<https://www.r-project.org>)
- ▶ cubature: Adaptive Multivariate Integration over Hypercubes (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/cubature/>)
- ▶ Jupyter (<https://jupyter.org>)
- ▶ Notebook (<https://behoff.de/resources/Dateien/Dose-assessment-R.ipynb>)
- ▶ Validation: CEN → STUK/RP112 → Monte Carlo (PENELOPE) (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apradiso.2013.07.006>)



```
[1]: roomdose <- function(d, rho) {  
  w1 <- 2*walldose(400, 300, 125, d, rho)  
  w2 <- 2*walldose(400, 250, 150, d, rho)  
  w3 <- 2*walldose(300, 250, 200, d, rho)  
  w1+w2+w3  
}  
  
In a first test, the annual dose is calculated according to the first example of the TG32-report TR17113: Thickness 20 cm, density  
2,350 kg/cm3, CRA = CTA = 80 Bq/kg, CK = 800 Bq/kg. A background of 0,29 mSv is considered as the population weighted average  
for Europe based on data of UNSCEAR.  
  
[4]: test = roomdose(20, 2.350)  
  
[5]: (80*test[1]+80*test[2]+800*test[3])-0.29  
  
0.767783407169158  
  
The annual dose in addition to the background is therefore estimated to 0,77 mSv.  
  
In a second test, the dependencies of the dose in relation to the thickness and to the density is estimated. In the first plot, the density  
of the Material is 2,350 kg/m3 resp. 800 kg/cm3 (dashed lines).  
  
[6]: N <- 50  
q <- array(0, dim=c(N,3))  
p <- array(0, dim=c(N,3))  
x <- array(0, dim=c(N))  
for (i in 1:N){x[i] <- i; q[i,] <- roomdose(i, 2.350); p[i,] <- roomdose(i, 0.800)}  
  
plot(x, q[,1], main="eff. Dose in Model Room", xlab="Thickness [cm]",  
      ylab="mSv/a per Bq/kg", xlim=c(0,N), ylim=c(0,0.800), type="l", col="red")  
lines(x, q[,2], col="black")  
lines(x, q[,3], col="green")
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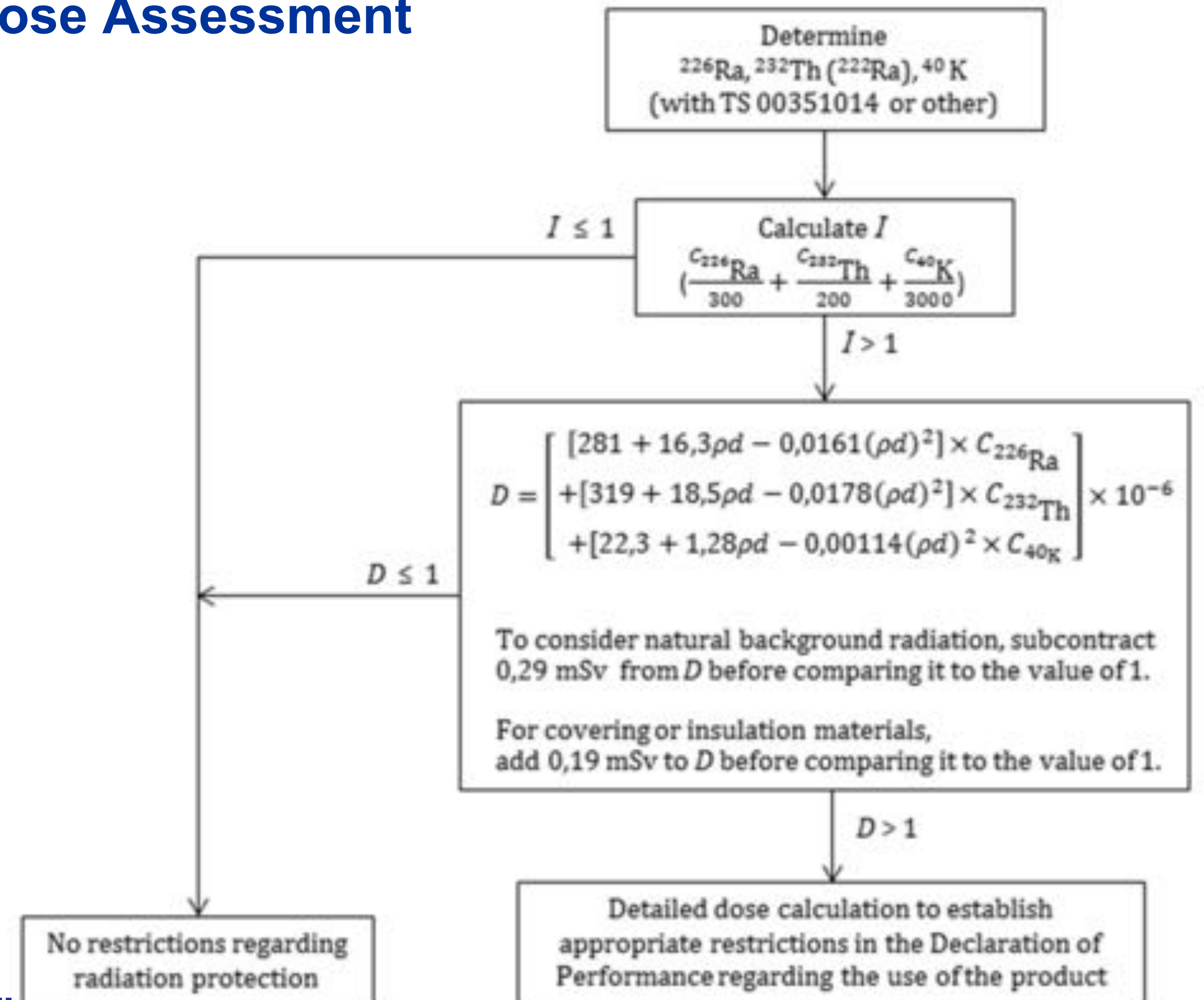


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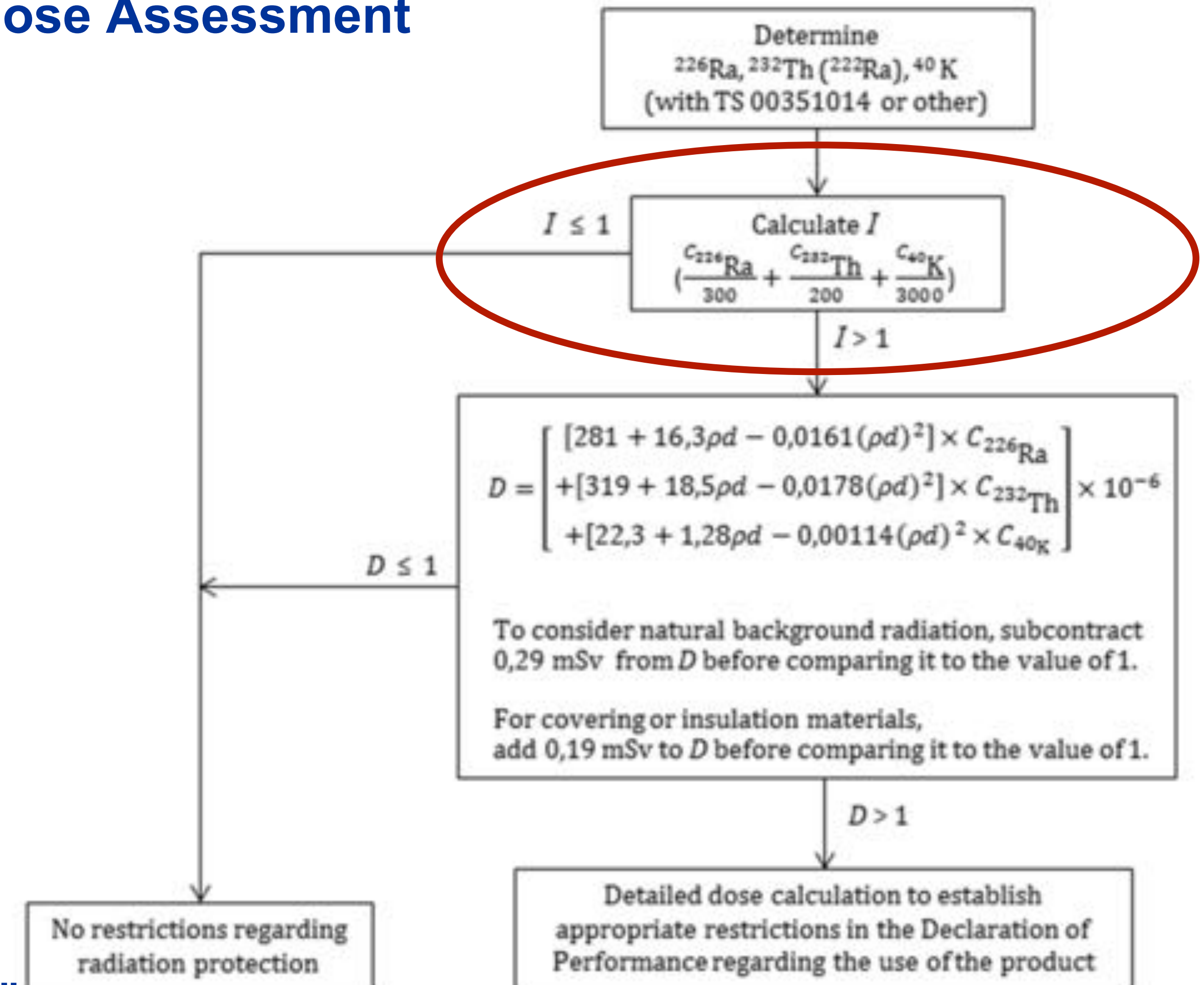


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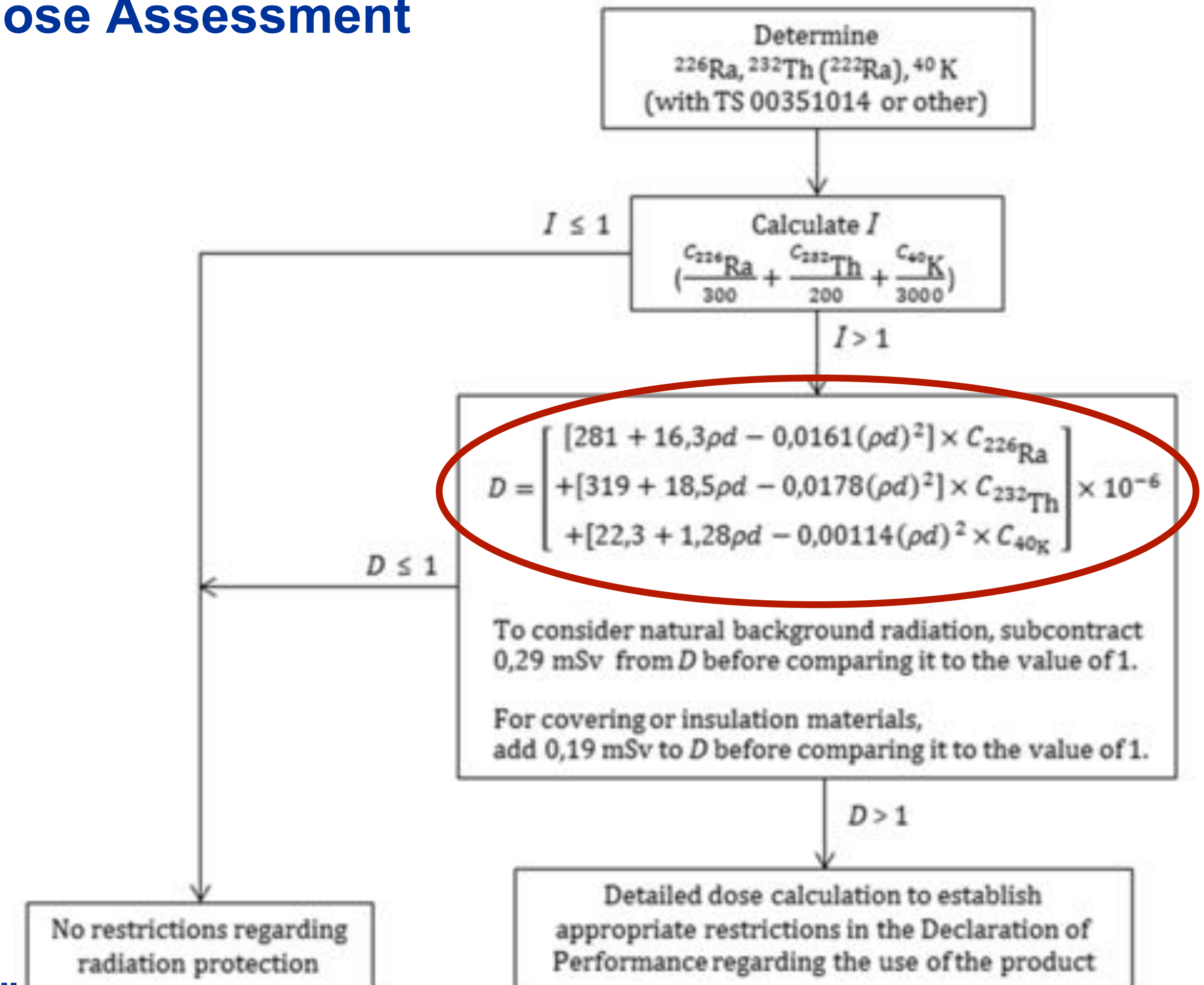


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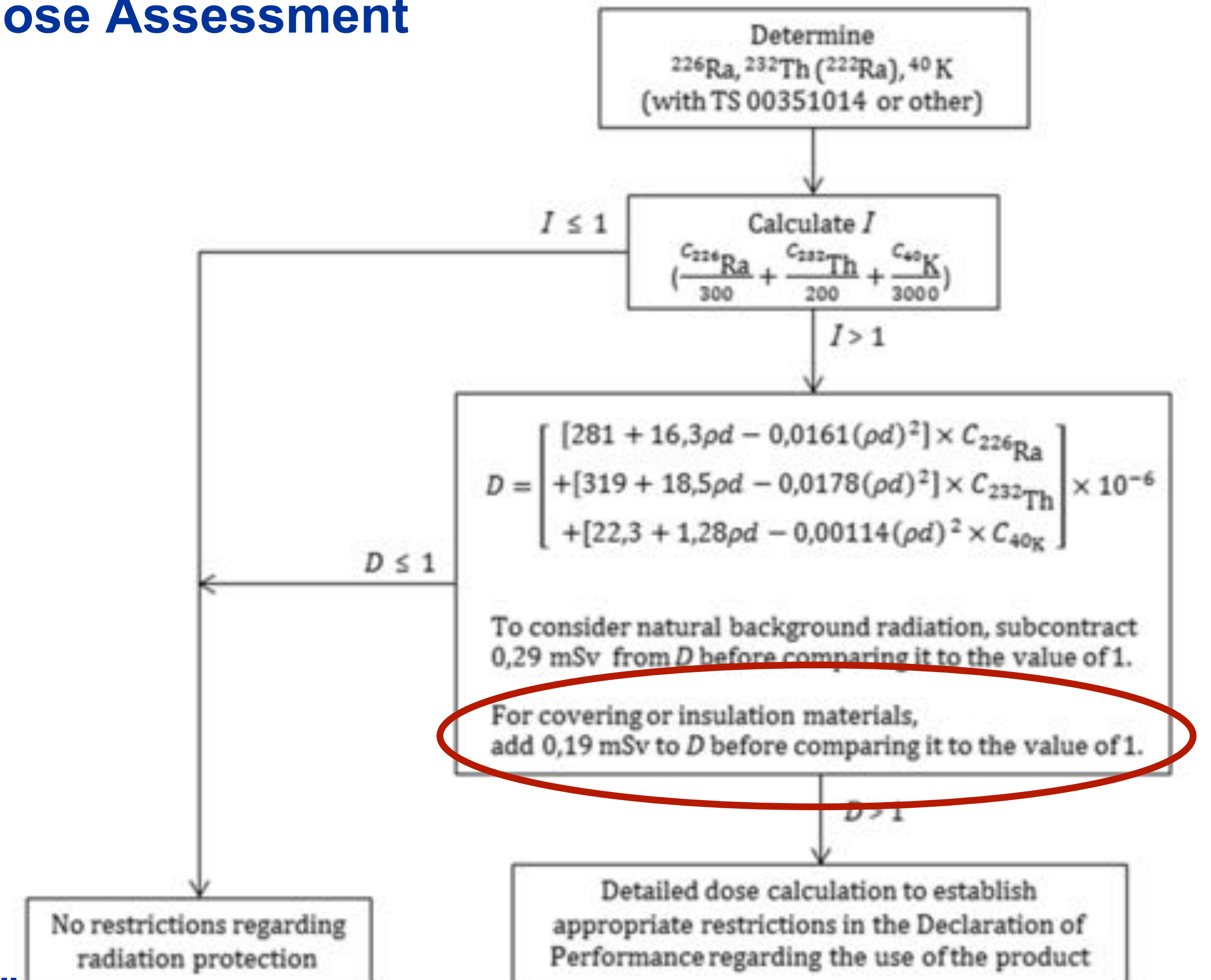


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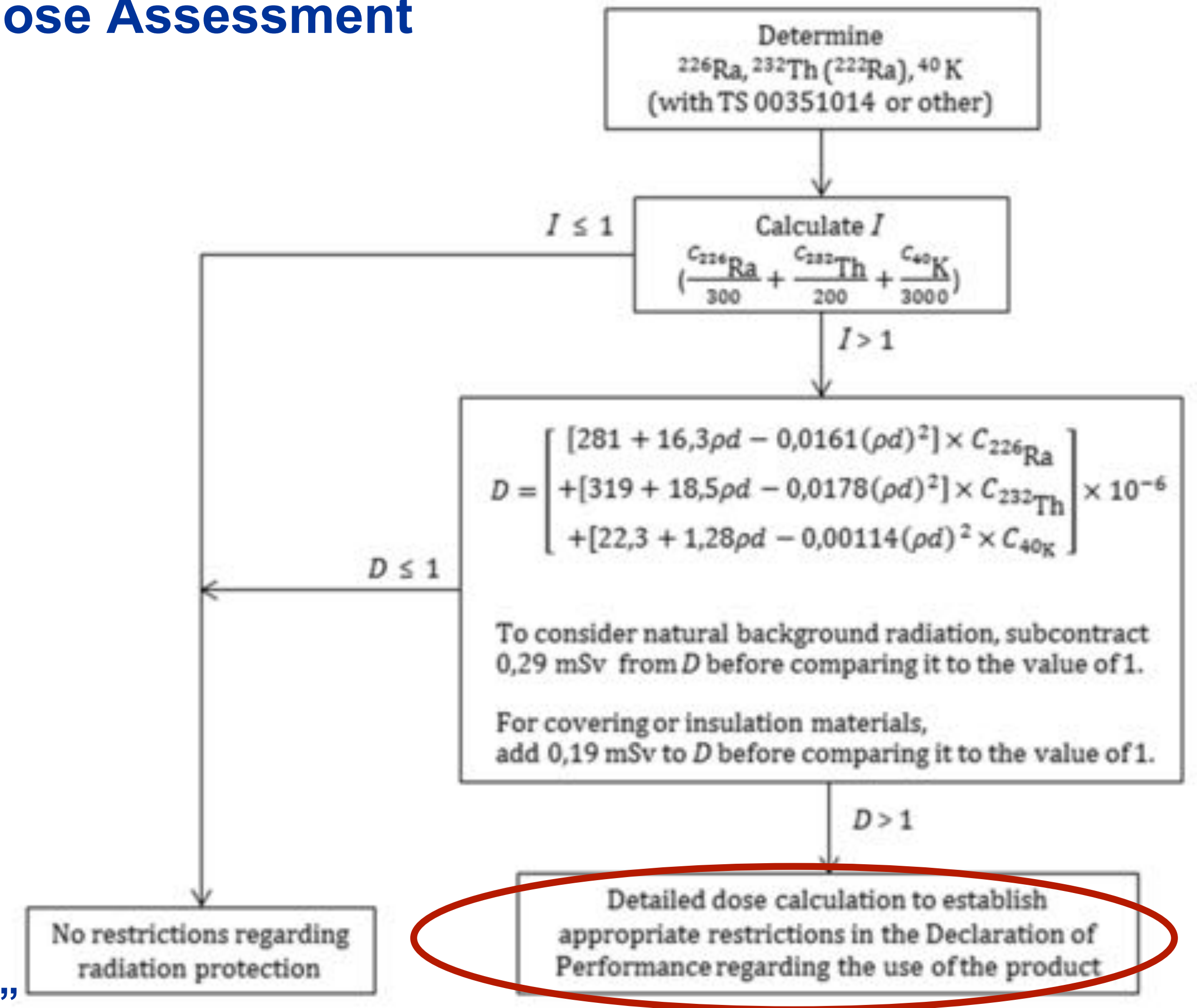


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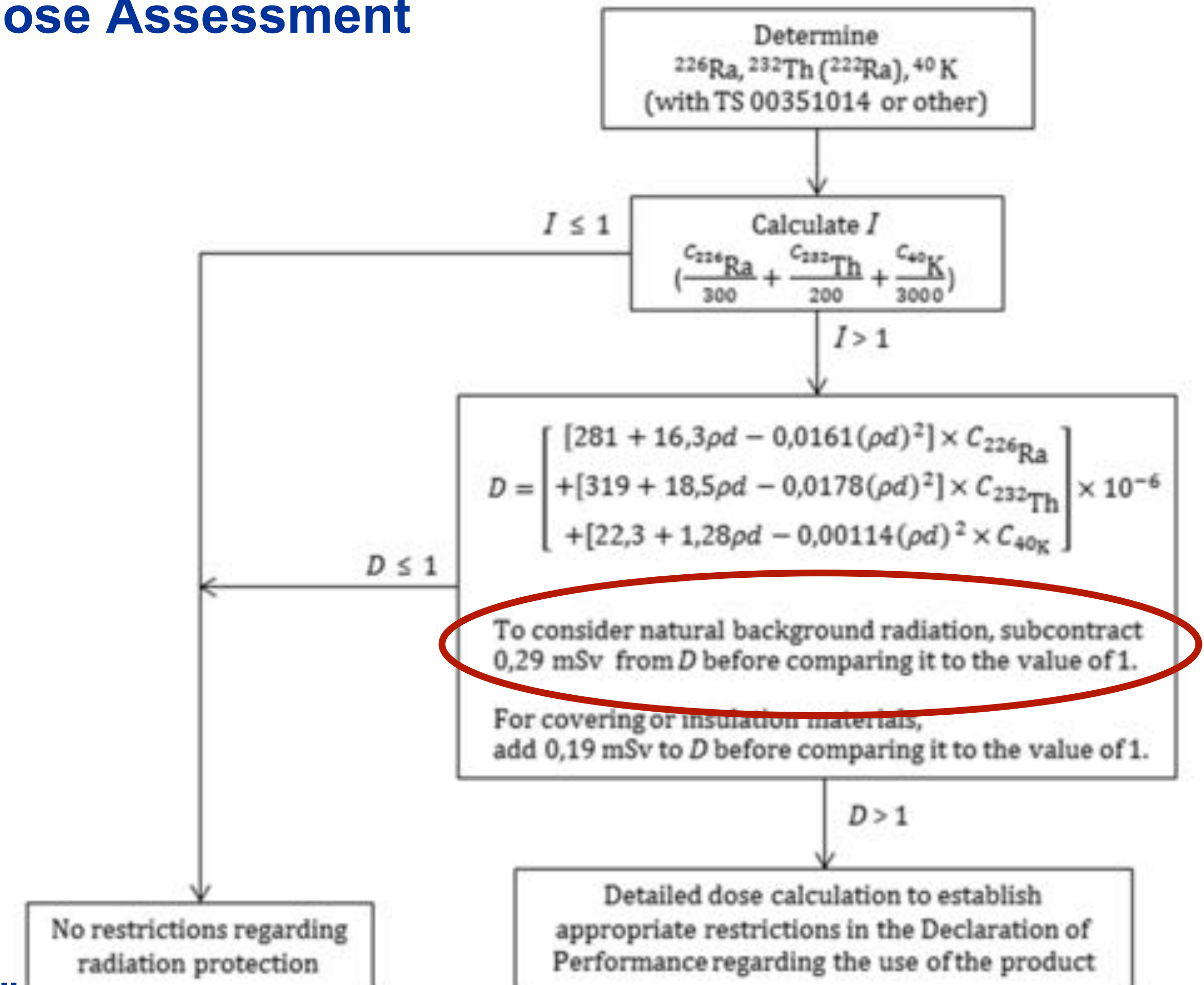
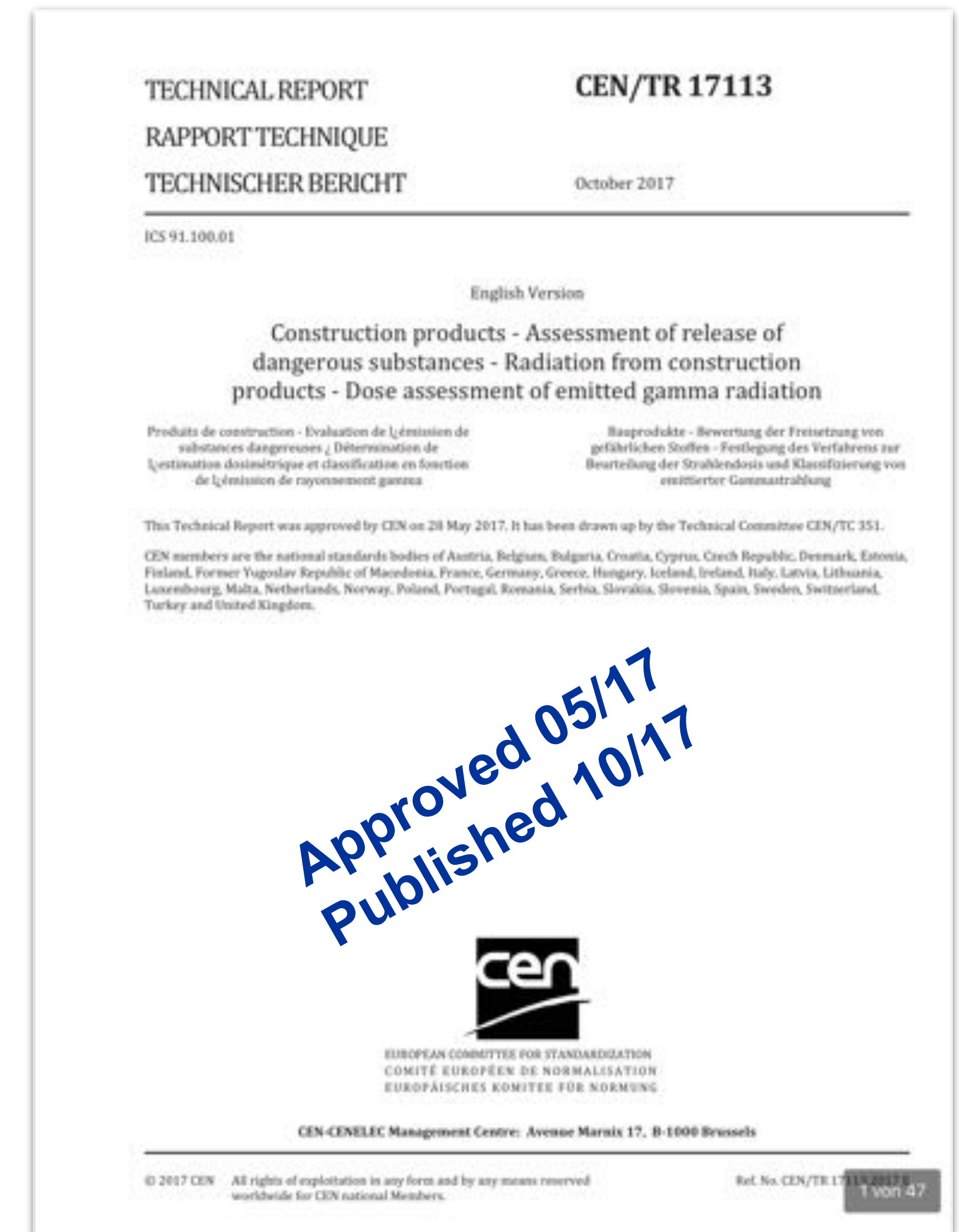


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## Outlook



**SPECIFIC AGREEMENT N° CEN/2017-12**  
**Dangerous substance in construction products, Phase IV**

For WG 3: **CEN/TR 17113 → EN**



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## 5.1 Activity indexes for construction materials

The activity indexes given in Section 2.3 have been derived to indicate whether the safety requirements given in Section 2.2 are being fulfilled. The general criteria and parameter values used are presented in Table XII. The calculations in deriving the activity indexes are:

### Building materials

$$(0.92 \cdot C_{\text{Ra}} - 70) \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ Gy h}^{-1} \cdot 0.7 \text{ Sv Gy}^{-1} \cdot 7000 \text{ h a}^{-1} = 10^{-3} \text{ Sv a}^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow C_{\text{Ra}} = 270 \text{ Bq kg}^{-1}$$

The activity concentrations  $C_{\text{Th}} = 226 \text{ Bq kg}^{-1}$  and  $C_{\text{K}} = 3069 \text{ Bq kg}^{-1}$  are calculated similarly, leading to the activity index  $I_1$  for building materials presented in Section 2.3.

### Materials used for constructing streets and



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### 4.3 Land use

The specific activity given in Table on top of the dose rate is calculated dose material considered the specific dose rate. Example 4 of

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radionuclides in the material.

## 5.1 Activity indexes for construction materials

The activity indexes given in Section 2.3 have been derived to indicate whether the safety requirements given in Section 2.2 are being fulfilled. The general criteria and parameter values used are presented in Table XII. The calculations in deriving the activity indexes are:

*Building materials*

$$(0.92 \cdot C_{\text{Ra}} - 70) \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ Gy h}^{-1} \cdot 0.7 \text{ Sv Gy}^{-1} \cdot 7\,000 \text{ h a}^{-1} = 10^{-3} \text{ Sv a}^{-1} \\ \Rightarrow C_{\text{Ra}} = 270 \text{ Bq kg}^{-1}$$

The activity concentrations  $C_{\text{Th}} = 226 \text{ Bq kg}^{-1}$  and  $C_{\text{K}} = 3\,069 \text{ Bq kg}^{-1}$  are calculated similarly, leading to the activity index  $I_1$  for building materials presented in Section 2.3.

*Materials used for constructing streets and*



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excess exposure caused by these materials. In all dose assessments, then, the exposure from natural radionuclides in the undisturbed Earth's crust and cosmic radiation are subtracted.

The basic concept in determining the excess exposure is the following. The total exposure caused by the material and the influenced background is first evaluated. The exposure caused by the background before any human influence is then subtracted from it. This result is referred to as the excess exposure.

In individual cases such as mining disposal areas etc., exposure caused by uninfluenced background can be evaluated on site before the

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**Conclusion: Every national regulation based on the RP112 index formula considers the mean natural background of Finland!**

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The population-weighted mean terrestrial dose rate outdoors in Finland is  $71 \text{ nGy h}^{-1}$ <sup>19</sup>. A rounded value of  $70 \text{ nGy h}^{-1}$  is subtracted from the calculated dose rates. In some parts of Finland<sup>20</sup>, the external gamma dose due to the  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  fallout from the Chernobyl accident should be treated as 'existing background' which should be subtracted from the assessed dose rates. The possible shielding effect of materials for cosmic radiation is considered small, and therefore exposure originating from cosmic radiation is excluded in all assessments.

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