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Surface-contaminated non-food goods in the Netherlands after distant nuclear accidents

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### **Project description**

• Aim:

derive clearance levels for surface contamination after a nuclear accident

- Started in 2012
- Commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Aftermath of the Fukushima nuclear accident
- Conditions:

distant accidents: no unavoidable hazard by the discharges;

non-food items: packages, containers, conveyances consumer goods

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### Work done, in progress and future plans

 Surface contamination limits in German Radiation Protection Ordinance (StrSchV, 2001, Column-4 values in Bq/cm<sup>2</sup>)

How were they derived? How should they be used? Can they be used within the framework of this project?

- Identify several categories of conveyances, (consumer) goods,...
- Draw up exposure scenarios for members of the public and workers
- Development of a dose quantification model for surface contamination (Sudoqu)
- Dose calculations (µSv/yr per Bq/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Options for Dutch policy
- Derive operational levels for ambient dose rate (SurfRad)





### German Radiation Protection Ordinance, 2001

• StrahlenSchutz Verordnung (StrSchV-2001), Appendix III, Table 1







BMU-2000-559

### Origin of limiting values for surface contamination

- Brenk Systemplanung, BMU-2000-559;
- Covering scenarios (release + clearance);
- Pathways: external radiation, inhalation, ingestion and skin contamination
- Nuclidespecific;
- No radioactive decay;
- Includes scrap processing and clothing;

Schriftenreihe Reaktorsicherheit und Strahlenschutz Erschnisberichte

Untersuchungen, Studien, Gutachten

"Radiologische Bewertung einer Kontamination: Entscheidungshilfe zur Festlegung von flächenbezogenen Freigabewerten" und "Herleitung von Freigabewerten für flüssige Reststoffe" und "Abschätzung der durch Freigabe von Reststoffen und Abfällen verursachten Kollektivdosis"







### Limiting values for surface contamination (Bq/cm<sup>2</sup>)

Nuclide	StrSchV-2001 (24/2/2012)						
	Column-4 value						
I-131	10						
Cs-134	1						
Cs-136	1						
Cs-137+	1						
Te-132+	1						
I-132	1						
Ba-140+	1						
La-140	1						
Co-60	1						
Sr-90+	1						
Y-90	100						
U-234	1						
Pu-239	0,1						
Am-241	0,1						
Cm-242	1						

Can these values be applied to:

Imported (consumer) goods with surface contamination?

Aspects to consider:

- -Exposure scenarios;
- -Dose criteria;
- -Practicality;
- -International harmonization;





### SSK Recommendations , Fukushima accident

- Recommended level: **4 Bq/cm<sup>2</sup>** (only  $\beta/\gamma$ , no  $\alpha$ -radiation)
  - ✓ passengers from Japan (freight, hand baggage, skin, garments)
  - ✓ Freight arriving from Japan
- Transport regulations (IAEA, ADR, SCO-I) (no distinction between fixed/non-fixed)
- Reference level: 1 mSv/yr (ICRP-103: emergency exposure situation);
- For the relevant mix of nuclides Nuclide-specific measurements not practical







#### **QUESTION:**

Can the Column-4-values be applied to imported (consumer) goods with surface contamination?

Aspects to consider:

- -Exposure scenarios;
- -Dose criteria;
- -Practicality;
- -International harmonization;

not based on consumer products different? not practical no

#### **ANSWER:**

Probably not





### Transport items and imported goods:

#### • Category A: Transport items

- Freight containers
- Packages and packing material
- Conveyances: vehicles, vessels and aircrafts

#### • Category B: imported (consumer) goods and products

- Conveyances

- Furniture
- Clothes and textile
- Filters

- Toys

- Raw/base materials

- Electronics

- ...

#### To do: Draw up exposure scenarios for each item/product

- deterministic
- realistically conservative
- members of the public and (non-radiological) workers





### Dose calculations with Sudoqu

- SUrface contamination-induced DOse: QUantification
- Includes: external radiation, inhalation, ingestion, skin contamination
- Nuclidespecific (start with most radiotoxic nuclides)
- Result: effective annual dose in µSv/yr per Bq/cm<sup>2</sup>

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### Options for Dutch policy (1)

Distant accident treated as a *planned* exposure situation:

Option: derivation of new nuclide specific clearance values

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- -Exposure scenarios:
- -Dose criteria:
- -Practicality:
- -International harmonization:

- based on consumer products
- 10 µSv/yr
- measurements, amount products
- NL-values only

Option: limiting values in Transport Regulations (4 Bq/cm<sup>2</sup>  $\beta$ / $\gamma$ -nuclide )

- -Exposure scenarios:
- -Dose criteria:
- -Practicality:
- -International harmonization:

not based on consumer products

- > 10  $\mu$ Sv/yr is probable
- measurements, amount products
- ADR (European agreement)





### Options for Dutch policy (2)

Distant accident treated as an *existing* exposure situation:

ICRP-103: reference level < 20 mSv

Suppose we use of a reference level of 1 mSv/yr

Assume multiple exposures (10 sources): 100 µSv/yr per product-type

Assume 4 Bq/cm<sup>2</sup> contamination (for  $\beta/\gamma$ -nuclides);

Make use of scenarios for transport and consumer products

Is effective dose < 100  $\mu$ Sv/yr under these conditions?





## Options for Dutch policy (3)

#### Would this work?

IAEA TECDOC1449

	maximum dose to worker	Limiting value s	surface ci	ontaminatio	n (Bq/cm2) at dose constraint (mSv)
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Cs-134	2.00 E-02	0.5	5.0	50.0	IAEA-TECDOC-1449
Cs-136	2.20 E-02	0.5	4.5	45.5	
Cs-137	8.90 E-03	1.1	11.2	112.4	
I-132	2.28E-02	0.4	4.4	43.9	
Te-132	2.58 E-02	0.4	3.9	38.8	Radiological aspects of non-fixed contamination of
Ba-140	2.39 E-02	0.4	4.2	41.8	packages and conveyances
La-140	2.19E-02	0.5	4.6	45.7	Final report of a coordinated research project 2001–2002
Sr-90	9.51 E-03	1.1	10.5	105.2	
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#### For transport scenarios: yes







### Operational levels for ambient dose rate

Screening levels for ambient dose rate

SurfRad: ambient dose rate from surface contamination levels for a given mix of radionuclides

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