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What TG7 is doing

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Tasks of TG7

- Provide guidance in a CEN/TR on the evaluation of conformity of test results
- Methods of assessing conformity
- Define conditions and assumptions under which these proposals are given

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New term in CPR

- The simplicity of the term 'assessment of conformity' has been changed in the CPR to 'assessment and verification of constancy of performance' (AVCP)

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Activities of TG7

- Review and assess what Regulators mean by a limit value: hard limit, characteristic value
- Review current AVCP in operation
- Propose one or more AVCP for adoption by TCs
- Work to date has been dominated by AVCP used with release into soil and groundwater
- Draft CEN/TR completed

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TG7 has consensus on

- CE-marked products may be placed on any market
- Product standard has to provide classes covering all notified regulations
- MS may select classes

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TG7 has consensus on

- CE-marked products with same intended use and same test method should have the same AVCP because:
 - Provides same level of environmental protection
 - Regulators want a common level of reliability
 - Provides a level playing field for competing products
- Commission decision, not one for CEN/TC351

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TG7 has consensus on

- CE-marked products may have different AVCP for different scenarios
- AVCP covered by CE-marking replaces current assessment of conformity methods
- Until declarations supported by CE-marking, present methods apply

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Technical consensus

- For AVCP purposes, the limit is a hard limit
- For enforcement, uncertainty of measure should be taken into account
- In any practical AVCP there will be both consumer and producer risks
- AVCP should be based on method that has been shown to work in practice

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Principles of AVCP for soil

- Analysis may be by variables or attributes
- AVCP may be based on a single production unit or clusters
- Analysis by variables based on running-mean of at least 5 results
- Rate of testing function of closeness of running-mean to limit

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Principles of AVCP for soil

- For very safe products from defined sources, possibility of no further testing
- Technical details are in the draft CEN/TR
- Proposals are a fair balance
- Give a high level of environmental protection
- Provide incentive to producers to control their products

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Relevant to indoor air and radiations

- Current consensus view of TG7 is that the drafted AVCP is relevant
- WG2 and WG3 have been invited to present a case if they think differently

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