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- a) As radiotherapy standards do not reference IEC 60522, radiotherapy is no longer in the scope. Consequently, the HIGH VOLTAGE is limited to 150 kV, and copper is no longer used as reference material.

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## INTRODUCTION

The review of the second edition of IEC 60522 published in 1999 pointed to a number of technical issues. The analysis of these issues is laid down in the accompanying Technical Report, IEC TR 60522-2 [2]. This Technical Report identifies those items which are substantially modified in the first edition of IEC 60522-1 compared with the second edition of IEC 60522, and elucidates the analyses which led to the many new rationales and new approaches for the determination of the QUALITY EQUIVALENT FILTRATION.

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With the extension by FILTERING MATERIAL, IEC 60522-1 now explicitly covers what IEC 60601-1-3:2008 requires in its Subclause 7.4 for irremovable materials, i.e. <Determine the represented FILTRATION by irremovable materials in an X-RAY SOURCE ASSEMBLY ..... If this information is not obtainable, determine the QUALITY EQUIVALENT FILTRATION in accordance with IEC 60522>.