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Packaging, Labelling and Carriage of Radioactive Material by Rail Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

PART V

SECURITY MEASURES AND EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

Security

21. Every person engaged in the carriage of radioactive material shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that unauthorised access to the radioactive material is prevented.

Emergencies

22.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), where there is an immediate risk of injury to an individual arising out of the carriage of radioactive material, it shall be the duty of every person involved in the carriage of that radioactive material –

- (a) immediately to notify the emergency services; and
- (b) to provide the emergency services with such information as the emergency services may require.

(2) A person shall not be under the duty referred to in paragraph (1) where that person knows that the emergency services have been notified of the immediate risk in question.

Emergency plans

23.—(1) Every train operator whose train is used for the carriage of radioactive material shall draw up and, where appropriate, give effect to such safety systems and procedures as will adequately deal with any emergency involving radioactive material carried on that train.

(2) Every facility owner at whose railway facility is present radioactive material shall draw up and, where appropriate, give effect to such safety systems and procedures as will adequately deal with any emergency involving radioactive material present at that railway facility.

(3) Every infrastructure controller on whose railway track is carried radioactive material shall draw up and, where appropriate, give effect to such safety systems and procedures as will adequately deal with any emergency involving radioactive material carried on that railway track.

(4) All persons referred to in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) shall co-operate with each other in order to ensure effective co-ordination of their respective safety systems and procedures.

Marshalling and formation of trains

24. The operator of a train which is being used for the carriage of radioactive material shall ensure that all necessary precautions are taken during the marshalling or formation of that train to prevent

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the creation of a significant risk or the significant increase of any existing risk to the health or safety of any person.

Prevention of fire, explosion and leakage

25. A person shall not cause or permit anything to be done which is liable to create a significant risk or significantly increase any existing risk of a fire, an explosion or a leakage whilst radioactive material is being carried by rail.