
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 436

Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Duty of Executive to supply information to the public in the event of a radiation emergency

17.—(1) The Executive shall prepare and keep up to date arrangements to supply, in the event of any radiation emergency (howsoever that emergency may arise), information of and advice on the facts of the emergency, of the steps to be taken and, as appropriate, of health protection measures applicable.

(2) The arrangements prepared and kept up to date under paragraph (1) shall provide for the information to be supplied at regular intervals in an appropriate manner, without delay, and without their having to request it, to members of the public who are actually affected by the radiation emergency.

(3) In preparing those arrangements and keeping them up to date, the Executive shall consult any authority likely to be responsible for implementing the relevant measures referred to in Schedule 10 and such other persons as appear to it to be appropriate.

(4) The information and advice to be supplied in accordance with arrangements prepared and kept up to date under paragraph (1) shall, if relevant to the type of radiation emergency, include that specified in Schedule 10 and shall, in any event, mention the authority or authorities responsible for implementing the relevant measures referred to in that Schedule.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (2), the members of the public referred to in that paragraph as actually affected are those whose co-operation is sought to put into effect any steps or health protection measures referred to in paragraph (1).