
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999

PART VI

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONTROL OF RADIOACTIVE
SUBSTANCES, ARTICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Notification of certain occurrences

30.—(1) Every radiation employer shall forthwith notify the Executive in any case where a quantity of a radioactive substance which was under his control and which exceeds the quantity specified for that substance in column 4 of Schedule 8—

- (a) has been released or is likely to have been released into the atmosphere as a gas, aerosol or dust; or
- (b) has been spilled or otherwise released in such a manner as to give rise to significant contamination.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply where such release—

- (a) was in accordance with a registration under section 10 of the Radioactive Substances Act 1993⁽¹⁾ or which was exempt from such registration by virtue of section 11 of that Act; or
- (b) was in a manner specified in an authorisation to dispose of radioactive waste under section 13 of the said Act or which was exempt from such authorisation by virtue of section 15 of that Act.

(3) Where a radiation employer has reasonable cause to believe that a quantity of a radioactive substance which exceeds the quantity for that substance specified in column 5 of Schedule 8 and which was under his control is lost or has been stolen, the employer shall forthwith notify the Executive of that loss or theft, as the case may be.

(4) Where a radiation employer suspects or has been informed that an occurrence notifiable under paragraph (1) or (3) may have occurred, he shall make an immediate investigation and, unless that investigation shows that no such occurrence has occurred, he shall forthwith make a notification in accordance with the relevant paragraph.

(5) A radiation employer who makes any investigation in accordance with paragraph (4) shall make a report of that investigation and shall, unless the investigation showed that no such occurrence occurred, keep that report or a copy thereof for at least 50 years from the date on which it was made or, in any other case, for at least 2 years from the date on which it was made.