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ATOMIC ENERGY AND RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

NUCLEAR SECURITY

The Nuclear Industries Security (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Made - - - - *21st March 2017*

Coming into force - - *31st March 2017*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 74(1)(b), (3)(a), (c) and (f) and 75(1)(b), (2) and (6) of, and paragraphs 1, 8, 9(2) and (3) and 14 of Schedule 6 to, the Energy Act 2013(a).

In accordance with section 74(7)(a) and (c) of that Act, the Secretary of State has consulted the Office for Nuclear Regulation and such other persons as the Secretary of State considered appropriate.

For the purposes of section 74(9) and (10) of that Act, these Regulations are made for the nuclear security purposes.

In accordance with section 113(2)(a) and (3)(c) of that Act, a draft of this instrument was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Nuclear Industries Security (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 31st March 2017.

(a) 2013 c. 32. These Regulations amend the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/403), which were made under powers in the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (c. 37) and the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (c. 24). By virtue of article 4(a) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to, the Energy Act 2013 (Office for Nuclear Regulation) (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/469), the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 are to be treated as regulations made under the Energy Act 2013. In accordance with sections 74(11) and 75(6) of that Act, 'specified' for the purposes of section 75(2) of, and of Schedule 6 to that Act, means specified in nuclear regulations. In accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 to that Act, 'activity' for the purposes of Part 2 of that Schedule, includes process, operation or act.

Amendments to the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003

2. The Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003(a) are amended as follows.

Requirement for approved security plan for nuclear premises

3. In regulation 4 (requirement for approved security plan for nuclear premises)—

(a) for paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) The responsible person must ensure that there is an approved security plan in place at all times for each nuclear premises in relation to which that person is responsible (whether or not the premises form part of other premises to which this paragraph applies).”; and

(b) in paragraph (3)(d), after “(e)” insert “, (f), (g)”.

Requirement for approval of relevant personnel

4. In regulation 9 (requirement for approval of relevant personnel), for “approved by the ONR as being” substitute “assessed, in accordance with a process that has been approved by the ONR, to be”.

Transport security statements

5. In regulation 16 (transport security statements), in paragraph (3)(c), after “(f)” insert “, (g), (h)”.

Duties of approved carriers: general

6. In regulation 17 (duties of approved carriers: general), in paragraph (3), for “approved by the ONR as being” substitute “assessed, in accordance with a process that has been approved by the ONR, to be”.

Regulation of sensitive nuclear information, uranium enrichment equipment and software

7. In regulation 22 (regulation of sensitive nuclear information, uranium enrichment equipment and software)—

(a) in paragraph (5)(a)—

(i) at the end of paragraph (i) insert “or”; and

(ii) omit paragraph (ii);

(b) in paragraph (7)(d)—

(i) in paragraph (i), omit “by the ONR”; and

(ii) for “approved by the ONR as being” substitute “assessed, in accordance with a process that has been approved by the ONR, to be”.

Offences

8. In regulation 25 (offences)—

(a) in paragraph (1), after “regulation” insert “4(1),”; and

(b) in paragraph (2)(b) omit “not exceeding the statutory maximum”; and

(c) after paragraph (2) insert—

(a) S.I. 2003/403, amended by S.I. 2006/2815, 2013/190, 2014/469, 2014/526 and 2016/795.

“(2A) In Scotland and Northern Ireland, a fine imposed under paragraph (2)(b) may not exceed the statutory maximum.”.

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21st March 2017

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/403) (“the 2003 Regulations”), which provide for the regulation of the civil nuclear industry for security purposes.

Regulation 3(a) amends regulation 4 of the 2003 Regulations to require the responsible person for each nuclear premises to ensure that there is an approved security plan in place for the premises. Regulation 8(a) makes it a criminal offence for the responsible person to fail to do so.

Regulations 3(b) and 5 amend regulations 4 and 16 of the 2003 Regulations respectively to require approved security plans and transport security plans to set out the steps to be taken in the event of any loss, theft or unauthorised disclosure of, or unauthorised access to, sensitive nuclear information kept on the premises.

Regulations 4, 6 and 7(b) amend regulations 9, 17 and 22 of the 2003 Regulations respectively to enable relevant personnel at a nuclear premises to be approved as being of suitable character and integrity to work at such premises by means of a process approved by the Office of Nuclear Regulation (the “ONR”), instead of having to be approved by the ONR directly.

Regulation 7(a) amends regulation 22 of the 2003 Regulations to remove a reference that is no longer needed.

Regulation 8(b) and (c) amends regulation 25 of the 2003 Regulations so as to reflect section 85(1) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10), which removed upper limits on fines that can be imposed for offences punishable on summary conviction in England and Wales.

A full Impact Assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the public or voluntary sectors, and minimal impact on the private sector is foreseen. A regulatory triage assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, 3 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2AW and is published with the explanatory memorandum alongside this instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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