

Regulations for the safe transport of radioactive materials in the Philippines: re-export, transit and transshipment

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Outline

- Introduction
 - Uses of radioactive materials
 - Classes of dangerous goods
 - Mode of transport
- The Philippine legislative and regulatory infrastructure for radioactive material
- Regulations for safe transport of radioactive materials in the Philippines
 - What are regulated
 - How regulations are enforced

The Nine Classes of Dangerous Goods

Class 1 Explosives

Class 2 Gases

Class 3 Flammable liquids

Class 4 Flammable solids

Class 5 Oxidizing substances and organic peroxides

Class 6 Toxic and infectious substances

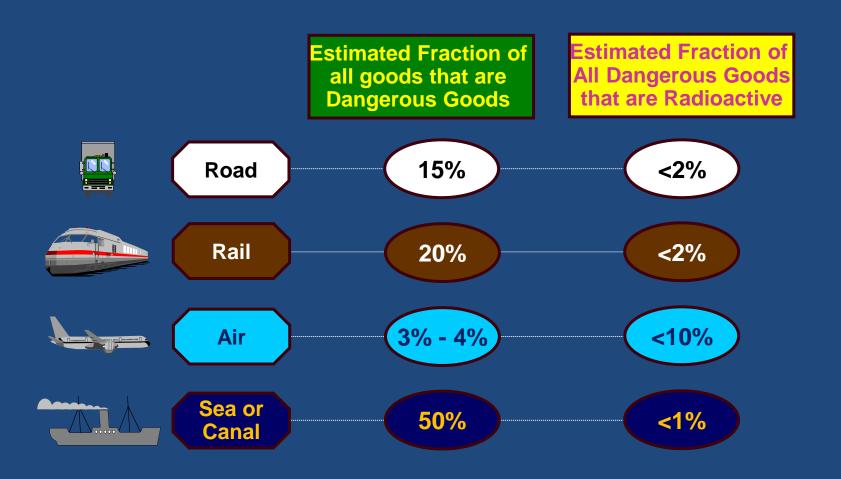
Class 7 Radioactive material

Class 8 Corrosives

Class 9 Miscellaneous dangerous goods



Perspective of the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Mode - Worldwide







Compliance assurance for the safe and secure transport of radioactive material is a collaborative activity among relevant agencies and organizations

≻Government

- Department of Science and Technology
 - Philippine Nuclear Research Institute
- Department of Transportation and Communications
 - Philippine Ports Authority
 - Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines
 - Office for Transportation Security
 - Land Transportation Office
 - Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board
- Department of Finance
 - Bureau of Customs
 - Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
- Maritime Industry Authority
- Philippine Coastguard
- Environmental Management Bureau, DENR



- Carriers
- Forwarders
- Licensees (consignors and consignees)



The Philippine legislative and regulatory framework for radioactive material

Republic Acts

- Republic Act 2067 known as the Science Act of 1958, created PAEC
- Republic Act 5207 of 1968 known as An Act Providing for the Licensing and Regulation of Atomic Energy Facilities and Materials
- Executive Order 128 of 1987 reorganizes PAEC to PNRI

Standards
Rules and Regulations
Administrative Orders

• Code of PAEC/PNRI Regulations (promulgated by PAEC and PNRI

• consists of Parts 0-26; covers radiation protection, transport, security and fees and practice specific administrative and safety requirements

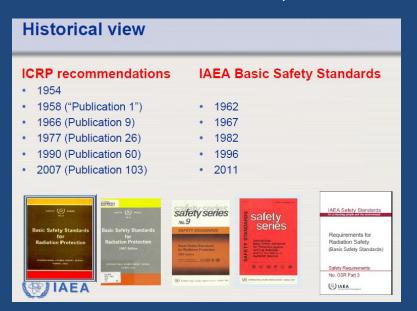
Regulatory Guides
Information Notices

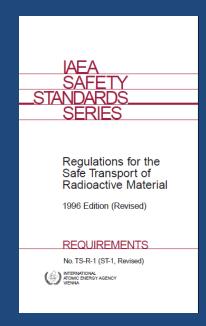
• License application guides; information bulletins and notices; incidents and lessons learned

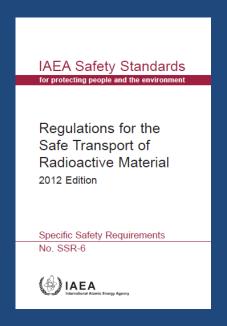
Main objective: To fulfil the responsibility of the government - to protect people and the environment from the harmful effects of ionizing radiation

Bases of Philippine laws and regulations for radioactive material:

- US Nuclear Laws Regulations
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safety Standards
- Code of Conduct on Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources (IAEA,







Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources (IAEA, 2004)

- International guidance to achieve and maintain a high level of safety and security of radioactive sources
- Applies to "...all radioactive sources that may pose a significant risk to individuals, society, and the environment..."
 - These sources are listed in Annex I of the Code
- As Member State, the Philippines thru the PNRI commits to the IAEA to abide and apply the Code.

CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF RADIOACTIVE SOURCES

放射源安全和保安行为准则

CODE DE CONDUITE SUR LA SÛRETÉ ET LA SÉCURITÉ DES SOURCES RADIOACTIVES

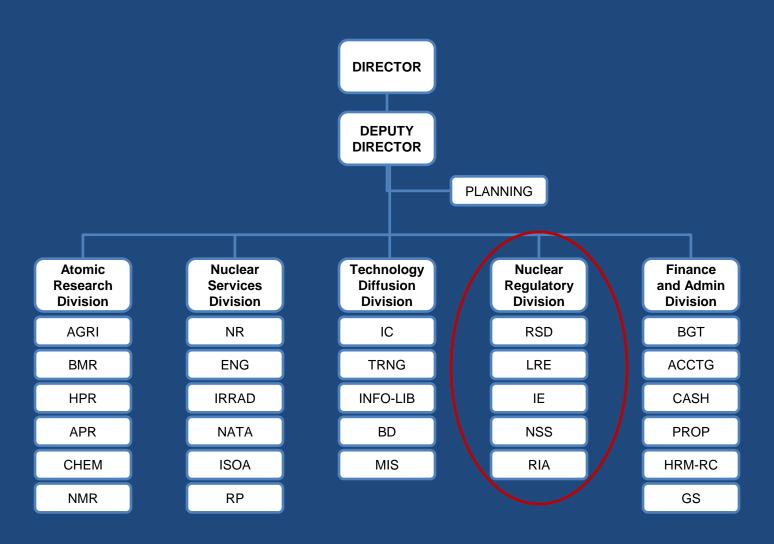
КОДЕКС ПОВЕДЕНИЯ ПО ОБЕСПЕЧЕНИЮ БЕЗОПАСНОСТИ И СОХРАННОСТИ РАДИОАКТИВНЫХ ИСТОЧНИКОВ

CÓDIGO DE CONDUCTA SOBRE SEGURIDAD TECNOLÓGICA Y FÍSICA DE LAS FUENTES RADIACTIVAS

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Philippine Nuclear Research Institute Organizational Structure



Code of PNRI Regulations (1)

- Part 0- PNRI as regulatory authority for radioactive materials in the Philippines
- Part 1- Conduct of PNRI Regulatory Staff (proposed)
- Part 2- Licensing of Radioactive Material (1990)
- Part 3- Standards for Protection Against Radiation
 Adopted IAEA IBSS (1996), by PNRI Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2001.
- Part 4 Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive

 Materials in the Philippines (2004) (Based on the adopted IAEA

 Safety Series ST-1, Safe Transport of Radioactive Material (1996), by

 Administrative Order on June 26, 2000)
- Part 5 Reactor Site Criteria
- Part 6 Rules of Procedure for the Licensing of Atomic Energy Facilities in the Philippines
- Part 7 Licensing of Atomic Energy Facilities
- Part 8 Atomic Energy Facility Operators' Licenses
- Part 9 Physical Protection of Plants and Materials
- Part 10 Financial Security and Government Indemnity

Code of PNRI Regulations (2)

Part 11 -	Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Radiographic Operations		
Part 12 -	Licenses for Medical Use of Sealed Radioactive Sources in Teletherapy		
Part 13 -	Licenses for Medical Use of Radiopharmaceuticals		
Part 14 -	Licenses for Medical Use of Sealed Radioactive Sources in Brachytherapy		
Part 15 -	Licenses for Large Irradiators		
Part 16 -	Licenses for the Use of Sealed Sources Contained in Industrial Devices		
Part 17-	Licenses for Commercial Sale and Distribution of Radioactive Material and Its Related Devices		
Part 20-	Licenses to manufacture and dispense radiopharmaceuticals		
Part 21-	Licensing and safety requirements of particle accelerator facilities for th production of radioisotopes		
Part 22-	Fees and charges for radioactive materials licenses and other related regulatory services		
Part 23-	Licensing requirements for land disposal of radioactive waste		
Part 25-	Licenses for commercial providers of nuclear technical services		
Part 26-	Security of radioactive sources		

Regulations for Safe Transport Radioactive Material in the Philippines (1)

- First publication was on 1 December 1965 (based on 1964 IAEA revised edition) by the National Committee on the Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials created under Executive Order No. 139 promulgated by the President of the Philippines on 22 February 1965.
- PNRI AO adopting the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safety Series No.6, Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials, 1985 Edition (As Amended 1990)
- PNRI AO adopting IAEA Specific Safety Requirements (SSR)-6,
 Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials
 2012 edition is awaiting publication in the Official Gazette

Regulations for Safe Transport Radioactive Material in the Philippines (2)

- Latest publication was on 25 October 2004 Regulations for the Safe Transport of radioactive material in the Philippines (based on IAEA TS-R-1, 1996 revised edition, published in 2000)
 - Variation
 - Section 29. Consignor's Responsibilities
 - Requirement of "Certificate of Transport" from licensed consignor to obtain "Authorization to Transport" from PNRI for each shipment or movement of radioactive material

What are regulated and controlled

- Radioactive material
- Activities involving radioactive material
 - Import
 - Acquisition
 - Receipt
 - Possession
 - Storage
 - Use
 - Transport
 - Export (usually return of disused radioactive sources)

Note: Almost all radioactive materials used in the Philippines are imported

How regulations are implemented

National

- In the Philippines, through the issuance by PNRI of Radioactive Material or Facility License
- Prior to the issuance of a license, a license application is filed by an applicant that provides evidences that requirements for safety and security are met including requirements for the safe transport of radioactive material
- Relevant inter-agency coordination

International

- Licensed suppliers abroad require importers a copy of PNRI authorization or license
- Notification of PNRI by licensed suppliers abroad of certain incoming shipments of radioactive material

The Transport Regulations Provide a System of Safety Requirements (1)

- Package design
- Fabrication and makeup of package and contents
- Preparation of packages for transport
- Transport documents
- Carriage of consignments
- Receipt at final destination



.... the Regulations provide a system of safety requirements (2)

Quality assurance

Emergency response

Compliance assurance



Responsibilities for Compliance are Assigned to

- Consignor
- Carrier (aircraft, vessel, vehicle)

Competent or Regulatory Authority

Basic Package Types for Radioactive Material

- Excepted Package
- Industrial Package
- Type A Package
- Type B(U) Package
- Type B(M) Package
- Type C Package



Excepted Package







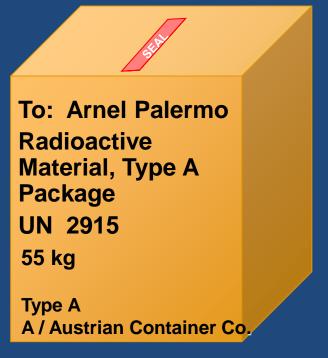


Type B (U) Packages

Type A Packages

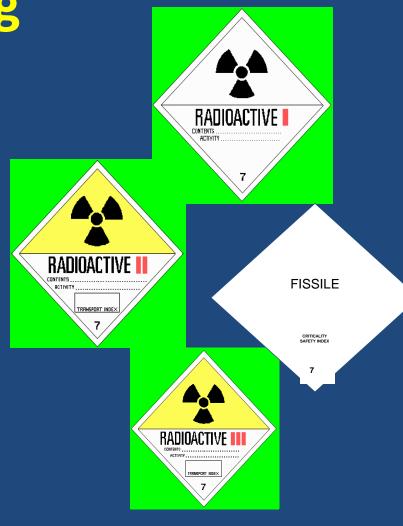
General Marking Requirements for all Radioactive Material Packages

- Name or address of Consignee/Consignor
- Proper shipping name
- UN Number
- Gross mass (if >50 kg)
- Package identification



Labeling

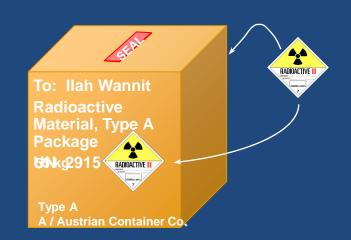
- Consignor responsibility
 - Selecting label
 - Entering data on labels
 - Applying labels
- Types of Labels
 - Radiation category labels
 - Fissile material labels
- Labeling applies to:
 - Packages
 - Overpacks
 - Freight containers

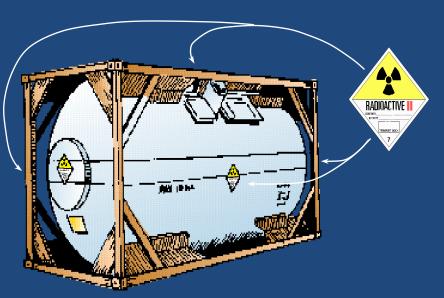


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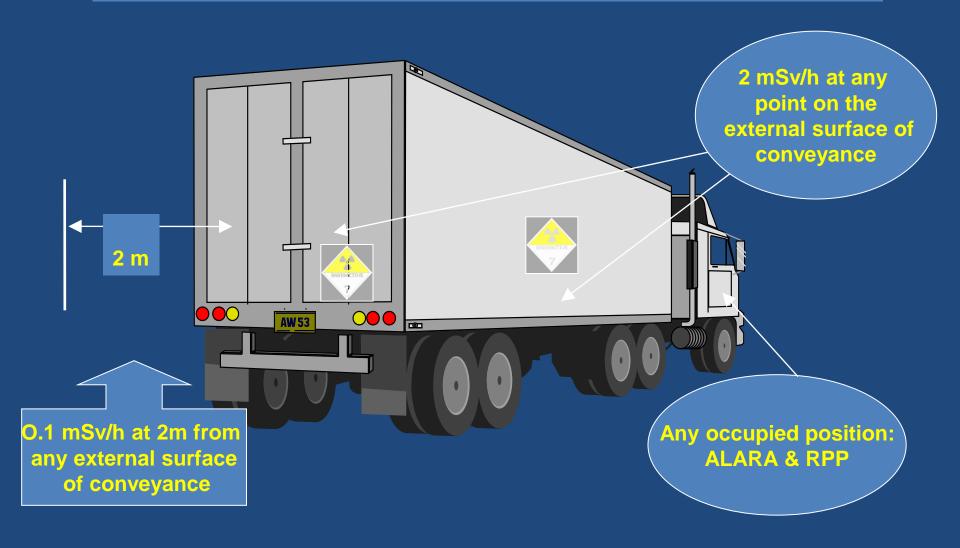
Applying Labels

- Label configuration on packages shall be:
 - affixed on two opposite sides of the outside of a:
 - package
 - overpack
 - affixed on all four sides of a:
 - freight container
 - tank
- Labels shall not cover the markings





Maximum Radiation Levels for *Conveyances*



Transport Documents

- Describe particulars of the consignment
- Consignor is responsible
- Requires specific information in a specified order format
- Concludes with the Consignor's Declaration



Consignor's Declaration is a Vital Component of the Transport Document

- Made on the same transport document containing particulars of consignment
- Signed and dated by consignor
- Termed as follows, or equivalent meaning:

I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully and accurately described above by the proper shipping name and are classified, packed, marked and labeled, and are in all respects in proper condition for transport by (insert mode(s) of transport involved) according to the applicable international and national governmental regulations.

Not required if intent is already a condition within a particular international convention

Sample copy:

Shipper's Declaration of Dangerous Goods



What is transshipment

- Transfer of a shipment from one carrier, or more commonly, from one vessel to another whereas in transit.
- Transshipments are usually made where
 - (1) there is no direct air, Land, or sea link between the consignor's and consignee's countries,
 - (2) where the intended port of entry is blocked, or
 - (3) to hide the identity of the port or country of origin.
- Because transshipment exposes the shipment to a higher probability of damage or loss, some purchase orders or letters of credit specifically prohibit it.

Part 4, Section 36. Transport and Storage in Transit (transshipment)

- A. Segregation and stowage during transport and storage in transit
- B. Segregation of packages containing fissile material

Practical experience:

- For certain shipment of radioactive material, storage in transit is not advised by the consignor.
- Port authorities also discourage storage of radioactive material in the port.
- Arrangements by consignors, consignees, forwarders, and brokers are made for immediate release of Category 1 and 2 sources and radioactive material for medical use, especially short lived radioactive material, from the ports of entry.

Part 4, Section 37. Customs Operation.

- Each licensee shall submit to PNRI for verification true copies
 of transport documents, bill of lading, or airway bill of a
 radioactive material shipment from a foreign source that will
 arrive or have arrived at the Philippine Port of Entry.
- A verified shipment will be issued a PNRI Request for Release for submission to the Customs Officer in compliance with the requirements for the release of such package from the customs cargo hold area.

Number of PNRI license holders

Category	Number of PNRI licensees				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	
Industry	150	138	146	140	
Industrial radiography (gamma)	20	25	23	23	
Medical	79	90	85	95	
Research	23	22	26	26	
Distribution and sale	32	35	34	39	
Medical cyclotron	1	1	1	1	
Total	305	311	315	324	

Geographical distribution of PNRI license holders

As of 2012

Region I = 5

Region II = 4

Region III= 33

Region IV = 48

Region V = 5

Region VI = 8

Region VII= 9

Region VIII= 2

Region IX = 2

Region X = 9

Region XI = 10

Region XII = 3

CARAGA = 3

ARMM = 0

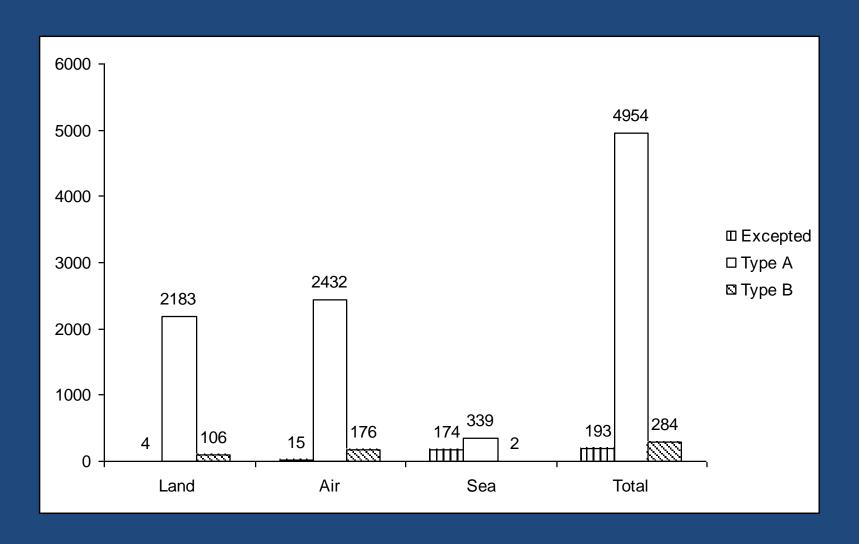
CAR = 5

NCR = 179

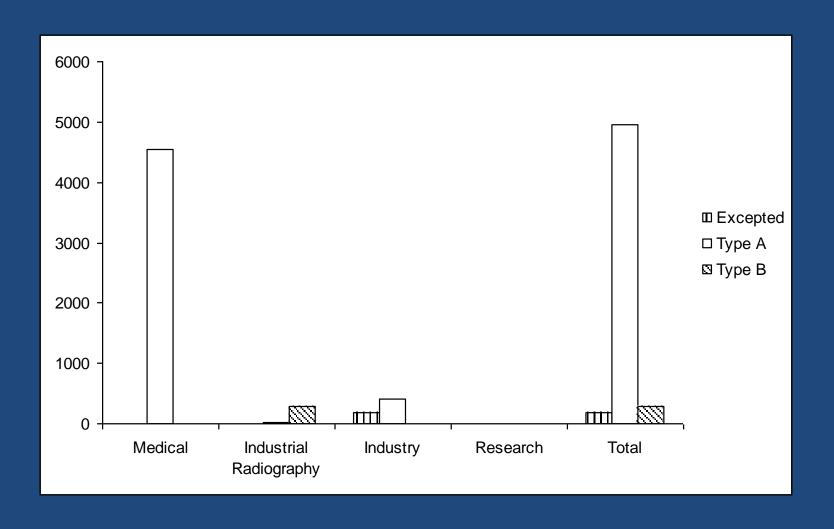


TOTAL = 324

Number of Excepted, Types A and B packages transported by land, air and sea (2010)



Number of Excepted, Types A, and B packages according to type of use of radioactive material (2010)



Cooperation with US-DOE

- 1) Global Threat Reduction Initiative (GTRI)
 - To reduce and protect vulnerable nuclear and radioactive sources (Category 1 and 2 sources) located at civilian sites worldwide from terrorists.
- 2) US -DOE Second Line of Defense Program (Megaports Initiative Project)
 - To interdict nuclear and other radioactive material at seaports in US partner countries



PNRI works to ensure that

Protection
Safety

Security objectives

of the Regulations are met to

ensure protection of people and the environment from the harmful effects of ionizing radiation.

Thank you for your attention

Questions



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