
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Ionising Radiations Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

PART 3

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF RADIATION PROTECTION

Information, instruction and training

15.—(1) Every employer shall ensure that—

- (a) those of its employees who are engaged in work with ionising radiation are given appropriate training in the field of radiation protection and receive such information and instruction as is suitable and sufficient for them to know—
 - (i) the risks to health created by exposure to ionising radiation as a result of their work;
 - (ii) the general and specific radiation protection procedures and precautions which should be taken in connection with the work with ionising radiation to which they may be assigned; and
 - (iii) the importance of complying with the medical, technical and administrative requirements of these Regulations;
- (b) adequate information is given to other persons who are directly concerned with the work with ionising radiation carried on by the employer to ensure their health and safety so far as is reasonably practicable;
- (c) its female employees who are engaged in work with ionising radiation are informed of the possible risk arising from ionising radiation to the foetus and to a nursing infant and of the importance of their informing their employer in writing as soon as possible—
 - (i) after becoming aware of their pregnancy; or
 - (ii) if they intend to breast feed an infant;
- (d) any employees engaged in work in a controlled area (as designated under regulation 17) are given specific training in connection with the characteristics of the workplace and the activities within it; and
- (e) the giving of training and information under this regulation is repeated at appropriate intervals and documented by the employer.

(2) In addition to the requirements in paragraph (1), every employer who is engaged in work with ionising radiation involving a high-activity sealed source shall ensure that the information and training given to employees involved in such work includes—

- (a) specific requirements for the safe management and control of high-activity sealed sources for the purpose of preparing such employees for any events which may affect their radiation protection;
- (b) particular emphasis on the necessary safety requirements in connection with high-activity sealed sources; and

- (c) specific information on the possible consequences of the loss of adequate control of high-activity sealed sources.