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**ATOMIC ENERGY AND RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES****The Radioactive Substances (Tokens for Vending Machines) Exemption Order  
(Northern Ireland) 1968**

ORDER, DATED 17TH DAY OF JUNE 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTIONS 2(6) AND (7), 6(5) AND 7(4) OF THE RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT 1960.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 2(6) and (7), 6(5) and 7(4) of the Radioactive Substances Act 1960(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Radioactive Substances (Tokens for Vending Machines) Exemption Order (Northern Ireland) 1968, and shall come into operation on 27th June 1968.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Radioactive Substances Act 1960;

“premises of a manufacturer” means premises used for or in connection with the manufacture of radioactive material falling within Article 5, or for the storage of such material by the manufacturer, or for the reception, storage or repair of waste tokens or parts of such tokens by the manufacturer, or partly for one of those purposes and partly for another or others; and

“waste tokens” means tokens which, immediately before they became waste, were radioactive material falling within Article 5.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(b) applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

*Exemption from registration under section 1 of the Act*

3. Any person who, on any premises to which this Article applies which are used for the purposes of any undertaking carried on by him, keeps or uses or causes or permits to be kept or used any radioactive material to which this Article applies is hereby granted exemption from registration under section 1 of the Act (which provides for the registration of persons who keep or use radioactive material) in respect of those premises and the keeping and use thereon of that radioactive material, without any limitation or condition.

*Classes of premises to which exemption relates*

4. The last preceding Article does not apply to premises of a manufacturer, but save as aforesaid, applies to premises of any class.

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz., 2, c. 34.

(b) 1954. c. 33.

*Description of radioactive material to which exemption relates*

5. Article 3 applies to radioactive material in the form of one or more articles of the following description, that is to say, tokens which are designed for use for actuating automatic vending machines and which are made of coherent, inert and tough laminated material and are free from patent defects, each of which is radioactive material solely because it incorporates carbon 14 in its surface layers, those layers together containing not more than 0.5 microcurie of that radionuclide.

*Exclusion of radioactive waste from sections 6 and 7 of the Act*

6. Radioactive waste consisting of one or more waste tokens or parts of such tokens and not situated on premises of a manufacturer is hereby excluded from the provisions of section 6(1) and (3) of the Act (which relates to the disposal of radioactive waste) and section 7(1) of the Act (which relates to the accumulation of radioactive waste) absolutely.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 17th day of June 1968.

(L.S.)

S. E. Taylor,  
Assistant Secretary.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order, which has been made by the Ministry of Health and Social Services, exempts persons (without any limitation or condition) from registration under section 1 of the Radioactive Substances Act 1960 in respect of the keeping and use, except on manufacturers' premises, of "radioactive material" within the meaning of section 18(1) of that Act consisting of tokens possessing limited radioactivity which are used for actuating automatic vending machines.

The Order also provides for the exclusion (absolutely) from sections 6(1) and (3) and 7(1) of that Act (which prohibit the disposal and accumulation of radioactive waste without authorisation) of "radioactive waste" within the meaning of section 18(4) of that Act consisting of the above mentioned tokens which have become waste, or parts of such tokens and situated elsewhere than on manufacturers' premises.