

SECTIONS 3 AND 6-

THE CONTROL OF GOODS (IMPORT OF RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS

Regulations by the President Federal Government Notice

406 of 1960

Government Notices

1 of 1964

166 of 1964

497 of 1964

Statutory Instrument

387 of 1967

Title

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Control of Goods (Import of Radioactive Substances) Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

"appropriate designation", in relation to a substance, constituent or ingredient, means the accepted scientific name or other name descriptive of the nature of the substance, constituent or ingredient;

"radioactive substance" means any substance which consists of or contains any radioactive chemical element, whether natural or artificial, and whose specific activity exceeds 0.002 of a microcurie per gramme of parent radioactive chemical element of substance and which has a total activity of more than 0.1 microcurie.

Open import licences

3. The Minister may, by Gazette notice, issue open import licences authorising, subject to the provisions of any other written law, the import into Zambia of any radioactive substances.

(G.N. No. 1 of 1964 as amended by G.N. No. 166 of 1964)

Prohibition on import of radioactive substances except under licence

4. No person shall import into Zambia any radioactive substance unless-

- (a) he is authorised to do so in terms of an open import licence issued in terms of regulation 3; or
- (b) he has obtained a licence to do so from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Power, Transport and Works; and
- (c) there is clearly and legibly written on the container in which the substance is placed or on a label affixed thereto-
 - (i) the appropriate designation of the substance or of each of the active constituents thereof or of each of the ingredients of which it has been compounded; and
 - (ii) if the appropriate designation of each of the active constituents or the ingredients is written on the container or label, the appropriate quantitative particulars of such constituents or ingredients.

(As amended by G.N. Nos. 1 and 166 of 1964)

Information to be contained in applications for licences

5. Applications for the issue of a licence in terms of paragraph (b) of regulation 4 shall contain the following information:

- (a) name and address of importers;
- (b) purpose for which radioactive substance is to be used (medical, research, industrial or educational);
- (c) description of use to be made of radioactive substance;
- (d) name and address of person or persons responsible for using radioactive substance;
- (e) qualifications of person or persons responsible for using radioactive substance;
- (f) appropriate designation of radioactive substance;
- (g) physical state of radioactive substance (liquid, gas or solid);

- (h) activity in millicuries on arrival in Zambia;
- (i) radiation at surface of the container;
- (j) whether source of radiation is sealed or unsealed;
- (k) type of radiation;
- (l) half-life;
- (m) place of origin, e.g., Harwell, etc.;
- (n) port and date of arrival in Zambia;
- (o) mode of transport; number of vehicle if by road;
- (p) address of place where radioactive substance is to be used;
- (q) proposed means of final disposal.

(As amended by G.N. No. 1 of 1964)

Offences and Penalties

6. Any person who acts in contravention of or fails to comply with these Regulations or any notice made thereunder, or acts in contravention of or fails to comply with the conditions of any licence issued or authority granted under or in pursuance of these Regulations or notice made thereunder, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand penalty units or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve months, or to both.

(S.I. No. 387 of 1967 and Act No. 13 of 1994)