

CONTROL OF GOODS (IMPORT OF RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES) REGULATIONS

under s. 3

G.N. 76/1967

1. Citation

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

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“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;

“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.

3. Open import licences

The Minister may, by notice published in the Gazette, issue open import licences authorizing, subject to any other law, the import into Malawi of any radioactive substance.

4. Restriction on import of radioactive substance

No person shall import into Malawi any radioactive substance unless—

(a) he is authorized 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 Secretary for Economic Affairs, and 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.

5. Application for licence

Applications for the issue of a licence in terms of regulation 4 (b) shall contain the following information—

name and address of the importers;

(b) purpose for which the 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 Malawi;

(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 Malawi;

(o) mode of transport and number of vehicle if by road;

(p) address of place where radioactive substance is to be used;

(a) (q) proposed means of final disposal.