



To All Departmental RPSs
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Radiation Protection Update

The new regulations will come into force on 1 January 2018, replacing IRR99. The process has been delayed at every stage so we only just have “near final” drafts and very little time left before the new regulations come into force.

An information sheet is attached which covers some significant changes to legislation. Please read this and note that most of the changes apply to ALL radiation work – sealed sources (including specific requirements for HASS), unsealed sources, X-ray generators and accelerators. We will provide advice to departments as needed, as well as a summary and discussion at the next RPS update meeting.

One of the new requirements under IRR17 is that notification, registration and application for consent (licence) is needed for various types of work. We have sent out information and a request for responses on this. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any problems or queries. Apologies for sending these out just before Christmas, but if you can't respond within the next week, please make it a priority in the New Year (deadline 12 Jan 2018), as the Safety Office then has only a short time to apply for registration and consents.

In January we will also start collating data for the annual returns to the Environment Agency, so please send us your monthly returns in good time.

Regarding transport forms, it has been noticed that a confirmation of a wipe test of the outside of the container is sometimes not provided – this is an absolute requirement of the transport regulations. We can measure dose rates for you, but departments need to do these wipe tests. Brian Sullivan would be pleased to provide refresher training as needed so please ask if unsure.

Finally, all of us in the radiation team at the Safety Office wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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