

Code of Conduct on The Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources

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PROBLEMS OF PROGRESSIVE RISKS OF NUCLEAR TERRORISM

Report by the Director General

BACKGROUND

1. At the 47th Board Conference, the Director General was requested to "ensure transparency" in the activities of the Agency with a view to completing the Agency's work towards the goal of reducing terrorist access to and use of radioactive sources¹ and report the results to the Board of Governors, as soon as possible. At its next session the Director General was requested to provide a detailed report on the progress of the work in this field. This report is being prepared to meet this request. Attachment 1 provides a detailed summary of the progress in implementing the activities approved at the Board in March 2002.

2. As requested by the Board Conference, resolution GC/RES/2002/10 was brought to the attention of the 50th Board Conference.

3. Following the Board Conference, the Director General, in consultation with Member States, a representative series of all the Agency's activities aimed at guaranteeing against nuclear terrorism, including those specified in GC/RES/2002/10 and presented the results to the Board of Governors in November 2002, and March 2003. The Agency's progress in the implementation of the activities approved at the Board in March 2002, and the results of the Agency's ongoing activities, the Board of Governors, in November 2002, directed the Director General, where resources were available, to proceed rapidly with the full implementation of the approved activities and, in March 2003, approved in principle the plan of work and expanded activities to be funded from extra-budgetary funds.

¹ Resolution GC/RES/2002/10, The Physical Protection of nuclear material and nuclear facilities.
² GC/RES/2002/10, Measures to improve the security of nuclear materials and other radioactive sources.



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- Approved by the IAEA Board of Governors on 19 September 2003
- Approved by the AELB Board of Meeting on August 2007



Objectives

- **to achieve and maintain a high level of safety and security of radioactive sources; and prevent unauthorized access or damage to, and loss, theft or unauthorized transfer of, radioactive sources, and**



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- **to prevent the malicious use of radioactive sources to cause harm to individuals, society or the environment; and mitigate or minimize the radiological consequences of any accident or malicious act involving a radioactive source.**



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- **Ensure that sources are safely managed and securely protected during and at the end of their useful lives – Establish an effective national legislative and regulatory system of control, with primary responsibility on the persons authorized to manage sources**



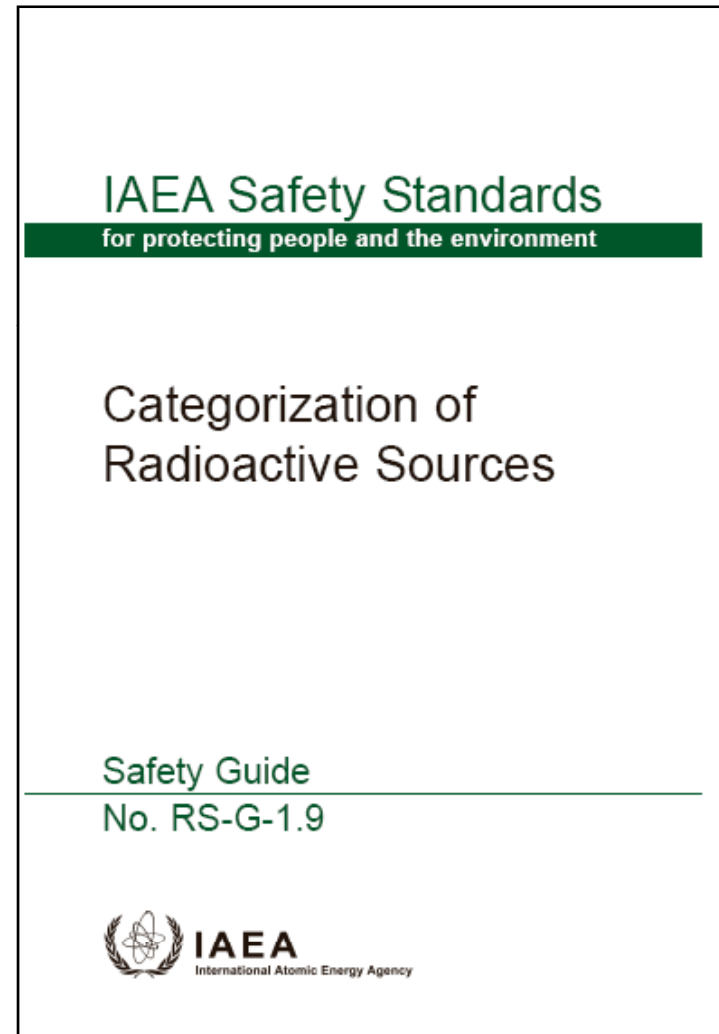
3 elementary document to support the implementation CoC ;

- 1. Categorization of Radioactive Sources**
- 2. Security of Radioactive Sources**
- 3. Guidelines on Import and Export of Radioactives Sources**

CATEGORIZATION OF RADIOACTIVES

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- Provide a simple, logical system for ranking radioactive sources based on their potential to cause harm to human health
- Grouping the practices in which these sources are used into discrete categories.



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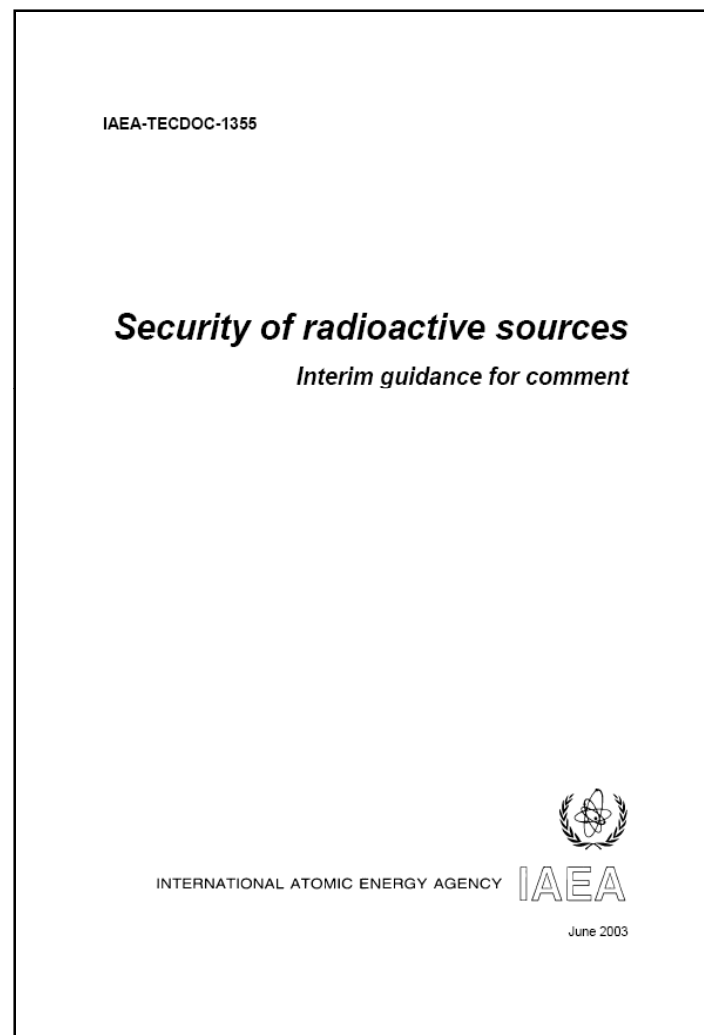
The purpose of categorizing radioactive sources is to provide a fundamental and internationally harmonized basis for risk-informed decision making. It is envisaged that the categorization system will be used as an input to many activities relating to the safety and security of radioactive sources, including:

- Developing or refining international safety standards;
- Developing or refining national regulatory infrastructures to meet the circumstances of a State;
- Optimizing decisions about priorities for regulation within resource constraints;
- Optimizing security measures for radioactive sources, including potential malicious use; Emergency planning and response;
- Developing national strategies for improving control over radioactive sources; Other decision making.

SECURITY OF RADIOACTIVE SOURCES

Tecdoc 1355

- Intended to provide guidance to regulatory body, manufacturers, suppliers and users of sources in deciding which security measures are needed to ensure consistency with the International Basic Safety Standards and the Revised Code of Conduct for the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources.
- It is recognized that there must be a balance between managing sources safely and securely, while still enabling them to be used by authorized personnel without undue hindrance



SECURITY OF RADIOACTIVE SOURCES

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- The level of security should be commensurate with the potential hazard posed by the source, recognizing the need to ensure appropriate use of the source for beneficial purposes.
- To ensure security of sources requires that measures be applied to prevent unauthorized access to radioactive sources at all stages of their life cycle, as well as loss, theft, and unauthorized transfer of sources.
- To ensure the safety of radioactive sources requires controlling exposure to radiation from sources, both directly and as a consequence of incidents, so that the likelihood of harm attributable to such exposure is very low.

GUIDANCE ON THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF RADIOACTIVE SOURCES

- This Guidance provides a common framework, to other radioactive sources in addition to Category 1 and 2 sources.
- Aggregation of sources that may pose a risk similar to Category 1 or 2 sources will be considered under the context of this Guidance





GUIDANCE ON THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF RADIOACTIVE SOURCES

- This Guidance does not apply to sources or programmes that are not covered by the guidance in the Code.
- This document is in accordance with activities furthering non-proliferation, nuclear security, and the avoidance of malicious acts using radioactive sources.



LICENSEES RESPONSIBILITY

- bear the responsibility for setting up and implementing the technical and organizational measures that are needed to ensure both the safety and security of the authorized sources.



LICENSEES RESPONSIBILITY

Ensure that sources are managed in accordance with the authorization:-

- when not in use, sources are promptly stored in an approved manner and relevant to the requirements of the category & security grouping to which the source(s) belong;
- the transfer of sources to another person is documented and that person is appropriately authorized to receive the transferred source;



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Ensure that:-

- financial provisions in accordance with regulatory requirements are in place for the safe disposal of disused sources
- sources are shipped and received in accordance with regulatory requirements



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- perform an inventory check of all radiation sources at regular intervals, including x-ray equipment, spent, calibration and crawler control radioactive sources.
- that all radioactive sources are surveyed when removed from, and returned to, storage.



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- apply the same survey and audit procedures to locations where extended field site work is taking place and where a temporary store is established.;
- if a radiation source cannot be located, take action as if an accident has occurred and shall immediately notify the Regulatory Authority.



LICENSEES RESPONSIBILITY

In addition to normal reporting requirements relating to safety issues, licensees should report to the Regulatory Authority:-

- any loss of control over a radioactive source;
- unauthorized access to, or unauthorized use of, a source;
- malicious acts threatening authorized activities;
- failures of equipment containing radioactive sources which may have security implications;
- the discovery of any unaccounted source.



Adoption of CoC

Way Forward?

AELB make compulsory
to licensee to implements elements of Code of Conduct on the
Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and the three
supporting documents;

1. **Categorization of Radioactive Sources**
2. **Security of Radioactive Sources**
3. **Guidelines on Import and Export of Radioactive Sources**

in **license conditions** effective January **2009**



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