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# **Workshop for National Focal Points on Denial of Shipment of Radioactive Material**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Introduction**

A robust regulatory framework has been established for safe and secure transport of radioactive material that applies to all modes of transport. Safety requirements are established in the IAEA Regulations for Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, 2018 Edition (SSR-6, Rev. 1), while security is governed by the Security of radioactive material in transport, implementing guide, 2020 Edition (NSS 9-G, Rev. 1).

Despite this framework, denial of and delay in shipment of radioactive material (DoS) can take place, which can affect *inter alia* the routes and modes of shipment, the predictability of transport, and the provision of medical diagnosis and treatment.

Since 2008, and most recently in IAEA General Conference Resolution GC(67)/RES/7 para 94 of September 2023, Member States have been called upon to facilitate the transport of radioactive material, and to identify a National Focal Point (NFP) on Denial of Shipment of Radioactive Material to achieve a satisfactory and timely resolution of this issue. Following this, the IAEA issued a Note Verbale on 16 January 2024 calling for the appointment of NFPs by Member States.

Further, in September 2022 the IAEA established the Denial of Shipment Working Group (DoS WG) for a four-year period (2023–2026) with the objective to consider options for addressing DoS. The DoS WG identified *inter alia* the need for a NFP in each Member State to liaise with the IAEA. This training workshop sets out to provide a common understanding for the NFPs in fulfilling their role and responsibilities.

## **Objectives**

The purpose of the event is to train National Focal Points on Denial of Shipment of Radioactive Material in their role and responsibilities, as agreed by the DoS WG in July 2023, through peer learning and the exchange of best practices in addressing the issue of denials of and delays in the shipment of radioactive material, and so to facilitate the safe and secure transport of radioactive material.

To discuss the function and core competencies of the NFPs, including leadership, strategic thinking, operational management, supervision, coordination and relationship building with a wide range of stakeholders.

To have each participant draft an individual action plan for their country.

## **Target Audience**

National Focal Points on Denial of Shipment, designated by Member States, in accordance with the Note Verbale of 16 January 2024 calling for the appointment of NFPs.

## **Working Language(s)**

English.

## **Expected Outputs**

Each participant should come away with an individually prepared action plan based on the training received during the workshop.

## **Structure**

The workshop will consist of a series of lectures, group exercises and discussions.

## **Topics**

The issue of denial of and delay in shipment of radioactive material, the facilitation of safe and secure transport of radioactive material, and the context around the issue. Explanation of the regulatory framework and the expected compliance assurance and management. Emphasis on the roles and

responsibilities of NFPs, including initiating and maintaining a national network, co-operating in regional networks, disseminating information on reporting and sharing knowledge, facilitating the resolution of issues related to DoS, and on encouraging reporting.

## Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State, participants are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by **25 October 2024**. Participants who are members of an organization invited to attend are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** through their organization to the IAEA by the above deadline.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate.

## Papers and Presentations

The IAEA encourages participants to give presentations on the work of their respective institutions that falls under the topics listed above.

Participants who wish to give presentations are requested to submit an abstract of their work. The abstract will be reviewed as part of the selection process for presentations. The abstract should be in A4 page format, should extend to no more than 2 pages (including figures and tables) and should not exceed 500 words. It should be sent electronically to Ulric Schwela, the Scientific Secretary of the event (see contact details below), not later than **25 October 2024**. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposed presentations by **4 November 2024**.

In addition, participants have to submit the abstract together with the **Participation Form (Form A)** and the attached **Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or their organization for onward transmission to the IAEA not later than **25 October 2024**.

## Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event and the issue of DoS.

The application for financial support should be made using the **Grant Application Form (Form C)**, which has to be stamped, signed and submitted by the competent national authority to the IAEA together with the **Participation Form (Form A)** by **25 October 2024**.

## Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page:

[www.iaea.org/events](http://www.iaea.org/events).

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

## Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

## Additional Requirements

The participants need to have a basic understanding of the IAEA Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material SSR-6 (Rev.1), and their national regulatory framework.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.

Enclosure: Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B)