
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Radioactive Substances (Basic Safety Standards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Duty of Chief Inspector to observe requirements of the Directive

3.—(1) In discharging his functions in relation to the disposal of radioactive waste under the 1993 Act, the Chief Inspector shall, whenever applicable, ensure that –

- (a) all exposures to ionising radiation of any members of the public and of the population as a whole resulting from the disposal of radioactive waste are kept as low as reasonably achievable, economic and social factors being taken into account; and
- (b) the sum of the doses resulting from the exposure of any members of the public to ionising radiation should not exceed the dose limits set out in Article 13 of the Directive (subject to the exclusions set out in Article 6(4) of the Directive).

(2) Shall have regard to the following maximum doses which may result from a defined source, for use at the planning stage of the radiation protection –

- (a) 0.3 millisieverts per year from any source from which radioactive discharges are first made after 1st May 2003; or
- (b) 0.5 millisieverts per year from the discharges from any single site.

(3) In discharging his duty under paragraph (1) the Chief Inspector shall observe the following requirements of the Directive –

- (a) in estimating effective dose and equivalent dose, Title V, Articles 15 and 16;
- (b) in estimating population doses, Article 45; and
- (c) in relation to the responsibilities of undertakings, Article 47.