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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Transfrontier Shipment of Radioactive  
Waste and Spent Fuel Regulations 2008

PART 1

Introduction

**Interpretation**

**2.** In these Regulations—

“Chief Inspector” means the Chief Inspector appointed under section 4 of the Radioactive Substances Act 1993<sup>(1)</sup>;

“competent authority” (except when referring to the competent authority of another country) means—

- (a) in England and Wales, the Environment Agency;
- (b) in Scotland, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency;
- (c) in Northern Ireland, the Chief Inspector;

“holder” means any person who, before carrying out a shipment of radioactive waste or spent fuel, is responsible under the applicable national law for such materials and plans to carry out a shipment to a consignee;

“radioactive waste” means radioactive material in gaseous, liquid or solid form for which no further use is foreseen by the countries of origin and destination, or by a person whose decision is accepted by these countries, and which is controlled as radioactive waste by a regulatory body under the legislative and regulatory framework of the countries of origin and destination;

“reprocessing” means a process or operation, the purpose of which is to extract radioactive isotopes from spent fuel for further use;

“spent fuel” means nuclear fuel that has been irradiated in and permanently removed from a reactor core; spent fuel may either be considered as a usable resource that can be reprocessed or be destined for final disposal with no further use foreseen and treated as radioactive waste;

“shipment” means the whole of operations involved in moving radioactive waste or spent fuel from the country or the member State of origin to the country or the member State of destination and “ship” must be construed in accordance with this definition;

“third country” means a country that is not a member State of the European Community.