Revision of the Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources
Background

- Para. 20 of the Guidance suggest a review/revision five years after publication.
- Open-ended Meeting of May 2008 on the implementation of the Guidance.
- Open-ended meeting of May 2010 recommended that “a process for the review of the Guidance be put in place by the Secretariat.”
Initial steps

- Consultancy meeting took place in January 2011.
- Outcomes: justification for revising the Guidance + proposed revised text
- Draft revised Guidance circulated to all States in April 2011
- Advance comments sent by 17 States
Agreement by all MS

- Open-ended Meeting 30 May to 1 June 2011
- General discussion on proposed draft text
- Decision to go ahead for the revision, but with no “major” changes that would necessitate a new political commitment
- Consensus reached on a revised Guidance
- Meeting recommended to submit the revised guidance to the Board and GC, and to proceed in a similar manner as in 2004.
Nature of the changes (1)

- Update out-dated references to IAEA projects and documents;
- Improve the clarity and distinction of the actions to be taken by the exporting and importing States;
- provide additional clarification and guidance on the implementation of the Guidance, based on the feedback from experience; and
- Improve the Questionnaire in annex to reflect changes in IAEA project structures, facilitate the timely review of export authorizations and further harmonize the application of the Guidance.
Nature of the changes (2)

• Paragraph on Transit and Transhipment reworded to better reflect the Provision of the Code and to refer to Transport regulations, but no change to the technical content!
THANK YOU!