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A. Background:

The current edition of Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material (SSR-6) was issued in 2012.

The most important changes introduced in the last edition of Transport Regulations are related to fissile material. The old exceptions contained in former editions of IAEA Transport Regulations were established in a different framework or modified in some extension, and a new set of exceptions were adopted as well as a new methodology to transport radioactive material with content of fissile material that, in very specific cases, do not need competent authority approval certificate were included.

After two consultancy meetings involving experts on criticality safety and a number of correspondence consultancies, the final draft of the guidance material is available.

The guidance material is intended to provide Member States with a comprehensive review of all possible instances of transport of radioactive material containing fissile nuclides and the best way to apply SSR-6 in each case. The guidance material will help not only in improving the performance of Member States in preparing consignments that include fissile nuclides, but also in avoiding possible occurrences of denials or delays of this type of shipment that could be caused by the lack of knowledge about the new fissile exceptions.

B. Work to be done

Read the guidance material and comment it from a user’s perspective. The technical content of the guidance is not under review, neither its structure. The objective of this review is to assure the guide is understandable enough for technical people involved in transport without having high criticality safety expertise.

C. Expected Output

A working group report will be drafted including:

a) a list of paragraphs considered not clear enough specifying the interpretation of each one, and

b) a proposal for rewording of such paragraphs.