



Summary of the Ad hoc Meeting of States that are Major Suppliers of Radioactive Sources

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BACKGROUND

- The Ad hoc Group meets annually since 2010 in the margins of the Code of Conduct (CoC) meetings
- Discussion includes issues that are of particular concern to major supplier states, like
 - harmonizing import and export procedures and communications
 - **repatriation** of vulnerable disused radioactive sources to the supplier state,
 - subject matter of CoC meeting
- **Meeting 2012:** 13 participants from Argentina, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany and the United States and IAEA as observer



Import/ Export issues

- Working Document on best practices for import-export
- Responsibility of both parties to consider end-of-life management before source export takes place
- Need for harmonized application of export controls contained in the Guidance
- Growing use of bilateral arrangements

Next steps

- Revision of the best practices document

Import/ Export Experiences

- When evaluating an export; lack of regulatory capacity in the Importing State should be considered
 - might lead to **denial** or **delay** of the **export**
 - in order to avoid that future repatriation becomes necessary
- Importing States **change role** in case **sources** are being **returned**
 - importing state = exporting state
 - follow export provisions of the Code and the Guidance (consent, notification)
- State Assessment Questionnaire
 - important tool
 - encourage all to **complete new Questionnaire** (after revised Guidance is published)



Repatriation

- Working Document on best practices for repatriation
- A number of countries have repatriation programmes
- Repatriation should be the last resort for disused sources only if the following is not available
 - commercial option or
 - User State solution
- Clarification of the term “country of origin”

Next steps

- Revision of the best practices document
- Encourage Industry (ISSPA) to develop its own best practices document



Disused Sources/ Transportation Hurdles

- Impediments for a source return
- Expiration of special form certificates
- Shortage of type B transport containers
- Discussion on potential solutions
(One-time waivers, new container or
special form licenses)



FUTURE OF AD HOC MEETINGS

- Group recognized the benefits of supplier States meeting in providing a forum to discuss and advance issues particular to supplier States
- Next meeting of supplier States likely in the margins of the next CoC meeting

Thank you for your attention



Participants of the 2012 Ad hoc Meeting of Major Suppliers