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Introduction

In the course of employment, individuals might work with radioactive materials that, under certain circumstances, could be taken into the body. Protecting workers against risks of incorporated radionuclides requires the monitoring of potential intakes and/or the quantification of actual intakes and exposures. The selection of measures and programmes for this purpose requires decisions concerning methods, techniques, frequencies etc. for measurements and dose assessment. The criteria permitting the evaluation of the necessity of such a monitoring programme or for the selection of methods and frequencies of monitoring usually depend upon the legislation, the purpose of the radiation protection programme, the probabilities of potential radionuclide intakes, and the characteristics of the materials handled.

This International Standard offers guidance for the decision whether a monitoring programme is required and how it should be designed. Its intention is to optimise the efforts for such a monitoring programme consistent with legal requirements and with the purpose of the radiation protection programme. Recommendations of international expert bodies and international experience with the practical application of these recommendations in radiation protection programmes have been considered in the development of this International Standard. Its application facilitates the exchanges of information between authorities, supervisory institutions and employers. The International Standard is not a substitute for legal requirements.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the minimum requirements for the design of professional programmes to monitor workers exposed to the risk of internal contamination by radioactive substances and establishes principles for the development of compatible goals and requirements for monitoring programmes.

This International Standard addresses the

- a) purposes of monitoring and of monitoring programmes;
- b) description of the different categories of monitoring programmes;
- c) quantitative criteria for conducting monitoring programmes;
- d) suitable methods for monitoring and criteria for their selection;
- e) information that has to be collected for the design of a monitoring programme;
- f) general requirements for monitoring programmes (e.g. detection limits, tolerated uncertainties);
- g) frequencies of measurements;
- h) special cases;
- i) quality assurance; and
- j) documentation, reporting, record-keeping.

This International Standard does not address

- the monitoring of exposure to radon and its radioactive decay products;
- detailed descriptions of measuring methods and techniques;
- detailed procedures for *in vivo* measurements and *in vitro* analyses;
- interpretation of monitoring results in terms of doses;
- biokinetic data and mathematical models for converting measured activities into absorbed dose, equivalent dose and effective dose; or
- the investigation of the causes or implications of an exposure or intake.

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