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Part 4: Ionizing radiations

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The 1994 edition of AS 2243.4(Int) is amended as follows; the amendment should be inserted in the appropriate place.

SUMMARY: This Amendment applies to the front cover.

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PREFACE

This Interim Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Safety in Laboratories, under the direction of the Multitechnics Standards Board, to supersede AS 2243.4—1988. This Interim Standard is issued for a period of two years only from the date of publication.

This Interim Standard was prepared after consideration of the *1990 Recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection*, ICRP Publication 60 and ICRP Publication 61 as reflected by the *Interim Statement on Australia's Radiation Protection Standards (1991)* (Radiation Health Series No. 33) issued by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). It is expected that the NHMRC will publish its *Recommendations for limiting exposure to ionizing radiation* during 1994. These recommendations should be consulted when they are available.

Sections dealing with dose limits, accident and emergency procedures and the requirements for radiological laboratories have been substantially revised or rewritten for this edition. Some requirements for laboratories contained in Clauses 11.5 and 11.6 have been relaxed in the light of experience which has shown that the previous higher standards were unnecessary.

Acknowledgment is made to various information sources, such as the publications of the International Commission on Radiological Protection, the National Radiological Protection Board (UK), Her Majesty's Stationery Office (UK), the International Atomic Energy Agency and the National Medical and Health Research Council (Australia).

This Interim Standard is the fourth in the AS 2243 series aimed at promoting safety in laboratories.

Other parts of the AS 2243 series are as follows:

- Part 1: *General*
- Part 2: *Chemical aspects*
- Part 3: *Microbiology*
- Part 5: *Non-ionizing radiations*
- Part 6: *Mechanical aspects*
- Part 7: *Electrical aspects*
- Part 8: *Fume cupboards*
- Part 9: *Recirculating fume cabinets*
- Part 10: *Storage of chemicals*

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Interim Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

Standards Australia invites comment on this Interim Standard from persons and organizations concerned with this subject. The date of expiry for comment is 24 months after publication, at which time this Interim Standard will either be confirmed, withdrawn or revised in the light of public comment. During the life of this document the Committee will monitor all comment as it is received.

Attention is given to the fact that this document is an Interim Australian Standard and should be regarded as a developmental Standard and liable to future alteration.

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