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RADIATION SAFETY ACT 1975

**RADIATION SAFETY (GENERAL) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS
(NO. 4) 1994**

Made by His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council.

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the *Radiation Safety (General) Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 1994*.

Principal regulations

2. In these regulations the *Radiation Safety (General) Regulations 1983** are referred to as the principal regulations.

[* *Published in Gazette of 21 February 1983 at pp. 555-636. For amendments to 14 September 1994 see 1993 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 4, pp. 219-20, and Gazette of 28 January, 4 February, 4 and 11 March and 27 May 1994.*]

Regulation 7B amended

3. Regulation 7B (3) of the principal regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting the following —

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- (b) complies with the requirements of —
- (i) the publication entitled “Smoke alarms”, being AS 3786-1993 issued by the Standards Association of Australia; or
 - (ii) the publication entitled “Automatic fire detection and alarm systems Part 2: Point type smoke detectors”, being AS 1603.2-1990 issued by the Standards Association of Australia;

and

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Regulation 7C inserted

4. After regulation 7B of the principal regulations the following regulation is inserted —

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Exemption for certain radioactive substances contained in electron capture detector

7C. (1) In this regulation —

“ECD substance” means either of the radioactive substances Nickel 63 or Hydrogen 3;

“electron capture detector” means a device —

- (a) that contains an ECD substance in a sealed source; and
- (b) that is used in a laboratory or industrial application for the specific detection of electron absorbing compounds.

(2) An ECD substance contained in an electron capture detector that is part of equipment used for gas chromatography is exempt from the Act and these regulations, other than those provisions relating to the sale or disposal of radioactive substances.

(3) A person shall not sell or dispose of an electron capture detector unless the sale or disposal is to —

- (a) the supplier of the electron capture detector; or
- (b) the Radiation Health Section of the Health Department of Western Australia.

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Regulation 31A inserted

5. After regulation 31 of the principal regulations the following regulation is inserted —

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Near-surface disposal of radioactive waste

31A. (1) In this regulation —

“code of practice” means the publication entitled “Code of practice for the near-surface disposal of radioactive waste in Australia (1992)”, approved at the 114th session of the NHMRC;

“disposal facility”, “disposal site” and “near-surface disposal” have the respective meanings given in the code of practice.

(2) Without limiting regulation 31 and subject to subregulation (3), a person shall not dispose of, or permit the disposal of, solid radioactive waste by near-surface disposal unless the disposal, the disposal facility and the disposal site comply with the requirements of the code of practice.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a disposal of solid radioactive waste exempted by the Council from the requirements of the code of practice.

By His Excellency's Command,

M. C. WAUCHOPE, Clerk of the Council.
