



Is Your Port Class 7 Friendly?

Transit of Class 7 radioactive Cobalt-60 helps to save lives

Radioactive Cobalt-60 Sources are Vital to World Healthcare

Over 45% of single use medical devices worldwide are currently sterilized by gamma radiation using cobalt-60 sources. Since July 2001 sea freight has been the only transport option available to the two major source manufacturers for the overseas shipment of cobalt-60 to approximately 200 sterilization facilities around the world. Denial of transit for this vital component in the manufacture of sterile medical devices is an increasing problem that threatens global healthcare.

iiA -The Global Voice for Radiation Processing

The international irradiation Association (iiA) is the global radiation processing industry's source of information, idea exchange and advocacy. For more than 40 years, the iiA (formerly the Aiii) has been an active promoter of the safe and beneficial use of irradiation, representing the interests of industry members and working to enlighten the public and regulators about the advantages gamma, e-beam and x-ray irradiation technologies.

iiA has official non-governmental organization (NGO) status with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) thus enabling us to work in close cooperation with key regulators and decision-makers around the world. Our member companies participate on the IAEA International Steering Committee on Denials.

Safe and Secure

Although already strictly regulated, legislation relating to cobalt-60 transportation continues to evolve and variation in regional interpretation has resulted. The objective of the iiA is to avoid complexity in implementation of regulation and to foster harmonization of trade procedures while maintaining the highest levels of security. We urge Ports and Harbours, the IMO and the IAEA to conduct an urgent review of the management and implementation of international and national shipping legislation governing the approval of transit for Co-60 radiation sources.

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Who are iiA Members?

The diverse international membership of the iiA includes; multinational healthcare companies, leading suppliers of isotopic and machine-based radiation equipment, dosimetry producers and more than 90 percent of the world's contract irradiation service providers.

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