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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of its Member States and has the honour to request that they draw the attention of the appropriate governmental authorities to the following draft safety standard:

***Radiation Protection and Regulatory Control for Consumer Products  
(DS458)***

Member States and their experts are hereby provided with an opportunity to review and evaluate this draft safety standard, which is available online at:

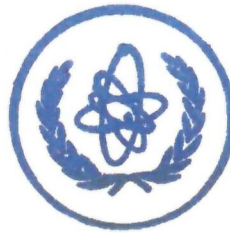
<http://www-ns.iaea.org/standards/documents/draft-ms-posted.asp>

A hard copy of the document will be sent out upon request.

Any proposed changes to this document resulting from the review by Member States will be taken into account in the finalization of the safety standard.

Comments on the document should be provided in accordance with the guidance given in the attached Explanatory Note.

The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to assure the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of its Member States of its highest consideration.



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Enclosures: Explanatory Note  
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## Explanatory Note

### *Radiation Protection and Regulatory Control for Consumer Products (DS458)*

The document for review, entitled *Radiation Protection and Regulatory Control for Consumer Products*, was prepared as a draft Safety Guide to form part of the IAEA Safety Standards Series and has already been reviewed through consultants' meetings, as well as by the Radiation Safety Standards Committee (RASSC), the Transport Safety Standards Committee (TRANSSC) and the Waste Safety Standards Committee (WASSC).

The objective of this document, as accepted by the Commission on Safety Standards (CSS), is to provide recommendations for the application of the requirements concerning the system of regulatory control for consumer products<sup>1</sup> laid down in *Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards — Interim Edition* (IAEA Safety Standards Series No. GSR Part 3 (Interim), Vienna, 2011).

The document considers how the principle of justification and the criteria for exemption should be applied to the regulatory control of consumer products. The approach adopted assigns these responsibilities to the regulatory body of the State in which these products are manufactured or into which they are to be imported. A harmonized approach, whereby consumer products that are authorized for supply to the public in one State are automatically authorized in other States, is advocated.

Comments are requested in relation to:

- Relevance and usefulness — Are the stated objectives appropriate, and are they met by the document?
- Scope and completeness — Is the stated scope appropriate, and is it adequately covered by the document?
- Quality and clarity — Do the requirements/guidance in the document represent the current consensus among specialists in the field, and are they expressed clearly and coherently?

Comments of an editorial nature will be considered; however, it should be noted that the document will be comprehensively edited by the IAEA Secretariat prior to its final submission to the CSS for endorsement.

Any comments made should be in English, should refer to the relevant paragraph number in the document being reviewed, and when appropriate should propose alternative text. Please use the attached Form for Comments to record all comments.

The responsible IAEA officer is Mr Tony Colgan of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security. He may be contacted for further information in connection with this subject by telephone at: +43 1 2600 22744 or via email at: [T.Colgan@iaea.org](mailto:T.Colgan@iaea.org).

Any comments should be sent through the established official channels to the responsible IAEA officer by **30 April 2013**.

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<sup>1</sup> A consumer product is defined in the International Basic Safety Standards as “a device or manufactured item into which radionuclides have deliberately been incorporated or produced by activation, or which generates ionizing radiation, and which can be sold or made available to members of the public without special surveillance or regulatory control after sale”.



## Statement by the Commission on Safety Standards

Publications in the IAEA Safety Standards Series are prepared and reviewed in accordance with a uniform process. To this end, the Commission on Safety Standards (CSS) and four committees with harmonized terms of reference — the Nuclear Safety Standards Committee (NUSSC), the Radiation Safety Standards Committee (RASSC), the Waste Safety Standards Committee (WASSC) and the Transport Safety Standards Committee (TRANSSC) — were established in 1996. The CSS has a special overview role with regard to the IAEA's safety standards and provides advice to the Director General on the IAEA's overall programme with regard to regulatory aspects of safety.

The uniform preparation and review process involves organizing expert group meetings; arranging at different stages of preparation for the internal review of draft texts; submitting documents to the relevant Committee(s) for review; submitting draft texts to the IAEA's Member States for comment; and submitting the approved final draft of the safety standard<sup>1</sup> for endorsement by the CSS before publication (see the flow diagram overleaf).

The CSS stresses the importance of Member States' comments to the preparation and review process for safety standards. Publications in the IAEA Safety Standards Series not only should be of the requisite quality but also should represent the consensus view of the Member States and should address the issues of importance to the Member States. While the CSS, the Committees and the Secretariat strive to provide safety standards that satisfy these criteria, the review of draft standards by experts in the Member States is an essential stage in obtaining the broadest possible technical consensus and the highest possible quality and relevance.

Member States are also encouraged to provide the IAEA with feedback on their use of the safety standards. The status of safety standards extant and in preparation can be seen on the IAEA's website, where there are also links to electronic files for existing publications, including those in other official languages.<sup>2</sup> The responsible IAEA officer is Mr Dominique Delattre, Head of the Safety Standards and Application Unit of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security. He may be contacted for further information in connection with this subject by telephone at: + 43 1 2600 22696 or via email at: [D.Delattre@iaea.org](mailto:D.Delattre@iaea.org).

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<sup>1</sup> Safety Guides are published under the authority of the Director General. Safety Fundamentals and Safety Requirements publications require the approval of the Board of Governors, after endorsement by the CSS.

<sup>2</sup> See <http://www-ns.iaea.org/committees/files/CSS/205/status.pdf>.

## Process Flow for the Development of IAEA Safety Standards

