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ECURIE information message

Subject: Ships and ship containers

The first ships sailing off from Japan after 11 March are expected to arrive as of now in European harbours.

For the initial assessment of the contamination of a ship or container coming from Japan, the Commission recommends using a common threshold for the dose rate at the surface of the ship or container of 0.2 microSv/h. Below this threshold the ship or container is considered not to be contaminated and no further measures need to be taken. If this dose rate is exceeded, more detailed investigations need to be performed to be able to decide on the need for protective measures.

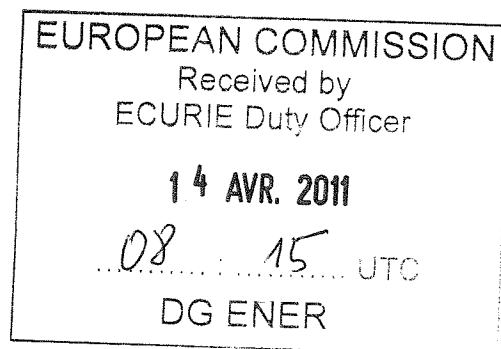
In order to be able to adopt a common approach to the management of a possible situation where a ship's hull, deck or containers are contaminated, it is important that we share the information on ships entering European harbours. The Commission invites Member States to provide immediate information, through an ECURIE information message, on:

- dose-rates measured (above the common reference level of 0.2 microSv/h),
- name of the ship,
- results of detailed investigations including surface contamination.

If the levels of radiation or contamination are such that they call for protective measures, the following information should be included:

- protective measures performed,
- residual dose-rate or surface contamination,
- schedule of harbours to be visited next.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Signed
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