

HERCA: Heads of the European Radiological protection Competent Authorities

Regulatory framework and inspections in a perfect world

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The Regulatory Body is truly independent – it reports DIRECTLY to Government

It has the power to make legislation and to issue guidance

It is a single body with regional offices (for greater efficiency) but follows a consistent set of philosophies and procedures

It is adequately resourced and has well-developed IT systems, stakeholder engagement etc



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The Regulatory Body is responsible for regulatory supervision of all ionising radiation exposures
medical, occupational, public

The Regulatory Body is responsible for all sectors
nuclear, industrial, medical

Its activities are supported by a clear and appropriate regulatory framework and comprehensive enforcement options



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The Regulatory Body provides a comprehensive range of activities including
authorisation and licensing
inspection

The Regulatory Body undertakes authorisation, licensing and inspection following a graded approach with a well-developed single IT portal for stakeholders

The groups responsible for these activities interact on a regular basis and provide input into each other's work



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The Regulatory Body is adequately staffed with professionals from each of the sectors
- for medical, this includes doctors, physicists and radiographers

There is a strategic plan including staff and other resources

There are comprehensive training packages in place – for induction and continuing professional development



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The Regulatory Body undertakes a range of inspections as appropriate

pre-licensing
proactive (as part of a programme) and reactive
announced and unannounced

The inspection programme follows a risk based approach and is informed by previous experience



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The Regulatory Body undertakes inspections of medical installations with a multi-disciplinary team

The inspections include assessment of

- consistency of practice with licensing conditions
- procedures and protocols
- real –world justification and optimisation of exposures
- equipment QC and QA programmes
- staff training

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