



Challenges and Opportunities in Development of Transport Security Regulations for Nuclear and Other Radioactive Materials SARTT

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Presentation Outline



- Importance of Transport Security Regulations
- Development Challenges for Regulatory Drafting of Transport Security Regulations:
 - Legal Considerations
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Importance of Transport Security Regulations

- Transport complex
- Regulations provide legal framework to ensure secure material-throughout journey and points in between
- Multiple factors:
 - Multi-modal:
 - Road, Rail, Maritime, Aviation
 - Multi-jurisdictional:
 - Domestic Transport vs. International Transport
 - Multi-stakeholder:
 - Agencies
 - Shippers and Carriers
 - Law Enforcement

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Regulatory Development Challenges

- Challenges to developing transport security regulations
 - Adapting regulations to national situation
 - Geography, threat, other considerations
 - Challenge in defining scope of regulations:
 - Radioactive material/sources vs. nuclear material
 - Interfacing with transport safety requirements
 - Limited human resources in developing transport security regulations

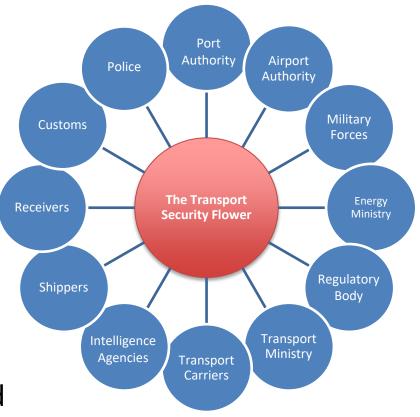
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Legal Considerations

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- "Shared regulatory space"
 - Multiple Agencies
 - Possible overlap in responsibility
 - Splintering of authorities
- Defining roles and responsibilities
 - Individual agency roles and responsibilities
 - Shipper and carrier roles and responsibilities
 - Local law enforcement roles and responsibilities



Legal Considerations--continued

 Pre-cursor: Safety and Security for Transport of Nuclear and other Radioactive Materials:

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- Safety: protecting <u>humans</u> and environment from harmful effects of ionizing radiation
- Security: protecting *material* from malicious acts of individuals
- Not just question of language, but question of structure:
 - Two separate regulations (Security Regulation and Safety Regulation), or
 - One integrated regulation (Security and Safety Regulation)
- Translation, interpretation issues for authorized persons

Legal Considerations--continued

- Importance of legal inventory as discussed by IAEA
- Helps frame boundaries of regulation
 - Nuclear Law
 - Status of Nuclear Law
 - Regulatory functions of Comp. Auth. to regulate transport security
 - Other Dangerous Goods laws and International Commitments
 - Safety of Life at Sea/International Ship, Port Facility Security Code
 - Chicago Convention and International Air Transport Association Dangerous Goods Regulations
- Helps organize stakeholders for input and drafting

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Technical Considerations



- Material covered by transport security regulation?
 - Radioactive material including radioactive sources
 - Nuclear material
 - Uranium ore and material of economic but not radiological consequence
- Selection may influence structure of regulation, security levels, and corresponding security measures.
- Regional considerations may play into question-especially for international transport of nuclear and other radioactive material.

Technical Considerations: Security Level Assignment

- Nuclear materials
 - Category I, II, III according to CPPNM
 - Reflected in Nuclear Security Series No. 13, NSS
 26-G
- Radioactive material including sources
 - NSS 9-G (Rev. 1) added more detailed guidance to each security level
 - Prudent management practices;
 - Basic measures; and
 - Enhanced measures added





Technical Considerations--continued

- With developing transport security regulations, countries have begun integrating nuclear material and radioactive material into same regulation
- Poses challenge to ensure security measures protect material and in alignment with international guidance--particularly IAEA implementing guides NSS 9-G (Rev. 1), NSS 26-G



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Strategies for Successful Drafting

- Drafting Committee
 - Critical to success in drafting any regulation, more so in transport security
 - Other modal requirements
 - Maritime Security-Coast Guard, Navy, Maritime Admin.
 - Aviation Security-Airport Authority
 - Rail-Transport Ministry
 - Law Enforcement
 - Especially national and local law enforcement
 - Other relevant stakeholders (intelligence agencies, customs)
- Coordination frameworks for drafting can support effort
 - Informal networks or formal coordination agencies

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Strategies for Successful Drafting: Security Levels

- Security Level cross-walking for regulations that include nuclear, radioactive materials.
- Structural resolution:
 - Avoid trying to cross-walk, structure regulation such that there are three or more sections.
 - Example
 - I. General Requirements
 - II. Radioactive Materials
 - III. Nuclear Materials
- Technical approach:
 - Hybridization
 - Requires careful review of IAEA publications to ensure security measures are aligned to material being protected in transport

Radioactive Material (determined by activity)	Nuclear Material (determined by mass)
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Cat 1 & Cat 2	11
Cat 3	111
Excepted packages, low specific activity (LSA-I), and surface contaminated objects (SCO-I)	Below Cat III

An example cross-walk framework developed by an IAEA Member State in their transport security regulation

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Strategies for Successful Drafting

- Include Lawyers, Physical Protection Experts in drafting:
 - Lawyers speak one language
 - Physical protection experts speak another language
- Both needed to ensure regulation is legal within national and regulatory framework but can be implemented to ensure physical protection of material
- IAEA Guidance can help bridge language gap between legal requirements and physical protection implementation

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Conclusions

- Regulations are critical to support strong nuclear security regimes
- Strong regulatory framework ensuring physical protection of nuclear, radioactive materials during transport support protecting material during most vulnerable stage in life cycle
- While transport is complex and challenging, support from stakeholders, regional partners, and international partners, help support regulatory development needs

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