

International Regulatory Activities

European Union

Commission Decision concerning the accession of the European Atomic Energy Community to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities (2007)

On 19 December 2007, the European Commission adopted Decision 2008/99/EC, Euratom¹ that establishes procedural rules concerning the deposit of the instrument of accession to the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) with the Director General of the IAEA as the depositary of that convention. Furthermore, the simultaneous deposit of the instruments of accession of Euratom and its Member States to the amended CPPNM, in accordance with the procedure established in Article 102 of the Euratom Treaty, will be co-ordinated by the European Council.

The CPPNM was adopted in 1979 and entered into force in 1987. Euratom and all EU Member States are Contracting Parties. In accordance with Article 20 of the CPPNM, an Amendment Conference was convened on 4 July 2005 under the auspices of the IAEA. The Final Act regarding the amendments to the CPPNM was signed by the Commission on behalf of the Community on 8 July 2005. Euratom's accession to the CPPNM, as amended by the Final Act was approved through the Council Decision 2007/513/Euratom² (see *Nuclear Law Bulletin* No. 80).

Council Decision establishing Statutes for the Euratom Supply Agency (2008)

The new Statutes of the Euratom Supply Agency (ESA), adopted through Council Decision 2008/114/EC, Euratom of 12 February 2008,³ repeal and replace the statutes of the agency of 6 November 1958.

The new statutes contain updated financial provisions, in line with the applicable EU *acquis*. Further, due to the enlargement to the EU, the ESA's Advisory Committee has increased in size in order to improve its operation and efficiency.

Commission Decision establishing the standard document for the supervision and control of shipments of radioactive waste and spent fuel (2008)

On 5 March 2008, the European Commission adopted the Decision establishing the standard document for the supervision and control of shipments of radioactive waste and spent fuel referred to in Council Directive 2006/117/Euratom⁴ (see *Nuclear Law Bulletin* No. 79). In accordance with Article 17(2) of the Council Directive, the Commission is required to establish a new standard document to be used for the shipments of radioactive waste and spent fuel.

1. *Official Journal of the European Union* L 34 of 8 February 2008, p. 3-4.

2. *Official Journal of the European Union* L 190 of 21 July 2007, p. 12-14.

3. *Official Journal of the European Union* L 41 of 15 February 2008, p. 15-20.

4. *Official Journal of the European Union* L 337 of 5 December 2006, p. 21-32.

The standard document set out in the Annex to the Commission Decision will be used in respect of any shipments of radioactive waste or spent fuel between Member States or into, out of and through the Community, within the scope of Directive 2006/117/Euratom.

The Decision is addressed to the Member States which have to take the necessary measures to comply with its provisions not later than 25 December 2008. Furthermore, the previous Decision 93/552/Euratom of 1 October 1993 establishing the standard document for the supervision and control of shipments of radioactive waste referred to in Council Directive 92/3/Euratom shall be repealed.