

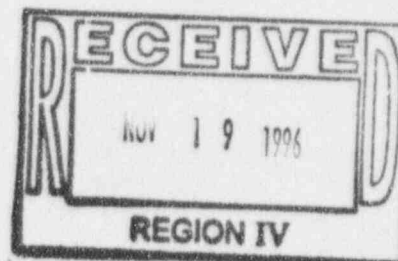


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Dear Ms. Howell,

During the pre-decisional conference with NDC Systems held on September 25, 1996, you requested information regarding when 150 mCi sources of Americium 241 had been registered for import into the affected countries. I have received replies from our agents in these countries and can provide you with the following information:

China

There has never been any restriction to the importation of 150 mCi sources. Requirements and the approval process for sources of 25 and 150 mCi are identical.

France

Our agent in France has been associated with NDC Systems for the last 2 years. We were unable to determine the exact regulatory status of import activity prior to that time. During the last 2 years NDC Systems has been authorized to import either 80 or 150 mCi sources.

Japan

The registration in Japan was changed after the inspection occurred on June 27, 1996. All shipments to Japan since the date of the inspection have been shipped correctly labeled as 150 mCi.

Korea

Prior to January 1, 1996, some Korean customers were authorized for 150 mCi sources depending on the size of the company and the training of the personnel. Since January 1, 1996, all of NDC Systems Korean customers are authorized for 150 mCi sources.

Mexico

150 mCi sources have always been authorized for import to Mexico.

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Taiwan

The procedure in Taiwan for importing 25 and 150 mCi sources is the same.

All units shipped to all export destinations since the inspection have had the correctly stated activity on the device and package documentation. All of NDC Systems distributors are authorized to receive and process the higher activity sources. Corrected labeling has been sent to all export distributors and existing customer registrations are being changed with the local authority. All shipments that have occurred since the inspection in June have been registered at the correct activity level.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Yours truly,
NDC Systems

Daniel Fishman
President

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