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## **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AUSTRALIA TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

1. The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency has received a Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Australia, dated 31 August 2001, providing information on the export policies and practices of the Government of Australia with respect to the export of nuclear material, equipment and technology.
2. In the light of the wish expressed at the end of the Note Verbale, the text of the Note Verbale is attached. The attachment referenced in the Note Verbale was issued previously as INFCIRC/254/Rev. 5/Part 1.



AUSTRALIAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
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**NOTE VERBALE**

The Permanent Mission of Australia presents its compliments to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to provide further information on its Government's nuclear export policies and practices.

The Government of Australia has decided to amend the Guidelines for Nuclear Transfers set out in INFCIRC/254/Rev.4/Part 1, in order to bring them in line with standard NPT terminology and to delete obsolete paragraphs and their references in the Annex with consequent changes to related paragraphs and Annexes.

Accordingly, the following changes were made to the text of the Guidelines (INFCIRC/254/Rev.4/Part 1) and its Annexes:

- deletion of paragraph 6, and accordingly, its reference in paragraph 10(a), and deletion of Part B of Annex A;
- replacement of the expression "weapons-usable material(s)" with the expression "material usable for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices" in paragraphs 7, 9 (and its heading), and 10(b)(4);
- the renumbering of subsequent paragraphs, and accordingly, the amending of references in paragraphs 10(b)(1) and 10(c);
- merging of 10(b)(2) with 10(b)(3) and the addition of amendments resulting from the deletion of paragraph 6 and Part B of Annex A;
- amendments to Annex A:
  - 1) addition of a new paragraph, describing the common understanding of "same type" under the title "GENERAL NOTE" and subsequent change to this title;
  - 2) removal of "PART A" from the title "PART A". Material and equipment" and capitalization of this title, and replacement of "Part A" with "MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT" in all references.

In the interest of clarity, the complete text of the modified Guidelines and its Annexes is reproduced in the attachment, as well as a "Comparison Table of Changes to the Guidelines for Nuclear transfers (INFCIRC/254/Rev.4/Part1)."

The Government of Australia has decided to act in accordance with the Guidelines for Nuclear transfers so revised.

In reaching this decision, the Government of Australia is fully aware of the need to contribute to economic development while avoiding contributing in any way to a proliferation of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and of the need to separate the issue of non-proliferation assurances from that of commercial competition.

The Government of Australia would be grateful if the Director General would bring this Note and its attachment to the attention of all Member States of the IAEA.

The Permanent Mission of Australia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.



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