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Paths interfaces control during transport of radioactive materials in Mauritania

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In Mauritania thousands (Is it realistic??) of packages with radioactive materials have been arriving and starting all the year.

There are three main entrance points: The ports of..., the borders with morocco, Mali..., the airport.

Every point of entrance has monitoring protocols and procedures and there is a need to verify their interface to ensure both safety and security.

Ship transport are usually started abroad and they should abide to the international regulations but as long as the ship is disembarking, also national procedures have to be applied. The same applies for flight transportation. These interfaces: maritime/land, aerial/land are to be studied and to be included in the safety and security plan. Suitable communication protocols should also be considered along these interfaces as well as language and taxonomy to be used.

There is a need of knowledge and information transfer and cross training for persons in charge of the control in the land, in the ports and airport and this is something that should be discussed by the regulatory body.

The Pandemic CoVID-19 has carried other obstacles in this complex mechanism, because the movement of technical experts has been restricted and limited and also the exchange of information has been difficult cause to the communication disruption. In these emergencial situation specific procedures have to be developed in order to not loose control of radioactive materials.

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