

# **CHAPTER 59**

# IONISING RADIATION PROTECTION ORDINANCE

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Ordinance 17 of 1966 .. in force 18 November 1966

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# CHAPTER 59

#### IONISING RADIATION PROTECTION ORDINANCE

(Ordinance 17 of 1966)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS AGAINST IONISING RADIATIONS.

#### Commencement

[18 November 1966]

## Short title

**1.** This Ordinance may be cited as the Ionising Radiation Protection Ordinance.

## Interpretation

- 2. In this Ordinance—
- "Authority" means in relation to St. Helena the Chief Medical Officer, and in relation to Ascension the medical officer of health;
- **"ionising radiations"** means electromagnetic radiation (that is to say, X-ray or gamma ray protons or quanta) or corpuscular radiation (that is to say, alpha particles, beta particles, electrons, positons, protons, neutrons, or heavy particles) being electromagnetic radiation or corpuscular radiation capable of producing ions and emitted from a machine or apparatus which is intended to produce ionising radiations, or from a machine or apparatus in which electrons are accelerated by a voltage not less than five kilovolts;
- "**proprietor**", in relation to an undertaking, includes any person for the time being having the management or control, or receiving the profits, of the business carried on in such undertaking, or employing any person engaged in such business.

#### Notification of commencement of work involving exposure to radiation

**3.** Every proprietor of an undertaking before commencing therein any work involving the possible exposure to ionising radiations in the course of his work of any person employed or engaged in such work shall give to the Authority not less than three month's notice in writing of the date of the intended commencement of such work, and shall furnish to the Authority such particulars as the Authority may require.

## Notification of date of installation of machines or apparatus producing radiation

4. Without prejudice to the operation of section 3 of this Ordinance, any person who proposes to install, or cause to be installed, on any premises used for the purpose of an undertaking, for use in such undertaking, any machine or apparatus which is capable of producing or emitting ionising radiations shall give to the Authority not less than three month's notice in writing of the proposed date of the installations.

# Offences

5. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section 3 or 4 of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding  $\pounds 100$  or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.