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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 20553:2006), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the reference to the recent publication of ICRP Occupational Intakes of Radionuclides (OIR) series, instead of ICRP publications 66 and 78, to calculate the maximum time intervals for routine monitoring programmes.

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ISO 20553:2025(en)**Introduction**

In the course of employment, individuals may work with radioactive materials that could be taken into the body. Minimising the risks to workers from incorporated radionuclides requires the monitoring of potential or actual intakes. The requirements for such a monitoring programme and the selection of methods and frequencies of monitoring depend upon the applicable legislation or regulatory body, the purpose of the radiation protection programme, the probability of potential intakes, and the characteristics of the materials handled.

This document offers guidance for making a decision whether a monitoring programme is required, in the absence of any value set by regulations, and proposes the methodology for setting up a monitoring program, as well as its design. Its intention is to optimise the efforts for such a monitoring programme consistent with legal requirements and with the purpose of the radiation protection programme. Recommendations of international expert bodies and international experience with the practical application of these recommendations in radiation protection programmes have been considered in the development of this document. Its application facilitates the exchanges of information between authorities, supervisory institutions and employers. This document is not a substitute for legal requirements.

Radiation protection — Monitoring of workers occupationally exposed to a risk of internal contamination with radioactive material

1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum requirements for the design of programmes to monitor workers exposed to the risk of internal contamination by radioactive material and establishes principles for the development of compatible goals and requirements for monitoring programmes.

This document specifies the

- a) purposes of monitoring and monitoring programmes,
- b) description of the different categories of monitoring programmes,
- c) quantitative criteria for conducting monitoring programmes,
- d) suitable monitoring methods and criteria for their selection,
- e) information that has to be collected for the design of a monitoring programme,
- f) general requirements for monitoring programmes (e.g. detection limits, tolerated uncertainties),
- g) frequencies of measurements calculated using the ICRP Occupational Intakes of Radionuclides (OIR) series,
- h) individual monitoring in specific cases (intake of actinides, intake via a wound and intake through the intact skin),
- i) quality assurance, and
- j) documentation, reporting and record-keeping.

This document does not apply to

- the monitoring of exposure to radon and its radioactive decay products,
- detailed descriptions of measuring methods and techniques,
- detailed procedures for in vivo measurements and in vitro analysis,
- interpretation of measurements results in terms of dose,
- biokinetic data and mathematical models for converting measured activities into absorbed dose, equivalent dose and effective dose,
- the investigation of the causes or implications of an exposure or intake.

2 Normative references

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ISO 15189, *Medical laboratories — Requirements for quality and competence*

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ISO 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

ISO 23588, *Radiological protection — General requirements for proficiency tests for in vivo radiobioassay*

ISO 28218, *Radiation protection — Performance criteria for radiobioassay*

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed as $A = -dN/dt$. Activity can be calculated as $A = \lambda N$, where λ is the decay constant and N is the number of present radioactive nuclei.

Note 2 to entry: The special name for the unit of activity in the International System of Units is becquerel (Bq), One Bq equals one transformation per second ($1 \text{ Bq} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$). The use of the former unit curie ($1 \text{ Ci} = 3,7 \times 10^{10} \text{ Bq}$), is also accepted in many countries and by the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures.

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