WAC 246-232-010 Exempt concentrations and exempt quantities. This section shall not be deemed to authorize the import of radioactive material or products containing radioactive material.

(1) Exempt concentrations.

(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a person is exempt from the requirements for a license and from this chapter and chapters 246-233 and 246-235 WAC to the extent that the person receives, possesses, uses, transfers, owns or acquires, and does not apply radioactive material to, or incorporate radioactive material into, products or materials containing radioactive material in concentrations in excess of those in WAC 246-232-130, Schedule C, exempt concentrations.

(b) No person may introduce radioactive material into a product or material knowing, or having reason to believe, that it will be transferred to persons exempt under this section or equivalent regulations of the NRC or an agreement state, except in accordance with a specific license issued by the NRC, Washington, D.C. 20555.

(c) A manufacturer, processor, or producer of a product or material is exempt from the requirements for a license and from this chapter and chapters 246-233 and 246-235 WAC to the extent that this person transfers radioactive material contained in a product or material in concentrations not in excess of those specified in WAC 246-232-130, Schedule C, and introduced into the product or material by a licensee holding a specific license issued by the NRC expressly authorizing such manufacture or introduction. This exemption does not apply to the transfer of radioactive material contained in any food, beverage, cosmetic, drug, or other commodity or product designed for ingestion or inhalation by, or application to, a human being.

(2) Exempt quantities.

(a) (i) Except as provided in (b) through (d) of this subsection, any person is exempt from the requirements for a license and from this chapter and chapters 246-233 and 246-235 WAC to the extent that such person receives, possesses, uses, transfers, owns, or acquires, and does not apply radioactive material to, or incorporate radioactive material into, radioactive material in individual quantities, each of which does not exceed the applicable quantity set forth in WAC 246-232-120, Schedule B, exempt quantities of radioactive materials.

(ii) Any person who possesses radioactive material received or acquired under the general license is exempt from the requirements for a license set forth in chapters 246-333, 246-235 WAC, and this chapter to the extent that such person uses, transfers, or owns such radioactive material. Such exemption does not apply for Radium-226.

(b) This subsection does not authorize the production, packaging, repackaging, or transfer of radioactive material for the purposes of commercial distribution, or the incorporation of radioactive material into products intended for commercial distribution.

(c) No person may, for purposes of commercial distribution, transfer radioactive material in the individual quantities set forth in WAC 246-232-120, Schedule B, exempt quantities of radioactive materials, knowing or having reason to believe that such quantities of radioactive material will be transferred to persons exempt under this section or equivalent rules of the NRC or an agreement state, except in accordance with a specific license issued by the NRC, Washington, D.C. 20555.

(d) No person may, for purposes of producing an increased radiation level, combine quantities of radioactive material covered by this exemption so that the aggregate quantity exceeds the limits set forth in WAC 246-232-120, Schedule B, exempt quantities of radioactive materials, except for radioactive material combined within a device placed in use before May 3, 1999, or as otherwise permitted by these rules.

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