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Act of 18th June 1938 on the
use of X-rays and Radium, etc.

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Section 1

In order to protect life and health and to make installations and apparatus as efficient and as useful for the patients as possible, the King or whomsoever he may authorize, may give general directions concerning the use of X-rays for medical purposes as well as concerning notification, approval and surveillance of installations, apparatus and equipment for such rays.

The same applies for the use of radium and radioactive substances and their compounds.

When deemed necessary, the competent Ministry or supervisory authority may in individual cases give special directions and instructions concerning arrangement and operation of installations and apparatus which fall under the present Act.

Section 2

Directions under Article 1 may contain provisions about training, working hours and working conditions, etc. for those who use, or work with, radiation or material as mentioned, and require that they shall undergo medical supervision.

Furthermore, it may be decided that installations and apparatus for such radiation and such substances must not be taken into use and that apparatus and equipment must not be sold in the country before they have been examined and approved by the competent supervisory authority. The approval may be revoked if the supervisory authority deem it necessary. The approval should not prejudice the subsequent issue of additional directions and instructions about arrangements and operation of installations and apparatus.

Section 3 The owner or user of installations, apparatus or material in accordance with the present Act may be required to pay a fee for approval and surveillance according to regulations and scales laid down by the Ministry. Such fee for examination and approval can also be required from the seller of apparatus and equipment.

Section 4 If the directions and instructions which may be given under the present Act are not complied with within the time limit laid down, the Ministry or the supervisory authority may forbid the use of the installations, apparatus or material in question.

 The same applies if the person concerned omits to give to the supervisory authority the information required or refuses the Authority access to installations, etc.

Section 5 Contravention of the provisions which may be prescribed in accordance with the pursuant Act will involve fines or imprisonment up to three months.

 The same applies to contraventions of the provisions of Section 4.

Section 6 The King may decide that the present Act shall also apply to the use of X-rays, ~~and~~ radium and radioactive substances for other purposes than those mentioned in Section 1.

 He may also make the Act apply to substances and apparatus which produce other types of electric radiation, such as ultra violet radiation (sun-ray lamp) light and heat radiation (diathermics) short wave equipment, high frequency currents and similar equipment.