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Radiation Safety Data Sheet

This data sheet presents information on radioisotopes only.

For information on chemical compounds incorporating this radionuclide, see the relevant Material Safety Data Sheet.

Part 1 - RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION

Chemical Symbol:	Sc	Common Names:	Scandium
Atomic Weight:	46	Atomic Number:	21

Part 2 - RADIATION CHARACTERISTICS

Physical Half-Life: 83.83 days
CNSC Exemption Quantity (in Bq): 1×10^5 (100 kBq)

A CNSC license is not required if the amount of radioactive nuclides possessed is less than one Exemption Quantity.

Principal Emissions	Average Energy (MeV)**	Maximum Energy (MeV)***	Dose Rate at 1m Distance (mSv/h·GBq)	Recommended Shielding
Neutrons	-	-	-	-
Gamma & X-rays	1.121	-	0.32	40 mm Pb
Beta*	0.1120	0.357	~0	-
Alpha	-	-	-	-

* Where beta radiation is present, bremsstrahlung radiation will be produced. Shielding may therefore be required.

** Average energy of most abundant emission.

*** Maximum of most abundant emission.

Progeny

Part 3 - DETECTION AND MEASUREMENT

Method of Detection: Nal scintillation counter

Dosimetry:

External: TLD (whole body & skin) Extremity Neutron

Internal: Whole body Thorax Urine analysis Other (specify) _____

Part 4 - PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Scandium reacts rapidly with acids.

Recommended protective clothing: No protective clothing is necessary for work with sealed sources.

When working with unsealed sources wear appropriate protective clothing, such as laboratory coats (which must be monitored before leaving the laboratory), coveralls, gloves, safety glasses/goggles and a suitable mask, if the radioactive material is in the form of a dust, powder or if it is potentially volatile.

Optimise time, distance and shielding. Laboratory equipment used for radioactive work must not be used for other purposes. Monitor equipment and supplies for loose contamination before removing from laboratory. Consult CNSC license for requirements concerning engineering controls, protective equipment, and special storage requirements.

Part 5 - ANNUAL LIMIT ON INTAKE

	Ingestion	Inhalation
Compound Type	All compounds	All compounds
Annual Limit on Intake (Bq)	1×10^7	4×10^6

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The following is a guide for first responders. The following actions, including remediation, should be carried out by qualified individuals. In cases where life threatening injury has resulted, **first** treat the injury, **second** deal with personal decontamination.

Personal Decontamination Techniques

- Wash well with soap and water and monitor skin
- Do Not abrade skin, only blot dry
- Decontamination of clothing and surfaces are covered under operating and emergency procedures

Spill and Leak Control

- Alert everyone in the area
- Confine the problem or emergency (includes the use of absorbent material)
- Clear area
- Summon Aid

Emergency Protective Equipment, Minimum Requirements

- Gloves
- Footwear Covers
- Safety Glasses
- Outer layer or easily removed protective clothing
- Suitable respirator selected

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