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Scope of accreditation see:

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Scope of accreditation as of 18.09.2022

Testing laboratory for measurements and analyses of radioisotopes (in various samples)

Group of products or materials, field of activity	Principle of measurement ²⁾ (characteristics, measuring ranges, type of test)	Test methods, remarks (national, international standards, in-house test methods)
Incorporation surveillance: Urine, faeces	Liquid scintillation counting (LSC), α -spectrometry in-vitro LSC methods for determination of, e. g., H-3, C-14, α -total in urine, nuclide specific methods for determination of α - and β - emitters in urine (e. g., Sr-90, Po-210, actinides) and faeces (actinides)	VARA02

1) Scope of accreditation type A (fix)

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2) Scope of accreditation type B (flexible)3) Scope of accreditation type C (flexible)

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Immission surveillance: Air filters and environmental samples (water, soil, grass)	α – and γ -spectrometry, LSC, α/β proportional counting direct analysis of H-3 and γ -emitters, separation procedures for pure α – and β -emitters (e. g., C-14, Sr-90, Pu-239, Am-241)	VARA06
Emission surveillance of radionuclide releases into the vicinity of PSI: Air filters and charcoal capsules from discharge facilities and, workplace types A, B, C. Waste water samples	α- and γ-spectrometry, LSC, α/β proportional counting H-3, α-, β-, x-, and γ-direct measurements, separation procedures for pure β-emitters (e. g., H-3, Sr-90, S-35)	VARA01
Analyses of samples to identify surface contamination (wipe tests)	α - and γ -spectrometry, LSC, α/β proportional counting H-3, α -, β -, x- and γ -direct measurements	VARA06
Radioisotope measurements of common (solid and liquid) samples (e.g. food samples, various material samples, samples from decommission projects)	α- and γ-spectrometry, LSC, α/β proportional counting H-3, α-, β-, x- and γ-direct measurements separation procedures for pure α- and β-emitters (Sr-90, Pu-239, Am-241)	Validation of all procedures is performed using certified radionuclide standard solutions and participation in international intercomparison exercises.

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