

# UK Recovery Handbook for Radiation Incidents 2008

## Version 2

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### **ABSTRACT**

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In 2005, HPA published the UK Recovery Handbook for Radiation Incidents. The Handbook is designed to assist decision makers in the management of contaminated food production systems, drinking water and inhabited areas following an incident in which radioactive material is dispersed into the environment. It contains a compilation of reliable, consistent and comprehensive information to help users identify the important issues at stake and to evaluate timely and effective management options. Version 2 of the Handbook provides a major update to the guidance on the management of food production systems. In addition to supporting scientific information, it includes checklists for planning in advance of an incident, datasheets, advice on how to select and combine management options and a worked example. Sections dealing with radiation protection principles, drinking water and inhabited areas remain unchanged in version 2. A full update of the Handbook, version 3, will be available in hard copy, CD and PDF formats in spring 2009.

This file (1 of 8) contains the main contents section of the Handbook.

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