

[Consultation outcome: Standard rules consultation no. 15: unintentional receipt of radioactive materials and radioactive waste](#)

Updated: Added Summary of consultation responses and decisions document.
Outcome: new standard rule set and risk assessment published.

The Environment Agency proposes to have a new standard rules environmental permit to cover the:

- accumulation and disposal of radioactive materials
- radioactive waste at sites with a radiation detection system

The new standard rules permit will be an efficient way of regulating for both operators and the Environment Agency, as well as protecting the environment from pollution.

We ask for your comments on the proposed new standard rule set and its risk assessment. We are also assessing the financial impacts of this proposal.

The responses from the consultation will be used to help develop the standard rule set. The aim is to publish the new standard rule set and risk assessment before the end of January 2018.

[News story: Hurricane Irma: Foreign Secretary interview on BBC Today Programme](#)

I sympathise with the distress of all the families in the Caribbean, but I must point out we have had half a million British nationals in the path of this hurricane. In St Martin in particular, this is controlled with the Dutch and the French, who have been evacuating people but in priority depending on their medical needs. This is a very big consular crisis and I am confident we are doing everything we can to help British nationals, but there are half a million affected.

We've been able to get 700 troops into the region, and police officers coming in. I think there are now more than 50 UK police arriving in the area. I've

talked to the governor, Gus Jaspert, and he has told me of the psychological benefits of seeing UK service personnel helping and restoring a sense of order.

No, we were there as soon as the crisis broke. It doesn't make any sense when a hurricane is impending to send in aircraft or ships that are not going to be capable of withstanding the storm. If you look at what is happening now, there is an unprecedented British effort to deal with what has been an unprecedented catastrophe.

The emergency hotline is there – 44 (0) 207 008 0000 – we instantly set up a system for people to donate via the Red Cross. I must respectfully dissent from the critics of the Government. Gus Jaspert is being hailed as a hero and that is right. We have responded in a timely and highly organised fashion. These are British overseas territories and we are going to be there for the long-term. We will come with a recovery plan for these islands and help them restore their financial services and tourism industries.

Taxpayers money is already being deployed. £28 million has already been spent and we will be announcing further support over the next few days. This is an absolute priority for our Government and we understand the huge economic blow that has been dealt in these islands. The Government is working together at all levels to restore confidence and I pay tribute to the local administrations.

Read more about the [government's response to Hurricane Irma](#).

[News story: Dstl opens graduate recruitment scheme for 2017](#)

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[Press release: Man sent down for supplying shady ED medicines](#)

Gurinder Bharaj, of Southall, West London, was sentenced on Friday at Isleworth Crown Court on eight counts of possession and supply of significant quantities of unauthorised and unlicensed medication.

Investigators from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) raided a property belonging to Mr Bharaj in Ealing where more than 100,000 individual doses of unlicensed erectile dysfunction medicines worth more than £30,000 were uncovered and seized. A smaller quantity of

prescription medication was also seized.

Following an initial hearing Mr Bharaj pleaded guilty to all charges and was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment with immediate effect (concurrent to all counts). He was also ordered to pay a £75 victim surcharge.

MHRA Head of Enforcement, Alastair Jeffrey, said:

Selling unlicensed medicines is illegal and can pose a serious risk to health.

The fact that a medicine is unauthorised means that it has not been subjected to the regulatory scrutiny and quality assurances required to get a license.

These products can be dangerous as their contents are unknown and untested and the consequences for your health can be devastating.

MHRA will continue to track down and prosecute those who put the public's health at risk.

MHRA is currently running the #FakeMeds campaign to warn people against buying potentially dangerous or useless unlicensed medicines sold by illegal online suppliers.

Visit www.gov.uk/fakemedes for [tips on buying medicines safely online](#) and how to avoid unscrupulous sites.

Press release: Prime Minister's Special Representative on Internet Safety: Joanna Shields

Baroness Joanna Shields OBE has been appointed as the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Internet Safety.

Baroness Shields to serve as the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Internet Safety.

The Special Representative will support the delivery of the government's objective to make the UK the safest place to use the internet without fear of abuse, criminality or exposure to harmful content. In this role, she will support the Prime Minister, Home Secretary and Culture Secretary at home and abroad.

The Special Representative will:

- support the government's work on internet safety representing the UK in the US, EU and international forums, conferences and events. This includes on-going programmes of work and commitments with internet companies internationally (for example, through the EU, US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and other international partner[s]).
- encourage the development of new company-led interventions to improve internet safety and to address abuse, criminality and harmful content online
- engage with established internet platform providers and facilitate their support of smaller companies with less established practices to combat internet abuse and harms.
- continue serving on the [WePROTECT Board](#) and supporting the WePROTECT international agenda and expansion.

The Special Representative will be based in the Cabinet Office and be unpaid.