ECURIE notification

The Authority for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection (ANVS)

The Netherlands

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On the 23rd of July 2025 the Dutch customs measured an enhanced radiation level due to Cesium-137 on a container with consumer goods (sneakers) from Adidas. The sender of the goods is The Look (Macao Commercial Offshore) from Indonesia and the final destination of this container was Adidas International Trading AG in Switzerland.

The Dutch customs reported these findings to the Authority for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection (ANVS). The findings of the Dutch customs were confirmed by radiation experts of ANVS. Several boxes with consumer goods (Adidas sneakers) had an enhanced radiation level of max 110 nanosievert per hour (nSv/h) at a background radiation level of 20 nanosievert per hour (nSv/h) in the container due to cesium-137.

The further investigation of the sneakers by the Laboratory for Radiation Research of the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) shows enhanced radiation levels were measured on the Adidas sneakers. The activity in the shoes per box (two shoes) is about 1,5 kiloBecquerel cesium-137 and the specific activity is about 1,6 Becquerel per gram cesium-137.

Foto 1: object with enhanced radiation level

Foto 2: specific characters from object

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