

Note on the arrival of meat and milk contaminated with radioactive substances into Kiev

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According to the senior engineer and radiologist at the Kyiv State Sanitary and Epidemiological Station, as of 6:00 PM, the situation in Kiev is characterised by the following data:

- gamma radiation is 8–10 $\mu\text{Sv/hr}$, with short-term bursts of up to 20 $\mu\text{Sv/hr}$ recorded in some places.
- water activity, according to measurements at five points, is consistently at 37 Bq/L (normally, this is not a cause for a particular concern).

Milk activity exceeds the permissible limit, with batches of 3,700 Bq/L being noted. Milk is being withdrawn from sale, but 100% control is not ensured.

The Kiev meat processing plant receives cattle from contaminated areas, which could lead to a decrease in product quality and the subsequent withdrawal of products from sale.

The issue of where to treat foreigners leaving Kiev has not yet been resolved.

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