

Event Description

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A 19.9 Giga-becquerel (GBq) industrial radiation source (Cs-137) in a level gauge was transported by road on a trailer from s 22 - Irrelevant the Pilbara to the Perth metropolitan area for repair.

The source was packed on 10 January 2023 s 22 - Irrelevant and transported through intermediate depots before arriving at the premises of s 22 - Irrelevant in Malaga on 16 January 2023.

The pallet was stored at those premises until being opened on 25 January 2023, when the source was found to be missing. The source is thought to have fallen through a hole in the damaged box and then from the trailer to the road.

An investigation and a search are underway involving various government authorities including physical and instrumental methods.

Media have been notified and provided with public protection messaging.