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Assessment of Radioactivity Levels of Foodstuffs Entering Mombasa Port, Kenya.

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#### **RADIO ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES.**

Mombasa port- busiest port in Eastern Africa

- Radiation analysis of environment samples and food stuff is vital for protection of public health
- Requires rapid, reliable and practical techniques for analysis of various radionuclides
  - Measures taken by the Kenya Government after the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear accident
    - a) Monitor Radiation exposures to the public and the general environment through various exposure pathways
    - b) Major exposure pathways that are of great concern include foodstuff: milk & milk products , grain & rice, meat, aquatic organisms & sea foods and vegetables

Small radiochemical lab consisting of:

- Portable survey instruments for measuring incoming samples
- Alpha spectrometer system consisting of: Silicon surface barrier detection in a vacuum chamber, multi-channel analyzer, high speed printer
- Portable thin-window Geiger Muller beta-gamma survey instrument
- Liquid scintillation counter
- Fully integrated gamma spectrometry system for qualitative & quantitative determination of emitters
- System comprises of a germanium detector, shield, MCA, high speed printer and plotter



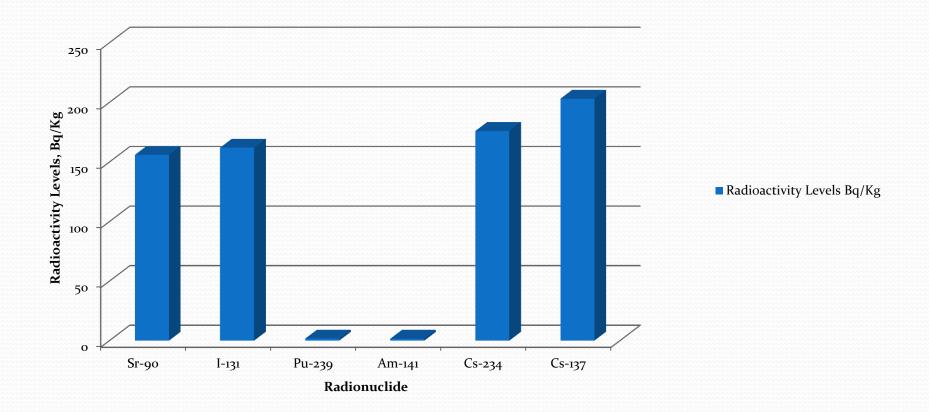
Other special equipment for sample collection and preparation for lab. use include:

- a) Refrigerator for preserving samples
- **b**) Freezer for storing samples
- c) Evaporator
- d) Large drying oven



### Average Radioactivity Levels of Radionuclides in Analyzed Foodstuffs







## **PERSONNEL & LOCATION**

#### <u>Personnel</u>

- a) 1 Lab manager
- b) 3 Chemists
- c) 1 Secretary
- d) 1 Field technician
- e) 1 Maintenance and service technician

#### □<u>Location</u>

- a) Located within the Government chemist lab. That is routinely used for analyzing food, water and other environmental samples.
- b) The work of this Lab is mainly for screening purposes.
- c) Consists of two rooms with a floor space of 25 square meters.



# THANK YOU.