

## FRANCE (2)

	<p><b>Driver's driving license withdrawn leading to a package transfer on a public road.</b></p>
<p>Date and location of the event (detection)</p>	<p>Immobilization of a vehicle during Fluorinated product transport on the A131 motorway (France) on the 7 January 2019.</p>
<p>Mode of transport</p>	<p>Road</p>
<p>Type of package involved</p>	<p>Non fissile Type A package (III – yellow)</p>
<p>Radioactive material transported</p>	<p>Radiopharmaceutical products</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Description of the event</b></p>	
<p>On 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019, after crossing the Bourneville tollgate on the A131 motorway, a driver transporting radiopharmaceutical products (UN 2915 - <sup>18</sup>F) was directed by policemen to stop into a dedicated area for inspection. This showed that the driver's driving license was not valid anymore (all the points had been withdrawn), making the driver unable to continue transportation.</p>	
	<p>Pictures (if any)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Actual consequences</b></p>	
<p>The transport company was immediately informed by the driver and contacted the consignor. On the basis of the recommendations of its radiation protection advisor and taking into account patients to be treated with the radiopharmaceuticals, the company decides to transport the packages using another vehicle. Thus, the transport company dispatched another vehicle and a new driver. The two drivers transferred packages from one vehicle to another on the public road, which is a forbidden practice according to ADR.</p>	

The new driver applied the emergency procedures, in particular by verifying that no public was in close proximity and, prior to proceed to the transfer of the packages, secured the perimeter and marked the boundary of the zone.

### Main causes of the events

The driver has no point anymore on his driver's license and it was therefore unlawful for him to drive a vehicle.

### Summary of actions adopted

- 1) Every month, the carrier makes sure that drivers can show them their driving license, but does not have access to the number of points left on the driver's license. The company is considering setting up a monthly declaration by the drivers on the validity of their driving license.
- 2) Improvement of the emergency procedures to take into account the scenario of an immobilized vehicle, able to resume the road except for the driver's inability to drive. The new policy will be to change the driver only, therefore avoiding the transfer of packages on public roads from one vehicle to the other.

### Main lessons learned

Awareness of transport stakeholders on the validity of driving licenses