MKS-11 "SPECTRA"
SEARCH DOSIMETER-RADIOMETER

Operating Manual

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This Operating Manual (hereinafter called the OM) is intended to inform the user about the principles of operation and rules of application of the MKS-11 "SPECTRA" search dosimeter-radiometer. The manual contains all information necessary for full implementation of its technical capabilities and its proper use.

The MKS-11 "SPECTRA" search dosimeter-radiometer is designed in the following modifications:

- MKS-11 G "SPECTRA" is designed to measure the ambient dose equivalent rate of gamma radiation and X-rays, the ambient dose equivalent of gamma radiation and X-rays, and identify gamma radionuclides by their amplitude spectra;

- MKS -11 GN "SPECTRA" is intended to measure gamma radiation and X-rays DER, the ambient equivalent dose of gamma radiation and X-rays, identify gamma radionuclides by their amplitude spectra, and determine the intensity of neutron radiation.

The OM contains the following abbreviations:

DER	- ambient dose equivalent rate of gamma and X-ray radiation (hereinafter – photon-ionizing radiation);
DE	- ambient dose equivalent of gamma and X-ray radiation (hereinafter – photon-ionizing radiation);
SGDU	- scintillation detecting unit of photon-ionizing radiation;
GMC	- Geiger-Muller counter;
SNDU	- scintillation neutron detecting unit;
PC	- personal computer.

1 DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION
1.1 Purpose of use

MKS-11 "SPECTRA" search dosimeter-radiometer (hereinafter – the dosimeter) belongs to spectrometer-type devices and is designed to:
- Measure DER of photon-ionizing radiation;
- Measure DE of photon-ionizing radiation;
- Display DER of neutron radiation;
- Determine gamma and neutron radiation intensity;
- Identify the type of radionuclides by their amplitude gamma spectra;
- Store amplitude gamma spectra and events in the nonvolatile memory.

The device is designed under ANSI N42.48-2008.

The device is used to detect and localize radioactive and nuclear materials by gamma and neutron radiation so as to prevent their illicit transfer, and at enterprises and organizations that deal with sources of gamma and neutron radiation.

The device is employed in the following areas:
• Customs and Border Services;
• Law enforcement agencies (MIA, Security Service of Ukraine, safeguard services);
• Vehicles monitoring, seaports, and airports;
• Environmental inspections;
• Radioactive waste disposals.

1.2 Technical specifications

1.2.1 Key specifications are presented in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1

Name	Measurement unit	Standardized value
Total measurement and display range of photon-ionizing DER: From built-in: -SGDU -GMC	μSv/h	$0.01…10^6$ 0.01 to 50 50 to 10^6
Measurement and display range of photon-ionizing DE from the GMC	μSv	$0.1…9.9·10^6$
Display range of neutron radiation DER	μSv/h	$0.01 … 10^4$
Display range of count rate of photon-ionizing radiation	cps	1 … 25000
Display range of pulse count rate of neutron radiation from the SNDU	cps	0.01 … 25000
Main relative permissible error limit when measuring photon-ionizing radiation DER from the SGDU at 0.95 confidence probability (^{137}Cs)	%	$15+1/H^*(10)$, where $H^*(10)$ is a numeric value of measured DER in μSv/h

Table 1.1 (continued)

Name	Measurement unit	Standardized value
Main relative permissible error limit when measuring photon-ionizing radiation DER and DE from the GMC at 0.95 confidence probability (^{137}Cs)	%	15
Energy range of detected photon-ionizing radiation	MeV	0.02 … 3.00
Energy dependence of the device's readings when measuring photon-ionizing radiation DER in the energy range from 0.05 MeV to 1.25 MeV relative to 0.662 MeV energy (^{137}Cs)	%	±25
Anisotropy of the SGDU and GMC detectors at incidence of gamma quanta at angles from $+60^\circ$ to -60° horizontally and vertically relative to the main measurement direction, marked by "+": - for ^{137}Cs and ^{60}Co isotopes - for ^{241}Am isotopes	%	±30 ±75
Number of channels of amplitude gamma spectrum	channel	2048
Resolution of SGDU for ^{137}Cs, not more than	%	8
Energy range of detected neutron radiation	eV	0.025 … $14 \cdot 10^6$
Set-up time of the device operation, not more than	min	1

Table 1.1 (continued)

Name	Measurement unit	Standardized value
Calibration time by the level of gamma background	s	2 … 90
Response time to over 10 times change of photon-ionizing radiation DER	s	0.25
Operating supply voltage of the device from a lithium-polymer battery	V	3.7
Continuous operation of the device when powered from the charged battery under background of gamma radiation not more than 0.5 μSv/h: - a switched-off display backlight, with no alarm triggering and a switched-off navigation receiver, not less than - a switched-off display backlight, with no alarm triggering and a switched-on navigation receiver, not less than	h	200 55
Operating temperature range	°C	–20 … +50
Dimensions of the device with no clip (with a clip), not more than	mm	67×127×30 (45)
Weight of the device, not more than	kg	0.28

1.2.2 The photon-ionizing radiation sensitivity of (^{137}Cs) CsI(Tl) scintillation detector is at least 400 (cps)/(μSv/h).

Note. At the request of the user, the sensitivity can be changed to a value of not less than 200 (cps)/(μSv/h).

The neutron radiation sensitivity while using the LiI(Eu) scintillation detector is equal to:

- At least 1.2 ± 0.12 (pulse×cm^2)/n for thermal neutrons;

- At least 0.12 ± 0.012 (pulse×cm^2)/n for fast neutrons.

1.2.3 The device features a threshold alarm system with four independent threshold levels:

- Search threshold level or a sigma-threshold (a threshold level of pulse count rate from the detector of photon-ionizing radiation);

- Safety threshold level (a threshold level of gamma radiation DER);

- Neutron threshold level (a threshold level of count rate from the neutron detector);

- Accumulated dose threshold level (a threshold level of photon-ionizing DE).

1.2.4 The search threshold level is calculated automatically by the device in the mode of calibration by the gamma background intensity level and consists of the background counting rate and the preset number of rms deviations of background counting rate. Calibration time by the level of gamma background intensity ranges from 2 to 90 s.

The adjustable range of the number of rms deviations is from 1 to 9.9. Programming resolution – 0.1. The device notifies on exceeding of the search threshold level with light (red), vibration, or sound signals **"Sigma threshold exceeding"**. Any combination of alarms is possible, while at least one type must remain. On the screen of the device appears a corresponding icon that duplicates the alarm.

1.2.5 The safety threshold level is adjusted in the format XXX.YY in µSv/h or mSv/h. The minimum safety threshold level may not be less than 0.3 µSv/h.

The device notifies on exceeding of this threshold level with light (red), vibration, or sound signals **"Safety threshold exceeding"**. Any combination of alarms is possible, while at least one type must remain. On the screen of the device appears a corresponding icon that duplicates the alarm.

1.2.6 The conditional threshold alarm level by a neutron channel is set with the values from 1 to 9, where 1 is the highest sensitivity of the device to neutron radiation (but also the greatest probability of false positives), and 9 is the lowest sensitivity and lowest probability of false positives. Programming resolution – 1. The device notifies on exceeding of this threshold level with light (blue), vibration, or sound signals **"Neutron threshold exceeding"**. Any combination of alarms is possible, while at least one type must remain. On the screen of the device appears a corresponding icon that duplicates the alarm.

1.2.7 Threshold level by the accumulated dose is adjusted in the XXX.Y format in µSv/h and mSv/h, and in the X.YYY format in Sv. While the DE threshold level can be set to 0, the alarm on exceeding the DE threshold level will be turned off. Otherwise, when the DE threshold level is exceeded, the device notifies by a light (red), vibration, or a sound signal **"Accumulated dose threshold exceeding"**. On the screen of the device appears a corresponding icon that duplicates the alarm.

1.2.8. The device's threshold alarm on exceeding of the search threshold level triggers no later than in 2 s after the level of photon-ionizing radiation increases above the background value (with photon-ionizing DER level of 0.1 µSv/h) to the DER level of 0.5 µSv/h for a maximum time of 0.5 s.

1.2.9 The false alarm rate for photon-ionizing radiation and neutron rays is not more than 1 per 10 hours of operation in a stable background environment and at the following values of threshold levels:

- Search – 5;
- Safety – 1 µSv/h;
- Neutron – 5.

1.2.10 The device does not give false signals about the presence of neutron radiation when exposed to photon-ionizing radiation from ^{60}Co or ^{137}Cs source at DER value of up to 100 µSv/h.

1.2.11 The device can automatically record event log files in the nonvolatile memory, namely:

- Switch the dosimeter on;
- Switch the dosimeter off;
- Search threshold level being exceeded;
- Safety threshold level being exceeded;
- Conditional threshold level being exceeded in the detector of neutron radiation;
- Accumulated dose threshold level being exceeded;
- Save measurement by the user's command;
- Change settings by the administrator;
- Clear the device's flash memory;
- Identification results.

1.2.12 The nonvolatile memory stores up to 20,000 records of registered event, as well as 250 full gamma spectra.

1.2.13 The device can identify the following gamma radionuclides:

- medical radionuclides: ^{18}F, ^{67}Ga, ^{51}Cr, ^{75}Se, ^{89}Sr, ^{99}Mo, ^{99m}Tc, ^{103}Pd, ^{111}In, ^{123}I, ^{125}I, ^{131}I, ^{153}Sm, ^{201}Tl, ^{133}Xe;
- industrial radionuclides: ^{57}Co, ^{60}Co, ^{133}Ba, ^{137}Cs, ^{192}Ir, ^{152}Eu, ^{22}Na, ^{241}Am;
- special nuclear materials: ^{233}U, ^{235}U, ^{237}Np, ^{239}Pu;

- naturally occurring radioactive materials: ^{40}K, ^{138}La, ^{226}Ra, ^{232}Th and and decay products, ^{238}U and decay products.

1.2.14 The library can be expanded up to 128 radionuclides via "Spectra Reader" software in a separate order.

1.2.15 Data communication between the device and the PC is done via USB.

1.2.16 The device displays signs of the low battery.

1.2.17 The device remains operable under:

- Ambient temperature –20 to +50 °C;

- Relative humidity up to 95 % at 35 °C temperature, non-condensing;

- Atmospheric pressure from 84 to 106.7 kPa.

1.2.18 The device is tolerant to sinusoidal vibrations by N1 group according to recommendations of GOST 12997-84 standard.

1.2.19 The device is resistant to single shocks with the following parameters:

- Shock pulse duration – 6 ms

- Maximum shock acceleration – 50 m/s^2.

1.2.20 The device withstands falls on each of its six edges from a height of 0.75 m on the concrete floor.

1.2.21 The device remains unaffected by constant and alternating magnetic field of (50±1) Hz frequency and 400 A/m intensity.

1.2.22 The device is immune to gamma radiation of up to 1.0 Sv/h DER for 50 minutes.

1.2.23 According to DSTU EN 60529:2018 standard, the ingress protection rating of the device is IP67.

1.2.24 The device is resistant to electromagnetic fields of radio-frequency range in accordance with DSTU EN IEC 61000-4-3:2021 in the frequency range from 80 to 1000 MHz at intensity of 10 V/m (test level 3).

1.2.25 The quasi-peak value of the radio interference field intensity at a distance of 3 m from the device does not surpass the values for class B equipment according to DSTU EN 55011:2014.

1.2.26 Mean time to failure is not less than 6000 h.

1.2.27 Mean time to full repair is not less than 10 000 h.

1.2.28 The mean service life of the device is at least 10 years (with the built-in battery being replaced every 5 years).

1.2.29 The average shelf life of the device is at least 10 years (with the built-in battery being replaced every 5 years).

1.2.30 Mean time to repair of the device, excluding the delivery time of spare parts, is not more than 3 hours.

1.3 Delivery kit of the device

1.3.1 The units and maintenance documentation are included with the device and presented in Table 1.2.

Table 1.2 – Delivery kit

Item	Type	Q-ty	Note
MKS-11 "SPECTRA" search dosimeter-radiometer	BICT.412139.006-02 BICT.412139.006-07	1	MKS-11GN MKS-11G
Charging device		1	Model is not specified
Shielded USB cable		1	Model is not specified
Operating Manual	BICT.412139.006-02 HE	1	
"Spectra Reader" software		1	On a mini-CD or other electronic medium
Case		1	Model is not specified
Calibration sample*		1	
*2 electrodes WT-20 containing ^{232}Th -2 % and of ~408 Bq activity			

1.4 Design and principle of operation

1.4.1 General information, design overview

1.4.1.1 Appearance of the device is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 – Appearance of the device

The device is structurally designed as a shape derivative of rectangular parallelepiped with flat planes being replaced with surfaces of large radii of curvature with rounded edges. The body is dustproof, waterproof, made of plastic. The device has upright working position.

The ingress protection rating is – IP67. The body consists of two covers (1) and (2) connected by screws. The front cover (1) contains the graphical color display (3), multifunctional manipulator (joystick) (4), indicators – GAMMA (7), NEUTRON (8), BATTERY (9) – and the light sensor ABC (10). In the upper part of the cover, there is a light display (5) for alarm triggering when radioactive sources are detected.

A spring clip retainer (11) is secured with one screw on the back cover, with the help of which the device is securely fastened onto the operator's clothes, and which can be easily removed, if necessary. The back cover and the clip are marked with "+" symbols (12), which stand for the mechanical centers of photon-ionizing and neutron radiation detectors, respectively.

On the right lateral surface of the device's body under the protective flexible plug (6) there is a USB connector to connect the peripheral devices and charge the built-in battery.

The device is powered from a lithium-polymer battery of 3.7 V rated voltage.

The device is sealed with a paste in the indention (13) of the bottom cover.

1.4.2 Operation of the device

The device consists of the following main parts: high-sensitivity detecting unit of gamma radiation (GDUh), low-sensitivity detecting unit of gamma radiation (GDUl), detecting unit of neutron radiation (NDU), supply voltage formers (SVF), bias voltage formers (BVF), GPS/GNSS receiver (NAV), display and processing

module (DPM), graphical color display (GCD), battery (B), and thermal detector (TD).

GDUh consists of the detector of CsI(Tl) scintillator type with silicon photomultiplier and amplifier, while NDU – of the detector of LiI(Eu) scintillator type with the silicon photomultiplier and amplifier. GDUl is represented as a Geiger-Muller counter.

The principle of operation of the detecting unit is based on the transformation of scintillations caused by gamma or neutron radiation in the scintillator into the voltage pulses in the semiconductor photomultiplier. These pulses are emanated to the input of the amplifier where they are intensified and come to the output as pulses of positive polarity. The number of these pulses is proportional to gamma or neutron radiation DER, and the amplitude – to the energy.

For high temperature stability of the detectors with silicon photomultiplier, DPM constantly compensates temperature by measuring exact values of temperature at the detectors, and precisely adjusting the bias voltage.

DPM processes the pulse flow coming from the outputs of GDUh, GDUl, NDU, and calculates the value of gamma radiation DER, which corresponds to this flow considering the multichannel amplitude analysis, and the pulse count rate from GDUh, GDUl, and NDU.

Depending on the operating mode of the device, the GCD shows the readings of DER, flux intensity, intensity flow histogram, statistical error for gamma and neutron channels.

If DER exceeds 50 µSv/h by gamma channel, GDUh is automatically turned off, and the DER value is calculated from GDUl that runs continuously.

The DPM consists of the nonvolatile memory, which stores the event log files, saved gamma spectra, and a library of spectra.

1.5 Labeling and sealing

1.5.1 The upper cover and the panel of the device is inscribed with the name and a symbol of the device, the ingress protection rating and the manufacturer's trademark.

1.5.2 The lower cover of the device contains the factory serial number and the date of manufacture.

1.5.3 Sealing of the device is performed by the manufacturer.

1.5.4 Removal of seals and repeated sealing is performed by the company after repair and calibration of the device.

1.6 Packing

1.6.1 The device, the charger, and the operating manual are placed into a dustproof and waterproof case.

1.6.2 The case with the device's kit is put into a cardboard packing box, which is glued up on both sides with a plastic film with a sticky layer.

2 PROPER USE OF THE DEVICE

2.1 Operating limitations

Operating limitations are presented in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 – Operating limitations

Operating limitation	Limitation parameters
1 Ambient air temperature	from –20 to 50 °C
2 Relative humidity	Up to 100 % at 35 °C temperature, non-condensing
3 Gamma radiation exposure	Exposure of photon-ionizing radiation DER is up to 10 Sv/h during 5 min

2.2 Preparation for operation

2.2.1 Scope and order of external examination

2.2.1.1 Before using the device, unpack it and check if the delivery kit is complete. Examine for mechanical damages.

2.2.2 Rules and order of examination for operational readiness

2.2.2.1 Read this OM carefully before you start, examine the location, and find out the intended use of indicators and controls.

2.2.2.2 Charge the battery by connecting the charger to the USB-port of the device. However, if the device was on, it would automatically turn off and switch to the charging mode, and the display would show the battery charging process animation:

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Note 1. The device is equipped with a lithium-polymer battery with no "memory effect", which can be charged at any time.

Note 2. Fully charge the battery before the long-term storage of the device

2.2.3 List of possible troubles and troubleshooting

2.2.3.1 The list of possible troubles and troubleshooting is presented in Table 2.2. Please record the possible troubles in the table of Annex A of the Operating Manual.

Table 2.2 – Possible troubles and troubleshooting

Trouble, its manifestation and additional features	Probable trouble cause	Troubles-hooting
The device does not switch on	The battery is discharged	Charge the battery
No communication between the device and the PC	Damaged USB cable	Replace the USB cable
The device's battery does not charge	1 Damaged USB cable 2 Charger is out of order	1 Replace the USB cable 2 Replace the charger

2.2.3.2 The following graphical notifications are also possible, which are displayed in the DER menu and signal the following troubles:
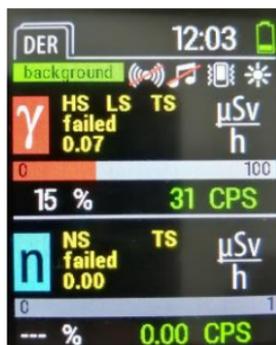

Figure 2

HS failed - failure of a high-sensitivity gamma radiation detector;

LS failed - failure of low-sensitivity gamma radiation detector;

TS failed - temperature sensor malfunction;

NS failed - neutron detector failure;

In the event of any of these faults, please return the device to the manufacturer for repair.

2.3 Use of the device

2.3.1 Safety measures during use of the device

2.3.1.1 All works on the device use should be carried out according to the requirements set out in the following documents:

"Radiation Safety Standards of Ukraine" (NRBU-97). State hygienic standards DHN 6.6.1-6.5.001-98,

"Basic Sanitary Rules of Radiation Safety of Ukraine" (OSPU-2005) DSP 6.177-2005-09-02.

2.3.1.2 The device's surface contains no voltages hazardous for life.

2.3.1.3 The device meets safety requirements under DSTU EN 61010-1:2014.

A special protective jacket is used in the device to prevent accidental contact with conductive parts.

Ingress protection rating is – IP67 according to DSTU EN 60529:2018.

2.3.1.4 Under fire safety requirements the device meets the requirements of applicable fire safety standard regulations and guidances.

2.3.1.5 Direct application of the dosimeter is not dangerous for maintenance personnel and is environmentally friendly.

2.3.1.6 In the event of contamination, the device is subject to decontamination by wiping its surfaces by a gauze swab moistened with a standard decontaminating agent.

2.3.1.7 Disposal of the device should be performed according to DSTU 4462.3.01:2006, DSTU 4462.3.02:2006, and Laws of Ukraine On Environmental Protection and On Waste.

2.3.2 Operating modes of the device

The device has the following modes to:

- Switch the device on/off (2.3.3.1 - 2.3.3.2);

- Measure and indicate DER for gamma and neutron channels (2.3.3.3);

- Display intensity histograms for gamma and neutron channels (2.3.3.4);

- Measure DE (2.3.3.5);

- Identify radionuclides (2.3.3.6);

- Adjust the device (2.3.3.7);

- PC communication (2.3.3.9).

2.3.2.1 A joystick with a central button as shown in Figure 1 is used to manage the device's operation.

Use the joystick to change the operating modes of the device, its settings, and navigate the menu. The central button serves to save the settings, confirm the entered data, recalibration and switching on/off the device.

2.3.2.2 GCD is used to control the device's operation.

2.3.2.3 In the process of operation, the device generates vibration, sound, and light signals as described below.

2.3.2.3.1 Vibration and sound signals:

"Quantum", a sequence of short beeps that indicate the intensity of registered gamma quanta or neutrons. Signal frequency is proportional to the count rate of gamma quanta or neutrons. Signal **"Quantum"** can be enabled or disabled only when the intensity histograms of gamma and neutron channels are displayed.

"**Sigma threshold level exceeding''**, periodic light, sound, and/or vibration signals that indicate on exceeding of the preset intensity threshold of gamma quanta count or conventional neutrons threshold level.

"Safety threshold level exceeding'', periodic light, sound, and/or vibration signals generated when the measured value of gamma radiation DER is higher than the safety threshold level.

"Accumulated dose threshold exceeding'', periodic light, sound, and/or vibration signals generated when the measured value of gamma radiation DE is greater than the threshold level.

"Low battery'', periodic light, sound, and/or vibration signals that indicate to a significant discharge of the device's battery. These signals can be completely disabled.

"Turning the device on/off", polytonic sound, vibration, and light signals, which indicate that the device was switched on or off. These signals can be completely disabled.

"Key tone'', audible and/or vibration signals generated when there was some manipulation with the device's controls. These signals can be completely disabled.

2.3.3 **Operation procedure of the device**

The general control algorithm of the device's operation is as described below.

As soon as switched on, the device enters the mode of DER measurement and indication by gamma and neutron channels, and starts calibration by gamma background level and testing gamma radiation detector efficiency. The duration of calibration is from 60 to 2 s, depending on the gamma background DER.

The **background** icon that is totally green with no flashing "background" inside it indicates that the calibration is completed.

Note 1. Calibration by the level of gamma background is done automatically when switching the device on, exiting the identification mode, or as required by the user. Calculation of the search sigma threshold level of the alarm is performed regardless of the operating mode of the device.

Note 2. For manual recalibration, press and hold "OK" in the joystick for at least 2 seconds while still being in DER measurement mode. The **background** icon will start filling once again, and "**background**" will start flashing

The device has the mode of sound alarm of registered gamma quanta or neutrons, which turns on and off only in the mode of intensity histogram display by gamma and neutron channels. To enable/disable this mode, press and hold "OK" in the joystick for at least 2 seconds. In the joystick, briefly press "OK" for recalibration in terms of the intensity of sounding.

Each short press of the joystick rightwards switches the device between the modes in the following sequence:

- Mode of DER measurement and indication by gamma and neutron channels;

- Mode of intensity histograms display by gamma and neutron channels;

- Mode of DE measurement;

- Mode of nuclide identification;

- Mode of adjusting the device, which incorporates:

- • Display
- • Sound
- • Vibro
- • Light
- • Language
- • Location

- Measurement
- Time and Date
- Device info
- Device off

By pressing the joystick to the left, the device switches between the modes in the reverse sequence.

Regardless of the operating mode of the device, the icons as shown below can be displayed in the top two lines of the display:

 - the current battery status

 - the current time

 - the GPS-receiver status

 - the device's internal memory overflow

 - the level of alarm threshold is exceeded

 - the gamma background calibration process

 - the alarm status of gamma quanta or neutrons count rate

 - sound alarm status

 - vibration alarm status

 - light alarm status

When you connect the device via the USB-cable to the PC (if the device was switched on), the device automatically switches off and goes to the charging mode. Run the "Spectra Reader" software and enter the correct password to switch to the mode of data communication with the PC. (Default password is «0000»). After you stopped operating and exited from the "Spectra Reader" software, the device automatically turns off and goes to the charging mode until disconnected from the PC.

2.3.3.1 Switching the device on and entering the measurement mode

To switch the device on, hold down the central joystick button for at least 3 seconds. A backlit graphical color display (hereinafter - the display) indicates that the device is on, and then it will show information about the device and the producer's trademark (Fig. 3).

If ![battery icon] icon appears on the display when you try to turn on the device, it means that the battery is completely discharged and it should be charged.

Note. You can use the necessary options of the settings to turn on or turn off the sound, light, and/or vibration signals that enable the device.

When you switch the device on, a login screen will appear on the display (Fig 3).

Figure 2 Switching the device on
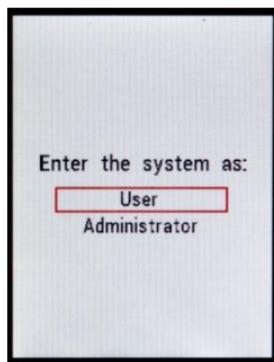
Figure 3 Login screen

When you move the joystick up or down, choose one of the login options – **"User"** or **"Administrator"** – and press the central joystick button.

Operation in the "**Administrator**" mode is different in that you can change those device settings that directly affect its operation (thresholds levels of alarm triggering by gamma and neutron channels coupled with the time and date of the device). To enter the "**Administrator**" mode, you must enter the password «0000» provided by the manufacturer of the device (Fig. 4).

Figure 4 Entering the administrator password

By moving your joystick up or down, choose the required number for each section of the password, and press the central button. Press the joystick to the left or right to navigate through sections. After you press the central joystick button, the device goes to the mode of DER measurement and indication by gamma and neutron channels.

WARNING! Do not share the login password as "**Administrator**" with persons who will use the device as "**Users**". They should not be able to change settings that directly affect the device's operation.

2.3.3.2 Switching off the device

To switch the device off, go to settings, and select **Device off** on the second page of settings. The display will show the information about the manufacturer, and the dosimeter will switche off.

2.3.3.3 The mode of DER measurement and display by gamma and neutron channels

As you log in as a "**User**" or as an "**Administrator**", the device enters the mode of DER measurement and indication by gamma and neutron channels. The **"DER"** label in the upper left corner of the display indicates that the device is in this mode.

Figure 5 – Mode of DER measurement and indication

The window is divided into two independent display areas: the upper one captures DER and the pulse count rate of gamma radiation, while the lower one – DER and the pulse count rate of neutrons. The resolution of display of the pulse count rate of gamma radiation is 1 cps, that of neutrons – 0.01 cps. A unit of measurement is specified near each value, according to which the data is displayed at this point of time.

Also, each display area has an analogue scale of pulse count intensity, which automatically changes the gradation depending on the radiation intensity. A statistical error in percentage is displayed as well (Fig. 6).

If the set threshold level of alarm triggering by sigma threshold is exceeded, the and icons alternately appear in the corresponding area. If the threshold level of alarm triggering by

neutrons count rate is surpassed, the and icons alternately appear in the relevant area, whereas actuation of both alarms makes and alternately appear. Light, sound, and/or vibration alarm also turns on according to the device's settings.

On exceeding of the set threshold level of alarm triggering by the safety level, the icon appears, and light, sound, and/or vibration alarm also turns on according to the device's settings.

In exceeding the set threshold level of alarm triggering by accumulated dose, the icon appears, and light, sound, and/or vibration alarm also turns on according to the device's settings.

Note. If you need to recalibrate the device by sigma-threshold for gamma radiation, you need to hold down the central joystick button for at least 2 seconds in the mode of DER measurement and indication by gamma and neutron channels.

IMPORTANT! If DER is over 50 µSv/h, only the alarm by the safety level would trigger and it would be impossible to recalibrate the device by sigma-threshold of gamma radiation.

IMPORTANT! The exposure of powerful electromagnetic radiation on the device may cause false readings and false alarms.

IMPORTANT! For neutron registration, the device uses a scintillation detector and amplitude analysis to isolate neutron responses at the existing gamma background. Since the neutron responses in the detector correspond to quite high energy values of equivalent photon radiation, high selective sensitivity particularly to neutron radiation is achieved. However, high energy single photons of cosmic origin can be registered as neutrons, which will make counts appear on the digital display.

The display of random DER counts or intensity count rate by the neutron channel for less than 24 seconds without actuation of the neutron alarm threshold is very common and should not be considered.

2.3.3.4 The mode that displays intensity histograms by gamma and neutron channels

To go to the mode of intensity histograms by gamma and neutron channels, move the device's joystick to the left or to the right (depending on the current operating mode of the device).

In the left upper corner of the display, you can find **"SM"** that shows the current operating mode that you are in.

Figure 7 – Histograms display mode

The window is divided into two independent display areas. The upper one reflects DER, gamma radiation pulse count rate, and an intensity histogram of gamma radiation reflecting pulses at each 100 ms during the last 24 s, and the bottom one – DER, neutrons pulse count rate, and an intensity histogram of neutron radiation that shows pulses at each 100 ms during the last 24 s. The resolution of display of the pulse count rate of gamma radiation is 1 cps, that of neutrons – 0.01 cps. A unit of measurement is found near each value according to which data is displayed at this point of time.

In the upper left corner of the histograms, there is a figure that demonstrates the current dimension of the histogram, and each point within its field on the vertical axis indicates the 1/10 of this value (Fig. 7).

Note. In the absence of a neutron radiation source in the environment, the intensity histogram of neutron radiation will not be seen on the display since the common background radiation has no neutron component.

If sigma threshold for gamma radiation exceeds the set level of alarm triggering, the and icons alternately appear in the corresponding area. If the threshold level of alarm triggering by neutrons count rate is exceeded, the and icons alternately appear in that area. When both alarms are actuated, the and icons are shown one by one in the corresponding area. Light, sound, and/or vibration alarm also turns on according to the device's settings.

If the set threshold level of alarm triggering by the safety level is exceeded, the icon appears, and light, sound, and/or vibration alarm is also enabled as specified in the device's settings.

In exceeding the set threshold level of alarm triggering by accumulated dose, the icon appears, and the light, sound, and/or vibration alarm also turns on according to the device's settings.

To turn on/off a sound effect of pulse count rate, hold down the central joystick button for at least 2 s. The icon indicates that pulse count rate is followed by sound, the icon – that sound is absent.

Short presses of the central joystick button, when sound of pulse count rate is enabled, initiates recalibration of the sounding rate relative to the current pulse count rate, which make it possible to distinguish sounds when the device approaches a radiation source and switch sound from the mode of continuous signal to a distinct periodic one.

2.3.3.5 Mode of DE measurement

To go to the mode of accumulated dose display, move the device's joystick to the right or to the left, depending on the current operating mode of the device.

In the left upper corner of the display, you can find **"AD"** that shows the current operating mode you are in (Fig.8).
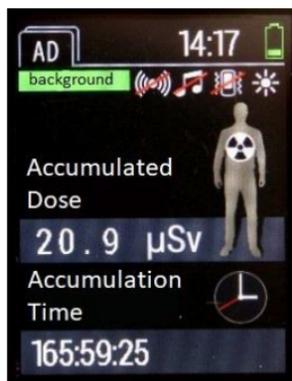
Figure 8 – Mode of DE measurement

The accumulated dose and the time since when the device is switched on appear on the display.

If sigma threshold for gamma radiation exceeds the set level of alarm triggering, the ![icon] and ![icon] icons alternately appear in the corresponding area. If the threshold level of alarm triggering by neutrons count rate is exceeded, the ![icon] and ![icon] icons appear in sequence in that area. When both alarms are actuated, the ![icon] and ![icon] icons are shown one by one in the corresponding area. Light, sound, and/or vibration alarm also turns on according to the device's settings.

If the set threshold level of alarm triggering by the safety level is exceeded, the ![icon] icon appears, and light, sound, and/or vibration alarm is also enabled as specified in the device's settings.

In exceeding the set threshold level of alarm actuation by accumulated dose, the ![icon] icon appears, and the light, sound, and/or vibration alarm also turns on according to the device's settings.

2.3.3.6 Radionuclides identification mode

To switch to the radionuclide identification mode, move the device's joystick to the left or to the right, depending on the current operating mode of the device.

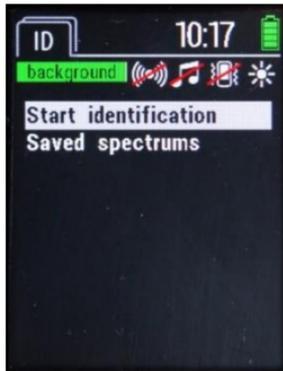In the left upper corner of the display, you can find **"ID"** that shows the current operating mode you are in.

Figure 9 – Radionuclides identification mode

The radionuclides identification mode includes the following items (Fig. 9):

• S**tart identification:** launches the identification process
• **Saved spectra**: allows you to view the saved spectra.

To go to the desired menu item, move the device's joystick up or down until this option is highlighted with a cursor, and then press the central joystick button to confirm that you want to go to this item.

2.3.3.6.1 Identification of radionuclides

The device contains a library of 32 radionuclides capacity. The library can be expanded up to 128 radionuclides via "Spectra Reader" software in a separate order.

Imporatnt! Before starting the identification process, make sure that the gamma radiation DER from the radionuclide under study is greater than 0.3 μSv/h, otherwise the identification process will not begin. You also have to make sure that gamma radiation DER is in the range from 0.3 μSv/h to 10 μSv/h in the process of identification, because otherwise the identification process will end automatically and the status bar will display "low or high DER" (Fig. 10).

Figure 10 – Low or high DERdisplay

To start the process of identification of radionuclides, go to "**Start identification**", and the screen below will open (Fig. 11):
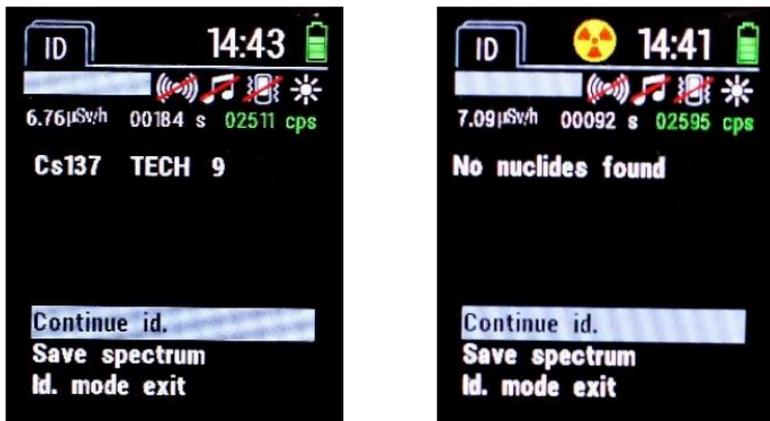

Figure 11 – Radionuclides identification process

This screen shows the following data:

At the top of the screen, there is the ambient dose equivalent rate; time in seconds since the start of identification, and pulse count rate of gamma radiation. A field below will display radionuclides found. Below this field, there is a scale displaying the time in

seconds remaining to the automatic stop of the identification process.

At the bottom of the screen, you can find the following items:

• **Expert Mode** switches you to the expert mode
• **Stop ID** forced stop of the identification process.

2.3.3.6.2 Completing the identification process

After automatic or forced stop of the identification process the following screen appears (Fig 12):

Figure 12 – Identification process completion

This screen shows the following data:

At the top of the screen, there is the ambient dose equivalent rate; time in seconds since the start of identification, and pulse count rate of gamma radiation. A field below will display radionuclides found, or the message, saying "**Nuclides not found**" if radionuclides are not detected.

In case radionuclides are detected, they appear in the corresponding field in the format below:

NAME   CATEGORY   RELIABILITY, where:
   • **NAME** – the name of the radionuclide (e.g., Co^{60});

• **CATEGORY** – the category to which the identified radionuclide belongs ("NORM" - natural, "TECH" - industrial, "MED" - medical, "SPEC" - special nuclear materials);

• **RELIABILITY** – the reliability of determining the given radionuclide on a 10-point scale. "10" is the maximum level of reliability.

If some nuclide is not identified, **"UNKN"** will appear in the field**.**

If the number of identified radionuclides is too big to be displayed at the same time in the field, move the device's joystick down as many times as needed to go down the list and view them.

At the bottom of the screen, you can find the following items:

•**Continue ID –** continues identification,

•**Save spectrum** – saves a spectrum in the device's memory

•**Exit ID** – goes to the main screen of the radionuclide identification mode.

The device's memory can store about 250 full gamma spectra. If the and icons alternately appear in the top line of the display, it means that the memory is full, and you cannot further save gamma spectra. To read the gamma spectra and delete them from the device's memory, use the "**Spectra Reader**" software (2.3.3.7).

Important! If after auto completion of identification, you continue it by clicking "**Continue ID**", automatic completion would no longer take place, and you have to do this manually by selecting "**Stop ID**".

2.3.3.6.3 Expert Mode

Expert Mode allows you to analyze an accumulated spectrum in detail and view the peaks found. To go to the Expert Mode, select "**Expert Mode**" during identification of radionuclides.

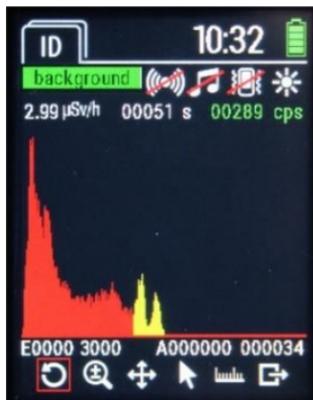The Expert Mode screen appears (Fig. 13):

Figure 13 – Expert mode

This screen displays the following:

At the top of the screen you can the ambient dose equivalent rate; time in seconds since the beginning of identification, and pulse count rate of gamma radiation. A field below displays the accumulated spectrum. The whole amplitude gamma spectrum is displayed in red color, and a zone of interest of the detected photopeak - in yellow.

Below this field, there are scales in EXXXX XXXX and AXXXXXX XXXXXX formats, reflecting the lower and upper limits of the energy range (in keV) and amplitude gamma spectrum (in pulses) which are currently displayed on the screen.

Icons are located at the bottom of the screen. Move the joystick to the left or to the right to choose the necessary icon, and then press the central joystick button.

⟳ – returns to a standard spectrum scale,

⊕ – scales the spectrum up or down. Moving the device's joystick to the right increases scaling by the energy, to the left - decreases. Moving the joystick up increases scaling by amplitude gamma spectrum, down - decreases (Fig. 14):

Figure 14 – Spectrum scaling

✛ – moves you through a scalable spectrum. You can move the device's joystick in the necessary direction to see scalable spectrum parts in more detail (Fig. 15):

Figure 15 – Spectrum move mode

— allows you to view a particular spectrum channel. As you move the device's joystick to the right moves the cursor five pixels of the display rightwards, to the left - five display pixels leftwards. Move the device's joystick up to move the cursor one display pixel rightwards, down - one display pixel leftwards (Fig. 16):

Figure 16 – Cursor display

 – makes it possible for you to view the identified peaks. If the number of identified radionuclides is too big to be displayed at the same time in the field, move the device's joystick down as many times as needed to go down the list and view them (Fig. 17). Peaks are displayed in the following format:

ITEM NO.   ENERGY keV   RADIONUCLIDE NAME

Figure 17 – Viewing identified peaks

 – exits the expert mode and goes to the identification screen (Fig. 10).

Important! Exiting the expert mode does not finish the process of radionuclides identification. To stop the identification process, wait for the auto completion or select "**Stop ID**".

2.3.3.6.4 Viewing saved spectra

You can view spectra saved in the device's memory by switching to the **"Saved spectra"** item in the mode of radionuclides identification (2.3.3.6.2).
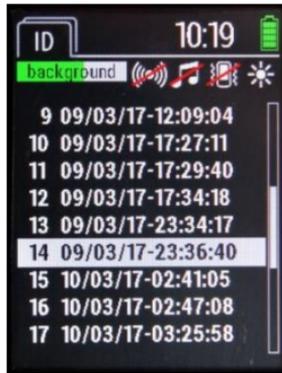
The following window opens:

Figure 18 – Viewing the list of saved spectra

This window contains the list of spectra saved in the device's memory. If the number of saved spectra is too big for simultaneous display in the field, move the device's joystick down as many times as required to go down the list and view them (Fig. 18). Saved spectra are displayed in the following format:

ITEM NO.   DATE   TIME

To choose the required entry, put the cursor over it and press the central joystick button. A window of detailed viewing of saved spectrum opens (Figure 19).
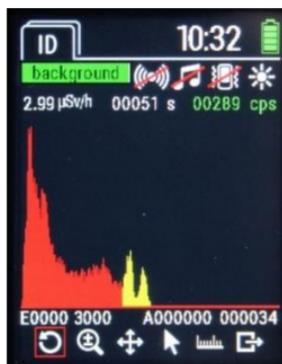
Figure 19 – Detailed viewing of saved spectra

Managing viewing and the way of data display is identical to operation in expert mode in the process of radionuclides identification.

2.3.3.7 The mode of the device setup

To switch to the setup mode, move the device's joystick to the left or to the right (depending on the current operating mode of the device).

"SET" inscription in the left upper corner of the display indicates to operation in this mode.

Figure 20 – Device setup mode

The device setup mode includes the following items (Fig. 20):

- **Display** – backlight setup,
- **Sound** – setting sound notifications and alarms,
- **Vibro** – setting vibrating notifications and alarms,
- **Light** – setting light notifications and alarms,
- **Language** – choice of the language of data display on the device display,

• **Location** - setting the device's navigation receiver,

• **Measurements** – setting thresholds of the alarm triggering and measurements saving,

• **Time&Date** – setting time and date,

• **Device Info** – information about the device and the manufacturer,

• **Device off –** switching off the device.

To switch to the required item of settings, move the device's joystick up or down until this item becomes highlighted by the cursor, then press the central joystick button to confirm switching to this item.

To change the settings in items **"Display"**, **"Sound"**, **"Vibro"**, **"Light"** and **"Location"**, move the device's joystick up or down until you select the desired option, then move the device's joystick leftwards or rightwards to select **On**, **Off** or a different value depending on the selected parameter.

To change the settings in the **"Language"** item, move the device's joystick up or down until you select the desired language, then press the central joystick button to confirm your choice.

To change the settings in items **"Measurements"**, **"Time&Date"** and sub-item **"Change Password"** of the item **"Device Info"**, move the device's joystick up or down until you select the desired option, then press the central joystick button to confirm your choice.

Then, you should move the device's joystick leftwards or rightwards until you select the desired value or unit of measurement, and then move the joystick up or down until you select the desired value. Press the central joystick button to return to selection of other parameters of the respective item.

Each item of the setup menu contains icons `Save`, (but for **"Device Info"** item) and `Back` responsible for settings saving and returning to the previous menu without saving settings respectively. To select the desired icon, move the device's joystick up or down until this icon becomes highlighted with green cursor (for example, `Back`), then press the central joystick button to confirm.

2.3.3.7.1 Display
"**Display**" item contains the following settings (Fig. 21):

Figure 21 – Setting display parameters

• **Brightness** – makes it possible to set the display backlight intensity ranging from 10% to 100% in 10% increment, or "Auto". When selecting the display backlight intensity "Auto", its intensity is adjusted automatically, depending on the external lighting.

• **Backlight timeout** - makes it possible to set the following display backlight time: 15 s, 30 s, 60 s, 120 s, 300 s or continuous backlight.

2.3.3.7.2 Sound

"Sound" item contains the following settings (Fig. 22):

Figure 22 – Setting sound signals

• **ON Sound** – makes it possible to enable or disable the beeps when switching the device on and off;

• **Key Beep** – makes it possible to enable or disable sounding of manipulations with the device controls;

• **Alarm Sound** – makes it possible to enable or disable the audible alarm triggered by exceeding the threshold level of radiation;

• **Law bat Sound** – makes it possible to enable or disable the audible alarm when the device's battery is law.

2.3.3.7.3 Vibration

"Vibration" item contains the following settings (Fig. 23):

Figure 23 – Setting vibration signals

• **ON Vibro** – makes it possible to enable or disable vibration signals when switching the device on and off;

• **Key Vibro** – makes it possible to enable or disable vibration during manipulations with the device controls;

• **Alarm Vibro** – makes it possible to enable or disable the vibration alarm triggered by exceeding the threshold level of radiation;

• **Law bat Vibro** – makes it possible to enable or disable the vibration alarm when the device's battery is law.

2.3.3.7.4 Light

"Light" item contains the following settings (Fig. 24):

Figure 24 – Setting light signals

• **On Light** – makes it possible to enable or disable light signals when switching the device on and off;

• **Alarm Light**– makes it possible to enable or disable the light alarm triggered by exceeding the threshold level of radiation;

• **Law bat Light**– makes it possible to enable or disable the light alarm when the device's battery is law.

2.3.3.7.5 Language

"Language" item makes it possible to change the data display language on the device display (Fig. 25):
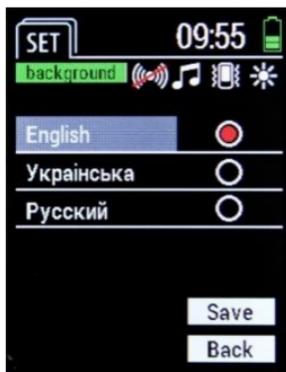
Figure 25 – Setting the language

2.3.3.7.6 Location

"Location" item contains the following settings (Fig. 26):

Figure 26 – Setting the parameters of navigation receiver

• **Receiver** – makes it possible to enable or disable power supply of the device navigation receiver;

• **Data update** – allows setting the following coordinates update interval: 15s, 30s, 60s, 120s, 300s, or continuous update;

• **Location info** - makes it possible to switch to viewing the current data of navigation receiver, namely, time, date, coordinates, number of satellites currently found by the device (SIU), as well as information on whether these coordinates are reliable (Fig. 27).

Figure 27 – Location information

2.3.3.7.7 Measurement

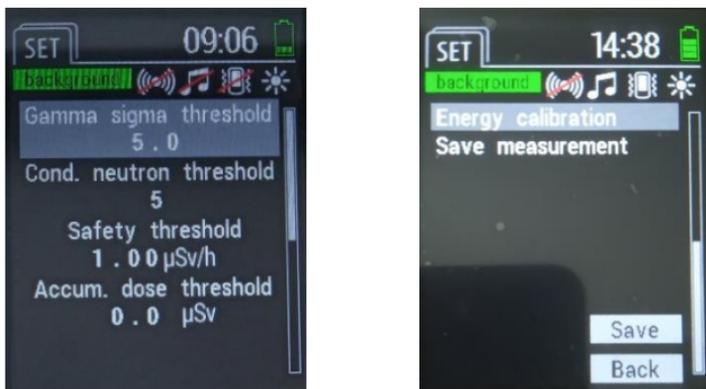**"Measurement"** item contains the following settings (Fig. 28):

Figure 28 – Setting measurement parameters

• **Gamma sigma threshold -** allows setting the threshold of the alarm triggering by the number of exceedances of the mean square value of gamma pulse count rate;

• **Cond. neutron threshold -** allows setting the conditional threshold of the alarm triggering by neutrons;

• **Safety threshold -** allows setting the threshold of the alarm triggering by the DER value;

• **Accum. dose threshold** - allows setting the threshold by the accumulated dose;

• **Energy calibration** (the item is displayed only in the **"Administrator"** mode) - using the calibration source allows performing the procedure for compensating the detector's aging.

• **Save measurements -** allows saving the events with current coordinates, time and DER in the device's memory during measurements. **If the navigation receiver is disabled at the time of saving, or there is no communication with satellites, information about current coordinates is not added to the event.**

IMPORTANT! The options to configure **"Gamma sigma threshold"**, **"Cond. neutron threshold"** and **"Safety threshold"** are available only after you enter the **"Administrator"** mode (2.3.3.1).

The device's memory allows storing about 65,000 events. If

and icons alternatively appear in the top line of the display, it means that the device's memory is full and further saving of the events is impossible. To read and clear the events from the device's memory use the **"Spectra Reader"** software.

2.3.3.7.8 Time and Date
"Time and Date" item contains the following settings (Fig. 29):

Figure 29 – Setting time and date parameters

• **Current time** – allows setting the current time;

• **Current date** – allows setting the current date.

IMPORTANT! The option to configure **"Current time"** and **"Current date"** parameters is available only after entering the **"Administrator"** mode (2.3.3.1).

2.3.3.7.9 About the device

"About the device" item contains information about the device model, version of its proprietary software, serial number, and information about the device's manufacturer (Fig. 30).

Figure 30 – About the device

This item also contains the **"Change password"** subitem that allows you to change the password to enter in the **"Administrator"** mode.

The **"Change password"** subitem contains the following items (Fig. 31):

Figure 31 – Password change

• **Enter password** - enter the current password in this field. (Default password is «0000»);

• **Enter new password** - enter a new password in this field;

• **Repeat new password** - reenter the new password in this field.

2.3.3.8 Energy calibration

Calibration of the device by the energy allows using a calibration sample containing ^{232}Th radionuclide, compensate for aging of the device's detector. It is performed every 6 months maximum. It is available only when the device is switched on in the **"Administrator"** mode.

IMPORTANT! To perform calibration, it is necessary that the device remained in regular steady-state condition for at least 5 hours prior to calibration and the conditions must be unchanged in its process. One also needs to make sure in the absence of other sources of photon-ionizing radiation affecting the calibration result.

2.3.3.8.1 To enable the calibration process, select the "Energy calibration" item in the settings mode. The **"Calibration in progress"**, the cycle counter and the status bar of data accumulation appear on the screen (Fig. 32). After that place the device in its transport case in the standard lodgment and wait for the calibration result. When the inscription "Collecting sata" changes to "Ending…" – this indicates the last cycle of calibration of the device (Fig. 32.1).

Note. Energy calibration is a rather lengthy process that can last up to 4 hours 40 minutes.

Figure 32 – "Energy calibration" mode

2.3.3.8.2 Wait until the calibration is completed. The following messages may appear on the display of the device:

"Calibration successful" – which means that the device correctly identified all the given photopeaks of the calibration sample and successfully performed compensation of the measuring path (Fig. 33).

Figure 33 – "Calibration successful"

- **"Calibration failed"** – which means that the device could not correctly detect the photopeaks of the calibration sample or cannot perform compensation of the measuring path (Fig. 34). Please, contact the manufacturer in this case.

Figure 34 – "Calibration failed"

- **"Calibration failed High DER"** – which means that the background around the device is high, so you need to find a place with a natural background gamma DER, and repeat the calibration (Fig. 35).

Figure 35 – "Calibration failed High DER"

2.3.3.9 Data communication with personal computer (PC)

2.3.3.9.1 Software installation

To read and view the events from the device and set its parameters use the **"Spectra Reader"** software (hereinafter **"Spectra Reader"** SW), which is supplied by the device's manufacturer.

IMPORTANT! You need to know the password to log in as **"Administrator"** to use the **"Spectra Reader"** SW. It is common for operation with the device and this SW.

To use the option of data communication of the device and a personal computer (hereinafter, the PC) you first **need to install the driver** supplied by the device's manufacturer.

After installing the driver, you have to install the **"Spectra Reader"** SW.

Installation of the driver and **"Spectra Reader"** SW is similar to installing other applications and does not require any special skills.

IMPORTANT! Smooth operation of **"Spectra Reader"** SW requires installation of at least **OS Windows 7** on the PC. To install the **driver** and **"Spectra Reader"** SW you might need to login in the OS of your PC as the **"Administrator"**. In case of complications, please contact your system administrator who supports your PC.

2.3.3.9.2 Establishing data communication with PC

Connect the device via USB-cable to the PC. If the device is switched on, it automatically switches off and proceeds to charging mode. To switch to the mode of data communication with PC, you have to run **"Spectra Reader"** SW (through a link on the desktop or via "Start" menu), after which you see a login window into the **"Spectra Reader"** SW containing the following fields (Fig. 36):

• **Language** – selection of the desired language of interface display;

• **COM-port** - selection of a COM-port, which the device is connected to;

• **PIN code** - entering a PIN code to access the program. (Default PIN code is «0000»).

Note. You may get to know the COM-port number by right-clicking on the icon "Computer" and selecting "Properties" in the popup window. Then in the left side of the window that appears, select "Device Manager" item, and in the "Ports (COM and LPT)" tab find "**ST Microelectronics Virtual COM Port**". COM-port (COM__) number specified opposite the device is used to select the login window to **"Spectra Reader" SW** in the "COM-port" field. If you connect the device to the same USB-port of the PC each time, the number of its COM-port does not change. An example of access to information about the COM-port number is provided for Windows 7 and may vary in other operating systems.

Select the desired options, enter a PIN code and click "**Apply**" button. If all data is entered correctly, "Events" tab of the "**Spectra Reader**" SW opens. If a window appears with a warning that your data is incorrect, check the entered data and click "**Apply**" again.
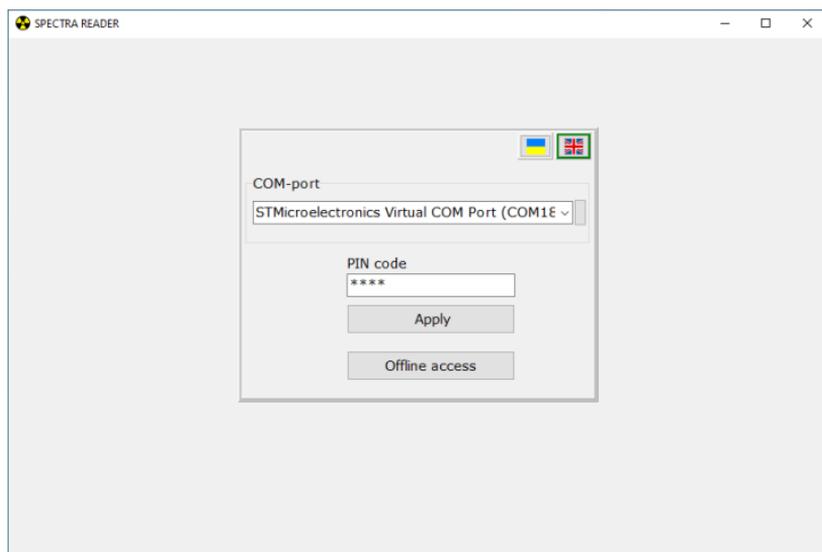

Figure 36 – Login window in **"Spectra Reader" SW**

2.3.3.9.3 Events reading

After starting the **"Spectra Reader" SW,** the "**Events**" tab opens, which allows managing the events saved in the device's memory.

In the upper left corner of the **"Events"** tab a serial number of the connected device is highlighted in the format "<u>Ser.number XXXXXXXX</u>", where XXXXXXXX is a unique serial number of the currently connected device.

This tab has the following fields as well:

• **List of events** - this field displays the list of events downloaded from the device during the last readout session (Fig. 37);

• **Events Filter** - you can select the type and the date of the events saving in this field that will be displayed in the list after reading from the device.

Click "**Read events**" to read all events saved in the device's memory.

IMPORTANT! Even if not all types of events were selected in the "**Events Filter**" field, they still would be read again each time until cleared from the device's memory.
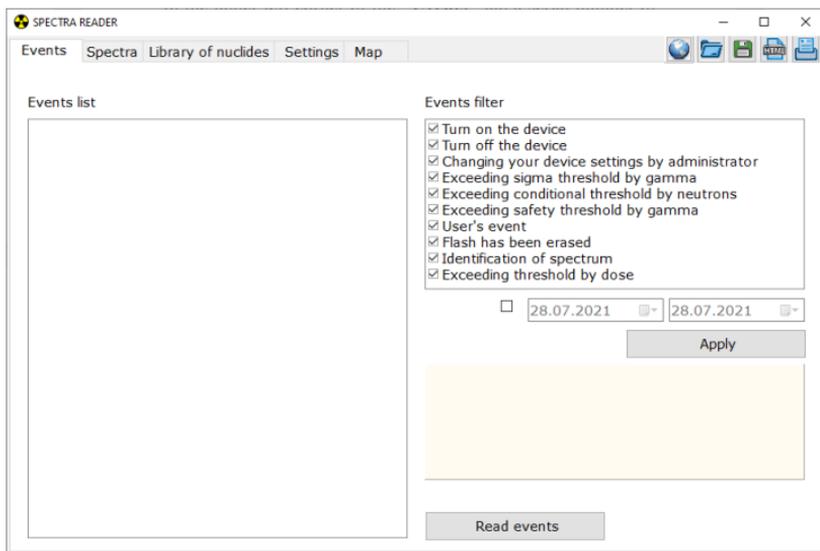

Figure 37 – **"Events"** tab

2.3.3.9.4 Working with the readout events

After successful reading of the events from the device, they are displayed in the "**List of Events**" field of the "**Events**" tab (Fig. 38).
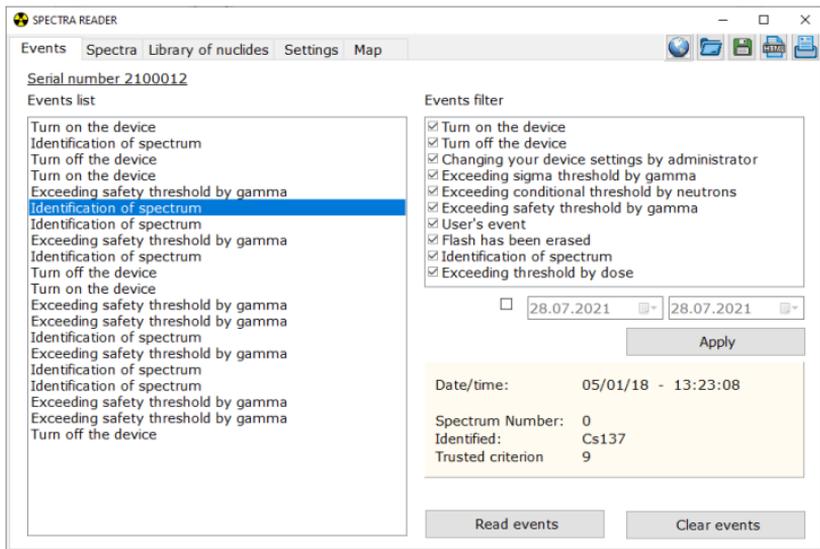

Figure 38 – Readout events

Select the required event in the "**List of events**" field. The information it contains is displayed rightwards below the "**Events Filter**" field.

If you need to sort the downloaded events, you can check the boxes in the "**Events Filter**" field opposite those types of events to be displayed in the "**List of Events**" field.

You can also set the time interval to display the events, the date of creation of which falls within this interval. To do this you have to check the box opposite the fields "from" and "to" and set the required time interval.

After selecting the types of events and/or the time interval, click "**Apply**" to display the events according to the specified parameters.

"Clear events" button is designed to delete all events from the device's memory.

IMPORTANT! If the events were not saved on the PC's hard drive (or removable disk drive), they are not subject to recovery after removal from the device's memory.

The upper right corner of the "**Events**" tab contains the following buttons of the events control:

 - saving all events to the PC's hard drive in the .dat format (including those that are not displayed according to filters);

 - download the saved events from the PC's hard drive;

 - save all events to the PC's hard drive in .html format;

 - printout the report;

 - display the event on the map, according to the coordinates where it was saved (if the coordinates have been added) (Fig. 39).
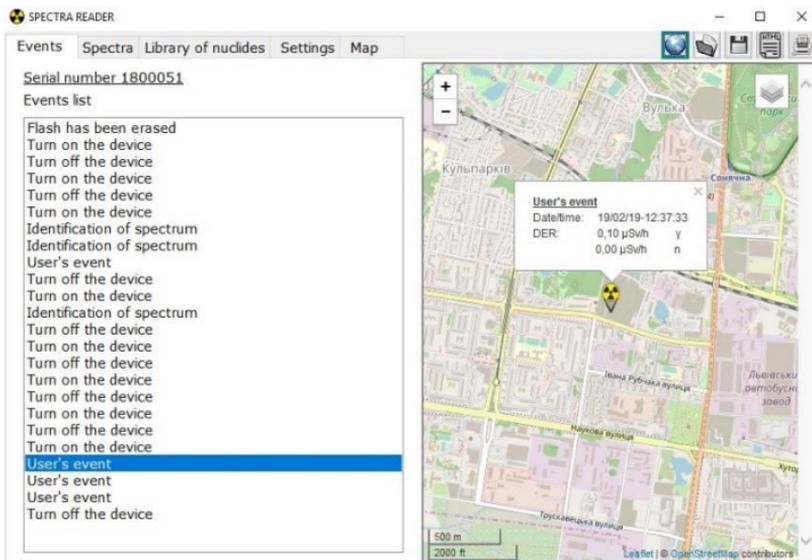

Figure 39 – Event display on the map

2.3.3.9.5 Spectra

"**Spectra**" tab allows managing spectra saved in the device's memory (Fig. 40).

Figure 40 – "Spectra" tab

In the upper left corner of the "**Spectra**" tab a serial number of the connected device is highlighted in the format "<u>Ser.number XXXXXXXX</u>", where XXXXXXXX is a unique serial number of the currently connected device.

This tab includes the following fields as well:

• **Spectra list** - this field displays a list of spectra downloaded from the device during the last readout session.

• **Field of detailed spectra viewing** - you can view the details of spectra in this field that were read from the device.

• **Cursor** - allows channel-by-channel preview of the selected spectra,

• **Filter by date** - you can select a date of spectra saving in this field to be displayed in the list after reading from the device.

Click the "**Read spectra**" button to read all spectra saved in the device's memory.

IMPORTANT! Even if not all dates of spectra saving were selected in the field of filtering by date, they still would be read again each time until cleared from the device's memory.

2.3.3.9.6 Working with read spectra

After successfully reading spectra from the device, they will appear in the in the **"Spectra List"** field of **"Spectra"** tab (Fig. 41).
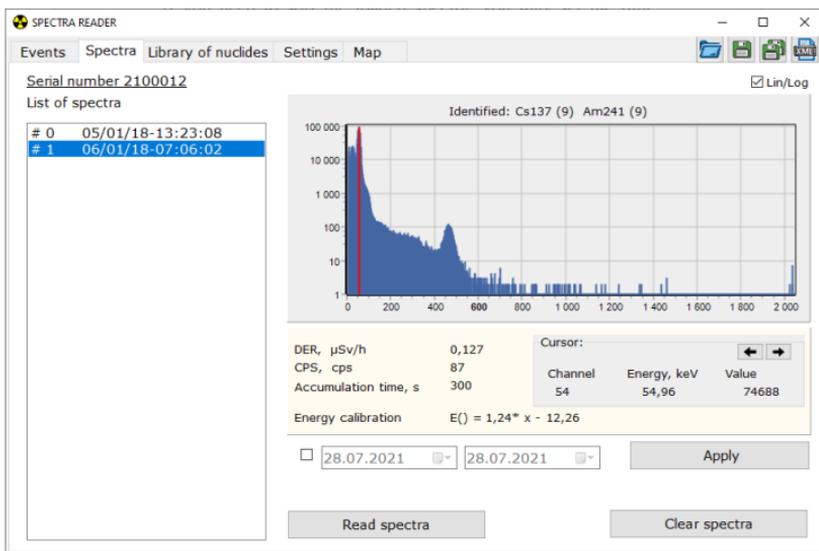

Figure 41 - Image of spectra

Select the necessary entry in the "**Spectra list**" field by the date and time of creation. The information it contains is displayed to the right in the field of detailed spectra viewing. You can view the required saved spectrum channel-by-channel in this field by guiding the cursor using the corresponding arrows in the "**Cursor**" field.

Depending on the current position of the cursor in the "**Cursor**" field, information about the channel, energy (in keV) and the number of pulses will be displayed.

In addition, there is a "Lin/Log" checkbox over the field of detailed spectra viewing, which allows you to switch between spectra display scale from linear to logarithmic, or vice versa. To the left of the "**Cursor**" field you may see the ambient dose equivalent rate and the number of pulses per second per spectrum saving time, as well as its total accumulation time. Below the field of detailed spectra viewing, there is information about energy calibration.

If you need to sort the loaded spectra, you may set the time interval in the field of filtering by date to display spectra, which creation date falls within this interval. You should check the box opposite fields "from" and "to" and set the desired time interval. After selecting the time interval, click "**Apply**" to display spectra in accordance with the specified parameters.

"**Delete spectra**" button is designed to delete all saved spectra from the device's memory.

IMPORTANT! If spectra were not saved on the PC's hard drive (or removable disc drive), they are not subject to recovery after removal from the device's memory.

In the upper right corner of the "**Spectra**" tab, there is a button that allows exporting information about this spectrum in .xml format in accordance with ANSI 42.42 requirements.

2.3.3.9.7 Library of nuclides

"Library of nuclides" tab allows you to manage the library of radionuclides saved in the device's memory (Fig. 42).
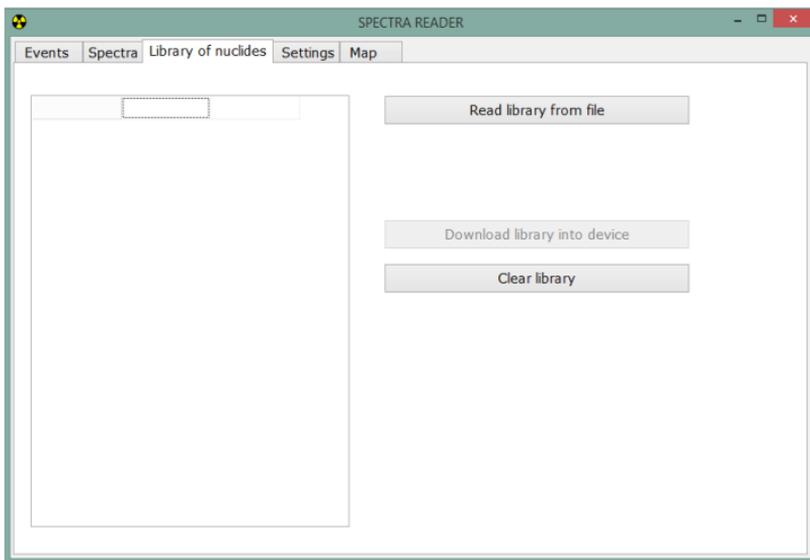

Figure 42 – "Library of nuclides" tab

There is a field of radionuclide libraries viewing downloaded from a file in the left part of this tab.

The right part of this tab contains the following buttons:

• **Read library from file** – allows downloading the library of radionuclides from a file;

• **Download library into device** - allows downloading the library of radionuclides in the device;

• **Clear library** - allows deleting the library of radionuclides, which is currently available in the device.

Important! After deleting the library of radionuclides from the device, you should download another one; otherwise, the device would not be able to identify radionuclides, although the search mode remains functioning.

2.3.3.9.8 Managing libraries of radionuclides

To download a new library in the device first read it into the "**Spectra Reader**" **SW** from a file in .bn format. Library file is provided by the device manufacturer in a separate order.

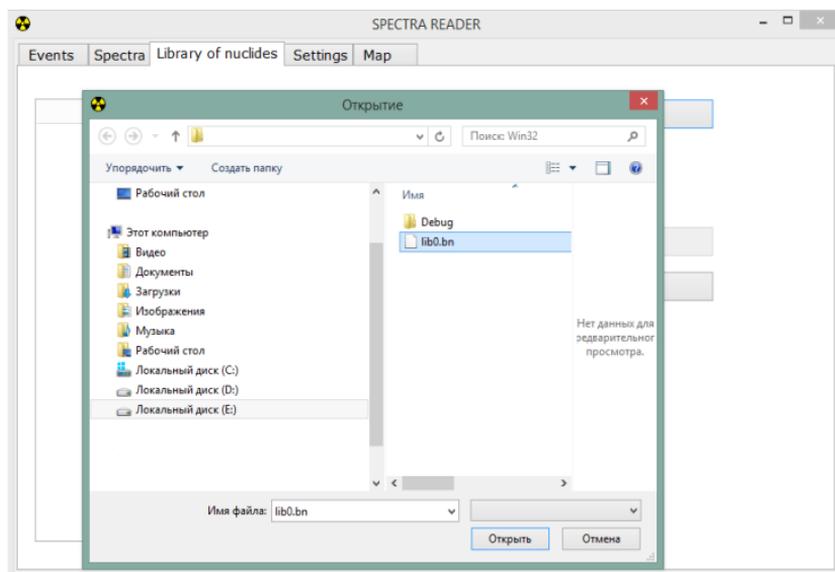Click "**Read library from file**" button to open the following window (Fig.43):

Figure 43 – Reading library of nuclides from file

Choose the directory where the file with the library is located and click "Open". You will see the following window (Fig.44):
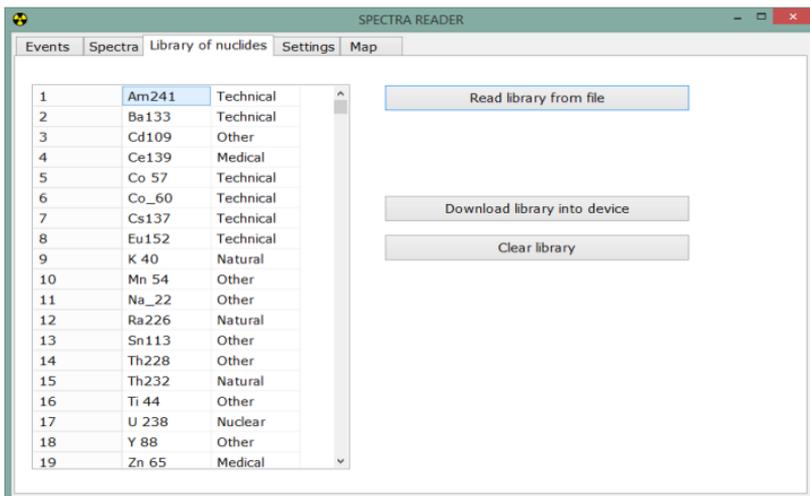

Figure 44 – Library of nuclides read from file

A list of radionuclides contained in the read file appears in the field of viewing libraries of radionuclides in the following format:

ITEM NO.   NAME   CATEGORY, where

- **ITEM NO.** – a serial number of the radionuclide;
- **NAME** – a name of the radionuclide (e.g., ^{60}Co);
- **CATEGORY** – a category to which the identified radionuclide belongs ("Natural" - natural, "Technical" - industrial, "Medical" - medical, "Nuclear" - special nuclear materials, "Other" - other);

Click "**Clear library**" button to delete the library of radionuclides, which is currently available in the device, and then load a new library of radionuclides in the device using the "**Download library into device**" button. Wait for completion of the library downloading in the device.

Important! Previous library must be cleared from the device's memory before loading a new one; otherwise, an appropriate warning appears when you try to download.

2.3.3.9.9 Settings

"**Settings**" tab allows configuring the device operation parameters and change its PIN code (Fig. 45).
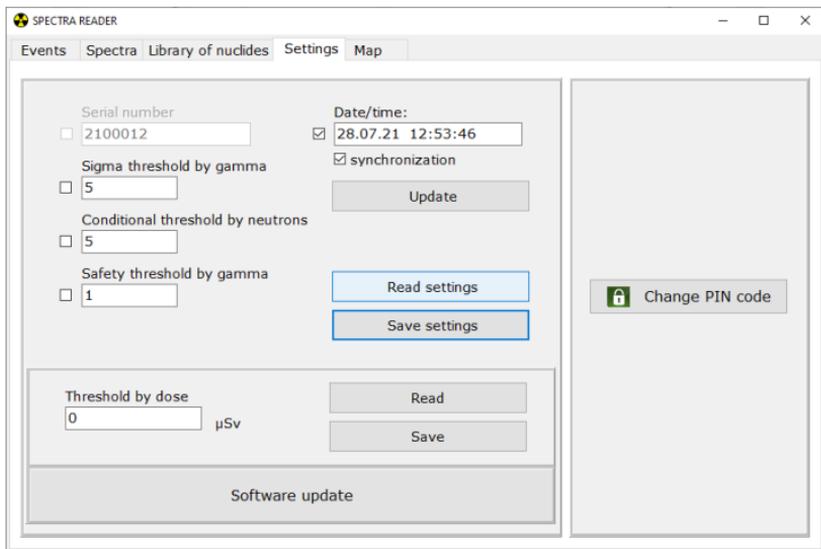

Figure 45 – Settings tab

"**Settings**" tab includes the following fields:
• **Serial No.** - this field displays the unique serial number of the connected device;
• **Sigma threshold by gamma** – in this field you can set the threshold of alarm triggering by the number of rms deviations of gamma radiation pulse count rate;
• **Conditional threshold by neutrons** - in this field you can set the threshold of alarm triggering by the neutrons count rate;
• **Safety threshold by gamma** - in this field you can set the threshold of alarm triggering by gamma radiation DER level;

• **Date/Time** - in this field you can enter the current date and time or check the box in the "Synchronization" line and click "**Update**" to read the system time from the PC.

After entering the required data, click "**Save settings**" to record the updated data in the device's memory.

After entering the required data and checking the fields that are to be saved, click the **"Save settings"** button to record the updated data in the device's memory.

• **Dose threshold** - in this field you can set the threshold of alarm triggering by accumulated dose. After entering the desired value, click the **"Save"** button.

• **Software update** - allows you to enter the firmware update mode

2.3.3.9.10 PIN code change

To change the PIN code of access to **"Spectra Reader" SW** and login as the **"Administrator"** in the device, click on the **"Change PIN code"** button on the right side of the **"Settings"** tab.

A field of the PIN code change opens featuring the following fields (Fig. 46):

•   **PIN code** - enter the current access PIN code in this field;

•   **New PIN code** - enter a new access PIN code in this field;

•   **Repeat new PIN code** - renter the new access PIN code in this field.

Click **"Apply"** to save the new PIN code or **"Cancel"** to keep the current PIN code unchanged.
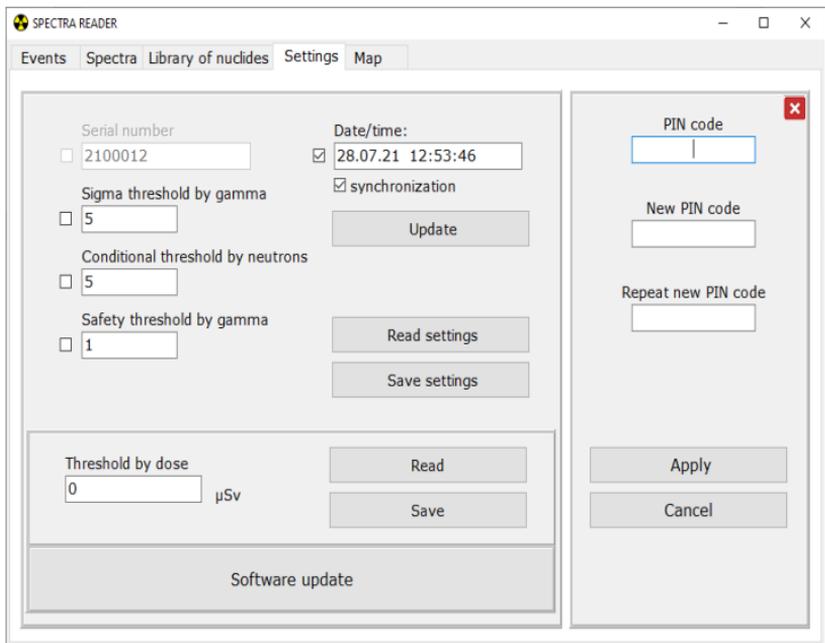
Figure 46 – PIN code change

2.3.3.9.11 Software update

IMPORTANT! Ensure uninterrupted power to your PC throughout the software update process.

Click the **"Software Update"** button to open the following window (Fig. 47):
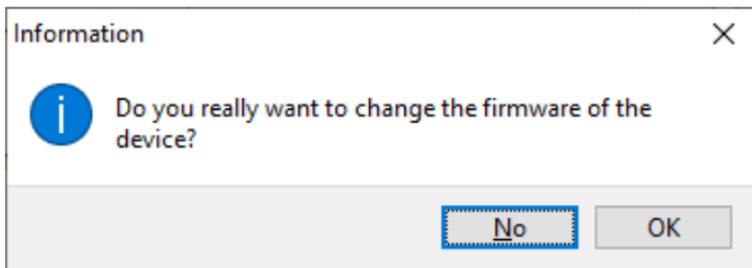
Figure 47 – Confirmation of the firmware change of the device

After confirmation the following window will appear (Fig. 48):
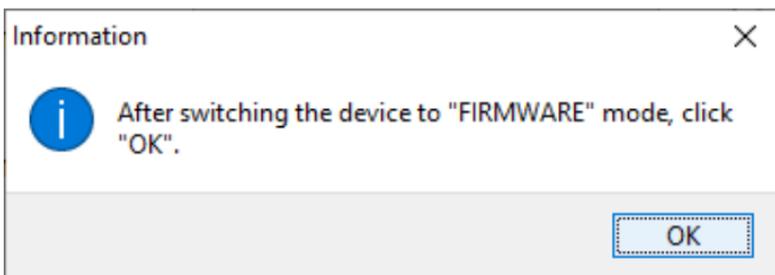

Figure 48 – Switch the device in the boot mode.

To switch the device to the boot mode, you need to press and hold the "OK" button on the joystick for at least 11 s, then release it and the display of the device will show that the device is in the boot mode (Fig. 49). In order for the unit to exit the boot mode, the joystick button must be pressed and held again for at least 11 seconds.
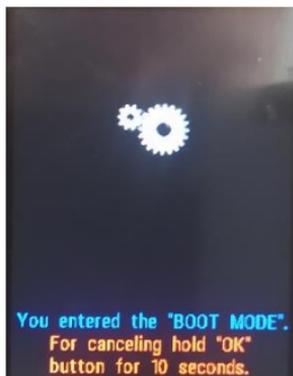
Figure 49 – The device in the boot mode

After switching the device to the boot mode, click the "OK" button in the program window (Fig. 48). Select the directory where the firmware file in **.bin** format is located (Fig. 50).
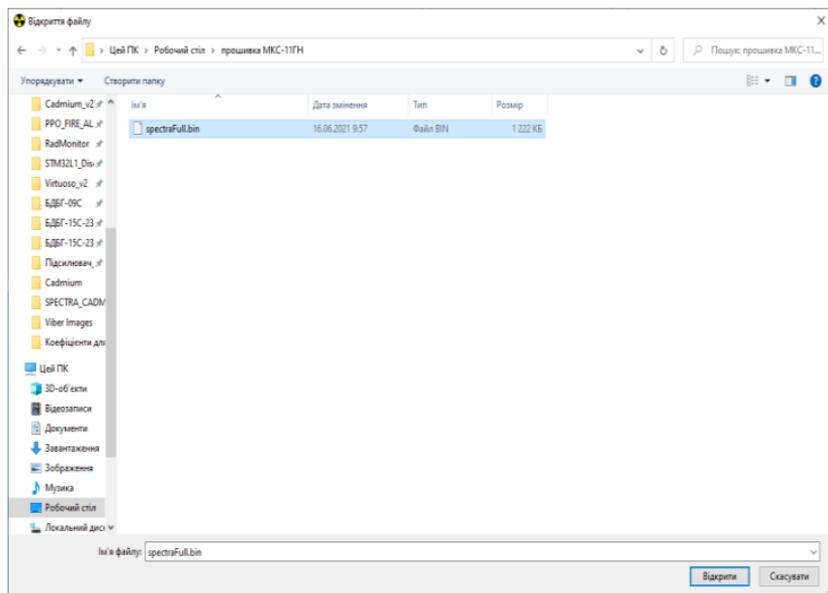
Figure 50 – Firmware file selection

As soon as you choose the correct file, the process of firmware of the device will begin displaying the update progress (Fig. 51)
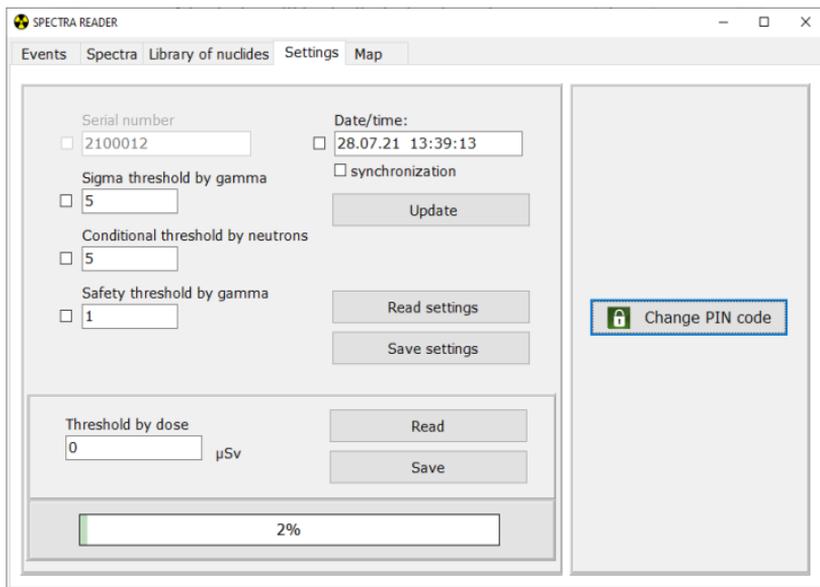
Figure 51 - Firmware update progress

IMPORTANT! Do not remove the USB cable until the boot process is complete (Fig. 52)

Figure 52 - Software update completed.

2.3.3.9.12 Map

The **"Map"** tab allows viewing all points on the map downloaded during the last reading according to the coordinates where they were saved (Fig. 53).

Figure 53 – "Map" tab

2.3.3.9.13 Completion of operation in the mode of data communication with PC

After completion of operation and exiting the **"Spectra Reader" SW,** the device automatically turns off and switches to the charging mode until it is disconnected from the PC.

3 TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE

3.1 Technical maintenance of the device

3.1.1 General guidelines

The list of operations during technical maintenance (hereinafter – the TM) of the device, the order of priority and features at different stages of the device use is shown in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 - List of operations during technical maintenance

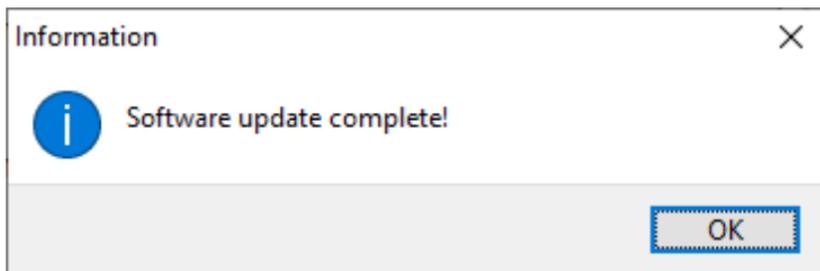| Operations	Type of technical maintenance			OM item No.
	during		during long-term storage	
	everyday use	periodical use		
External examination	+	+	+	3.1.3.1
Delivery kit completeness check	-	+	+	3.1.3.2
Operability check	+	+	+	3.1.3.3
Storage battery status control	+	+	+	3.1.3.4
Verification of the device	-	+	+	3.2
Note 1. "+" means the operation is applicable at this type of TM; "-" means the operation is not applicable. **Note 2.** The devices should be verified during use and after repair				

3.1.2 Safety measures

TM safety measures fully comply with safety measures presented in OM 2.3.1.

3.1.3 TM procedure of the device

3.1.3.1 External examination

Examination of the device should be performed in the following order:

a) check the condition of the device's surfaces, the integrity of seals, absence of scratches, traces of corrosion, and surface damage of coating;

b) check the condition of the USB socket contacts.

3.1.3.2 Delivery kit completeness check

Check if the delivery kit is complete according to Table 1.2.

3.1.3.3 Operability check of the device

3.1.3.3.1 Operability check of the device and its procedure are performed according to OM 2.3.3.

3.1.3.4 Storage battery status control

The device's battery status control is performed during daily use, and before the long-term storage of the device. Follow the procedure below:

- Switch on the device;

- Monitor the battery status by the indicator on the display;

- If the battery is not full, charge it by plugging the charger in the USB connector.

3.2 Verification of the device

3.2.1 Devices should be verified during operation (periodic verification at least once a year) and after repair according to verification methods, which are determined by regulations of the central executive body, which ensures the formation of state policy in the field of metrology and metrological activities, or by national standards.

3.2.2 Presentation of verification results

3.2.2.1 Positive results of periodic or after-repair verification are recorded in the table of Annex B or by issuing a verification certificate for the legislatively regulated measurement equipment.

3.2.2.2 If the device is acknowledged unfit for use after its verification, it gets the certificate of inadequacy.

4 CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

The MKS-11_____ "SPECTRA" Search Dosimeter-Radiometer BICT.412139.006_____, with _____ serial number is verified and accepted for use.

Date of manufacture _____

QCD Representative: _____

Stamp here   (signature)

5 PACKING CERTIFICATE

The MKS-11_____ "SPECTRA" Search Dosimeter-Radiometer BICT.412139.006_____ with _____ serial number is packed by the PE "SPPE "Sparing-Vist Center" in accordance with the requirements outlined in the OM.

Date of packing _____

Stamp here

Packed by _____
                    (signature)

6 WARRANTY

6.1 The manufacturer guarantees the conformity of the device with the technical requirements if the customer observes the guidelines on its use, shipping and storage presented in the OM BICT.412139.006-02 HE.

6.2 The warranty period of use of the device shall terminate and be of no further effect in 24 months after the date of putting it into operation or after the warranty period of storage terminates.

6.3 The warranty period of storage of the device is 6 months after its manufacture date according to GOST 27451-87 standard.

6.4 The warranty period of use of the device is prolonged for the warranty repair period.

6.5 When the warranty period of the device terminates, the repair is done according to separate agreements.

6.6 Warranty and post-warranty repair is done only by the manufacturer.

6.7 If a mechanical damage is detected or seals are removed, the repair is done at customer's cost.

7 REPAIR

7.1 In case of failure or troubles during the warranty period of the device, the user should contact the supplier in his/her country. Warranty and post-warranty repair should be done only by the manufacturer at the following address:

PE "SPPE "Sparing-Vist Center"

79026, Ukraine, Lviv, 33 Volodymyra Velykoho St.

Tel.: (+38032) 242 15 15, fax: (+38032) 242 20 15

E-mail: sales@ecotest.ua.

7.2 All claims are registered in Table 7.1.

Table 7.1

Date of failure	Claim summary	Action taken	Note

7.3 Warranty and post-warranty repair should be done only by the manufacturer. Information about repair of the device is recorded in the table of Annex C of this OM.

8 STORAGE

8.1 The devices should be stored in the packing box under conditions 1 (Л) according to GOST 15150-69 standard in heated and ventilated storehouses with air-conditioning at the ambient air temperature from +5 to +40 ºC and relative humidity up to 80 % at +25 ºC temperature, non-condensing. The storehouse should be free of acids, alkalis and gases that may cause corrosion, and vapors of organic solvents.

8.2 The placement of the devices in the storehouses should ensure their free movement and access to them.

8.3 The devices should be stored on the shelves.

8.4 The distance between the walls, the floor of the storehouse and devices should be at least 1 m.

8.5 The distance between the heating gadgets of the storehouse and the devices should be at least 0.5 m.

8.6 Average shelf life is not less than six years.

8.7 Additional information on storage, check during storage and maintenance of the device is registered in Annexes D, E, F of this OM.

9 SHIPPING

9.1 Packed devices may be shipped by any kinds of closed transport vehicles under the conditions 4 (Ж2) (with temperature limitations in the range of – 25 ºC to +50 ºC) according to GOST 15150-69 and rules and standards effective for each means of transport.

9.2 The devices in shipping containers should be placed and fastened in the vehicle so that their stable position is ensured and shocks (with each other and the sidewalls of the transport) are avoided.

9.3 The devices in shipping container endure:

- temperature from -25 to +50 ºC;

- relative humidity (95±3) % at 35 ºC temperature;

- shocks with 98 m/s^2 acceleration, shock pulse duration – 16 ms and the number of shocks not less than 1000.

9.4 Canting is forbidden.

10 DISPOSAL

Disposal of the device is performed in compliance with Laws of Ukraine on Environmental Protection and on Waste and the general rules, i.e. metal is recycled or melted, and plastic parts are dumped.

Disposal of the device is not dangerous for the service personnel, and is environmentally friendly.

ANNEX A

TROUBLE RECORD DURING USE

Date and time of failure. Operating mode	Type (manifestation) of trouble	Cause of trouble, number of operation hours of the failed element	Action taken and claim note	Position, name and signature of the person responsible for solving the problem	Note

ANNEX B

PERIODIC VERIFICATION OF MAIN SPECIFICATIONS

Verified specification		Date of measurement					
		Year of 20		Year of 20		Year of 20	
Name	Standardized value	Actual value	Measured by (position, signature)	Actual value	Measured by (position, signature)	Actual value	Measured by (position, signature)
Main relative permissible error during gamma radiation DER measurement, %	$15+1/\dot{H}^*(10)$) where $\dot{H}^*(10)$ - is a measured value of gamma radiation DER, μSv/h						
Main relative permissible error during gamma radiation DE measurement with built-in GMC, %	15						
Radionuclide identification with statement of category	^{241}Am, not less than 8 out of 10						
	^{137}Cs, not less than 8 out of 10						
	^{60}Co, not less than 8 out of 10						

ANNEX C

INFORMATION ABOUT DEVICE REPAIR

Name and type of the component part of the device	Reason for repair	Date		Name of the repair organization	Number of hours worked before repair	Type of repair	Name of repair	Position, name and signature of the responsible person	
		of arriving for repair	of repair completion					who performed repair	who accepted after repair

ANNEX D

STORAGE

Date		Storage conditions	Position, name and signature of the responsible person
of placing in storage	of removing from storage		

ANNEX E

PUTTING IN PROLONGED STORAGE AND REMOVAL FROM STORAGE

Date of putting in prolonged storage	Storage method	Date of removal from prolonged storage	Name of the enterprise in charge of putting or removing from prolonged storage	Date, position and signature of the responsible person

ANNEX F

VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION RESULTS

Date	Verification or inspection type	Verification or inspection result	Position, name and signature of the person responsible for inspection	Note