

9. Measures to protect confidential information

Being civil servants, the controller group and the inspectors were subject to the Swedish Secrets Act, which, inter alia, contains provisions prohibiting civil servants from divulging classified information. The extent to which information had to be classified was indicated by the management.

10. Opening conference

During the opening conference, the inspectors addressed the inspection activities and specified services likely to be needed from the facility. A facility representative informed about safety regulations and current activities. The opening conference lasted less than one hour.

11. Types of records needed and/or audited

For information on different types of records, see the Annex. The feedstock records were the most relevant, and all such records pertaining to the current calendar year (January-October) were examined.

The resulting material accountancy balance was cross-checked by sampling other records and notes (inventory movement reports, feedstock accountancy notes, batch orders, loading and shipping reports).

12. Plant orientation tour

The orientation tour encompassed the facility and the surrounding complex.

13. Inspection of areas and facility equipment

The facility areas (two process platforms, feedstock storage, end-products storage, production office, and analytical laboratory) were inspected in detail, including examination of reaction vessels, process equipment, control room, and key measurement points. The pipelines carrying end-product from the process to the storage were not checked. Some facility personnel were interviewed.

14. Inspection of operation procedures

During this inspection, special attention was paid to the extent to which safety equipment and procedures occurred or were used, which could have enabled handling of super-toxic chemicals.

15. Sampling and sample-taking procedures

The sample-taking was performed by facility personnel whenever requested by the inspectors. However, the inspectors refrained from requesting such sample-taking that would have interfered with normal process operations or caused great inconvenience to the facility.

16. Handling of samples

The inspectors supervised both sample-taking and handling of samples on-site. A person, specially appointed by the controller group, transported samples to the off-site laboratory.