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COMMENTS ON THE "GUIDELINES FOR SCHEDULE [1]" (CD/CW/WP.179 APPENDIX II)

1. Guidelines will be an important element of the Chemical Weapons Convention régime in considering the addition of new chemicals/deletion of existing chemicals from a schedule.
2. They need to be flexible yet precise in singling out a particular chemical for inclusion/deletion from the schedule, as a substance of particular relevance to chemical weapons.
3. A possible approach may be through a possible "pattern-recognition" system whereby a combination of factors together would point towards either inclusion or deletion.
4. As a matter of style, since the Convention régime is for controlling chemical weapons, not super toxic lethal chemicals in particular, it would be better to organize the "guidelines" as follows:

"The following guidelines, singly or in combination, might be relevant in considering whether a chemical should be included in Schedule [1], as one of particular relevance to chemical weapons.

1. Chemicals which have been stockpiled as chemical weapons.
2. Chemicals which pose a particular risk of potential use as chemical weapons.
3. Chemicals which have little or no use except as chemical weapons.
4. Chemicals which possess physical and chemical properties enabling them to be used as chemical weapons.
5. Chemicals with chemical structure related/similar to those chemicals already listed in Schedule 1.
6. (no change)
- 7.-9. (delete)
- 10.-11. (no change)".