

(a) Declarations

Pursuant to those provisions, the company's head office gave all the information that was to be included in the initial and annual declarations to the ad hoc national authority, which transmitted it to the inspection team.

The company declared that it was unable to answer with certainty the question whether the facility could be used to produce a schedule [1] chemical.

(b) Initial visit

This lasted four half-days spread over three days, from 10 to 12 October 1989.

(c) Notification of inspection

The ad hoc national authority gave the company 48 hours notice of the inspection.

(d) Inspection

The inspection was carried out on 8 and 9 November 1989 and lasted two half-days.

III. EVALUATION

1. Initial and annual declarations

Generally speaking, the relevant provisions of annex 2 to article VI proved well suited to the requirements of the inspection.

The company management supplied the information required to be given in the initial and annual declarations, making a distinction between:

Confidential information (for example, manufacturing and raw material storage capacities, output levels, details of employment and of sales by country for 1988, not including the names of customers and economic data);

Other information (for example, identification and physico-chemical characteristics of the products, general information on their uses, principles of the manufacturing processes employed, product specifications, marketing documents, safety instructions and documents for general distribution describing the industrial site).

The question arose of how precise the information contained in the initial and annual declarations should be in order to ensure that the initial visit and the inspection achieved their purpose and safeguard the principle of confidentiality.

For this reason, it seemed clear that the final drafting of the declarations should be the subject of close dialogue between the national authority and the industry before they were despatched to the international technical secretariat.