

(d) Questions and answers, discussion

Requests for additional information or documents as required.

(3) Consideration of a "facility attachment"

Views were exchanged on inspection procedures, etc., in accordance with "Model for an Agreement A" (p. 125, CD/874)

(4) Verification Inspection

When an initial visit took place, some inspections were additionally conducted with an actual verification inspection in mind.

5. Duration of inspection

Several days for each facility.

6. The inspection team

Some five officials from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) who have expertise on matters such as chemical plants and chemical analysis.

II. Items for consideration

Our comments based upon the experiment are as follows (the items correspond to those in B. "Detailed Approach" of document CD/CW/WP.213):

1. The inspection mandate

Needless to say, it is the objective of inspection to achieve the aim set forth in paragraph 4 of the Annex to Article VI [2]. As a rule, inspectors are empowered to fulfil the objective of inspection under certain restraints. It is, however, dangerous to depend solely on the subjective judgement of each inspector to see whether or not the objective is achieved. It is conceivable that, even at the same facility, the contents or results of inspections may differ, and thus cause complication.

With regard to an initial visit, no specific restrictions are envisaged on the activity of inspectors. Therefore, we find it necessary to elaborate a "model" guideline even before the conclusion of the treaty, while acknowledging that such a guideline is expected to be finally worked out, possibly at the level of the Technical Secretariat, on the conduct of inspectors especially in the initial visit.

In so doing, we believe that it is possible for us to grasp the extent to which the chemical industries will be affected by the performance of inspections.