

German Democratic Republic

Working Paper

Report on the National Trial Inspection of
the German Democratic Republic undertaken
in a facility of the chemical industry

Introduction

In implementing the initiative of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons to undertake trial inspections in facilities of the chemical industry in order to expedite work on the draft Convention on Chemical Weapons, in particular with regard to verification pursuant to Article VI as well as proceeding from the recommendations contained in document CD/CW/WP.213 the German Democratic Republic undertook a trial inspection in an industrial plant in autumn 1988. It was carried out in a pharmaceutical multi-purpose facility (MPF), on a production unit of the pharmaceutical enterprise Dresden (Arzneimittelwerk Dresden, AWD) which processes a substance listed in Schedule [2] under "To be discussed further" (Dimethylaminoethanol DMAE). The substance is converted into Meclophenoxate hydrochloride (MCPH) which is used as a medicament in the treatment of metabolic disorders and as CNS stimulant. The medicament is registered under the trade name Cerutil in the German Democratic Republic. The following report is a short description of the work carried out and contains first conclusions.

A. General approach

1. Objectives of the National Trial Inspection

The objectives of the National Trial Inspection were those set forth in CD/CW/WP.213.

2. Provisions in the Draft Convention under which the inspection took place

The Annex to Article VI [2].

3. Types of on-site inspections

An initial visit (actually it was a sequence of several visits with intermediate evaluations) followed by a routine inspection.

4. Advance information

(a) Declaration

In accordance with the provisions of the Draft Convention as contained in the Annex to Article VI [2] and in the Model for an agreement relating to facilities producing, processing, or consuming chemicals listed in Schedule [2] and taking into account the established practice at the facility inspected to adjust the material import plan during the year depending on the actual production requirements, the following declarations and notifications were prepared by the facility: