

The constant is the number of hours of availability per year. In both formulae, the constant will have different values for continuous and batch operations. Furthermore, different values may have to be assigned for "dedicated batch processes" and "multipurpose batch processes". The values of the constant remain to be determined.

It was noted that the formulae relate to the production step in which the product is actually formed. They might not necessarily be applicable e.g. to subsequent purification steps in the process.

It was also noted that in the case of multipurpose facilities producing more than one declared chemical, the production capacity of the facility for each of the chemicals should be calculated independently of the other chemicals being produced.

In the case of the Annex to Article VI [...], 1/ it appears that for limited production, the above mathematical formulae might possibly give rise to an overestimate of the actual production capacity. It was suggested that the formulae could be used if the annual production was more than five tonnes.

In the case of Annex 1 to Article VI it was felt that the above type of definition would be unsuitable and that other ways of delimiting the "production capacity" of the single small-scale production facility should be explored. 2/

Further refinement of the definition of production capacity is required. Also, methods for verification of the declared production capacity will have to be discussed. In this context opinions were expressed on the use of production log books and to which extent inspectors would need access to technical information on the production process.

As a continuation of the consultations reported in CD/795, further consultations were held with Dr. Boter (Netherlands), Lt. Col. Bretfeld (German Democratic Republic), Dr. Cooper (United Kingdom) Prof. Kuzmin (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Prof. Pfirschke (Federal Republic of Germany) and Dr. Schröder (Federal Republic of Germany). This report summarizes the results of the continued consultations, as seen by the rapporteur, Dr. Santesson (Sweden).

In the view of the technical experts, "production capacity" could be defined thus:

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1/ Work during the 1989 session led to the deletion of Schedule [...] and the creation of Schedule 2 part B.

2/ The current delimitation of "production capacity" of the single small-scale facility is expressed in terms of mode of operation and volume of reaction vessels in Annex 1 to Article VI.