

During the inspection, no communication with the outside world was possible without prior checking by a representative of the plant. Moreover, for note-taking purposes the inspectors had only notebooks with numbered pages, which were supplied by the facility and recovered at the end of each day.

It should also be emphasized that the inspection team had access to only a limited number of areas in the plant.

10. Opening conference

At the opening conference:

- The national authority recapitulated the terms of the initial declaration, a number of provisions of the specific agreement for the facility and the confidentiality rules to be observed;
- The plant representative introduced the items in the dossier handed to the inspectors, together with the various documents provided for in the specific agreement, and reminded them of the safety regulations;
- The inspectors outlined their inspection programme, together with their sampling and analytical equipment.

The conference lasted about an hour.

11. Types of records audited

The inspectors studied quantitative statements of movements and stocks of raw materials and finished products (the accounting documents of the plant, which had been authorized by the national authority to conceal the prices and the names of suppliers or recipients), covering the whole of 1988 and the first two months of 1989. The inspectors were also in possession of standard consumption figures corresponding to each stage in the process.

Provision of the plant's monthly returns, over a period of several years, proved necessary to check averages and possible discrepancies in output. At their request, the inspectors were also able to consult:

- Certain monthly returns, in order to check such output;
- Dispatch notes for finished products, in order to verify quantities actually sold, but with only the country of destination indicated.

12. Plant orientation tour

The initial visit provided the inspectors with a general view of the plant as a whole and enabled them to visit the building used for production, the storage areas for the raw materials and final products relevant to the inspection, and the analytical laboratories. A detailed plan of the facility was provided in the inspectors' dossier.