

In the event of formal notice being given, the following procedure may be put into effect:

Either the suspicion of violation of the provisions of the Convention relates to a location where the requested State denies that a part of its stock is situated, in which case the envelope shall not be opened but the requesting State shall be free to request an on-site inspection in the inspection-on-challenge conditions;

Or the requested State acknowledges that the location giving rise to suspicion of violation is the place where a part of its stock is situated, in which case, if the requesting State declares itself dissatisfied with this initial response, the corresponding envelope shall be opened as of right. If the requesting State still considers itself dissatisfied, it may request an on-site inspection in the inspection-on-challenge conditions.

After the opening of the envelope (option No. 2) or of one of the envelopes (option No. 3), every State shall have the possibility of transferring the corresponding stock to another undeclared place. A further sealed envelope shall in that case be previously forwarded to the Technical Secretariat.

4. Declaration and procedures for monitoring the production facility assignable to the security stock

The single production facility assigned to the security stock, as defined in article 2, paragraph 3, of the present annex, shall be placed under international control on the same basis as other facilities declared under the Convention, apart from placing under seal.

All manufacturing operations involving products in Schedule [1] of the annex to article VI of the Convention undertaken in the single production facility shall be reserved for the establishment or maintenance of the security stock and shall be effected under international control.

5. Destruction of security stocks

Any country which wishes to eliminate its security stock sooner than under the provisions of the third paragraph of the present article may do so by declaring, if it has not already done so, its site or sites and by forwarding an estimated destruction schedule to the Technical Secretariat. The general régime for the destruction of the security stock and the related single production facility shall in that case apply.

In the case of States which have chosen option No. 2 or option No. 3 as described in paragraph 3 of the present annex, the envelopes shall be opened at the end of the eighth year following the Convention's entry into force. In all cases (options Nos. 1, 2 and 3), the storage facilities shall at the end of the eighth year be transferred to international control, in accordance with the procedures provided for in the case of stocks under the general régime in article IV of the Convention.