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Declaration

The chemical facility had declared that it used a Schedule 3 compound - thionyl chloride - in the permitted production of a pharmaceutical product. The Schedule 3 compound had been obtained by lawful import from another country.

Advance notice of inspection

Notice of the inspection was given to the management of the facility four days beforehand.

Protection of confidential information

At the opening conference, the inspectors signed a document stating that all information acquired was to be treated as confidential business information. The document was of the type used by the pharmaceutical company for outside consultants.

The inspection team

The inspection team consisted of four scientists from the Norwegian Defense Research Establishment, one chemical engineer from industry and one official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All the scientists had experience . from work with verification of chemical weapons. The team worked in pairs. Separate pairs were responsible for: a) auditing the records, contacts with trade union and environmental health and protection representatives of the facility; b) inspection of the storage depot and reaction vessels; c) chemical analysis.

Inspection equipment

The inspection team brought with them air-sampling equipment, a chemical agent monitor (CAM), a detection kit