

(2) Records are, in general, categorized as annual (and semi-annual) records, monthly records, daily records, payment slips for each item and so forth. In principle, the checking of monthly records only should sufficiently meet the objective. As a concrete method of checking, the following step-by-step approach is conceivable: first, the confirmation of reported data by checking monthly records; second, the confirmation of reported data by checking daily records and others of a randomly selected month; in case no doubt arises at the end of the second step, the checking will be terminated and in case any doubt arises, a further checking will be conducted.

12. Plant orientation tour

In case of an initial visit, inspectors should be allowed to walk through not only the plant concerned but also the whole facility. In case of a verification inspection, however, it is considered basically sufficient for inspectors to have access only to the plant inspected. When considerable changes are made to the facility concerned (e.g. the construction of new plants), inspectors might be allowed to walk through the whole facility to see if any anomalies exist.

13. Inspection of areas and facility equipment

(1) Areas necessary to be inspected are sufficiently listed up in paragraph 13 of the annex to article VI (2). Among areas listed in the annex, however, there are some places which may not necessarily be essential as indicated in 9. above.

If there are other areas which should be subject to inspection, it might be possible to include such areas in the facility attachment in accordance with the specific characteristics of each facility.

(2) In concluding a facility attachment, items subject to inspection need be considered, taking into account the specific situation of each facility. As stated in 1 above, however, consideration could be given to working out common guidelines on items subject to inspection.

14. Inspection of operation procedures

(1) A control centre which observes the operation of plants needs to be included in areas subject to inspection. In principle, inspectors themselves should not be allowed to operate or to direct the facility personnel to operate the plant, since it could not only hamper the proper operation of the facility but also could be dangerous. Notwithstanding the above-mentioned principle, whenever the inspectors request the representative of the facility to operate the plant in order to fulfil their mandate, they should be most cautious, taking into account the safety and security requirements of the plant.

(2) Inspection activities should be limited to the monitoring of operation procedures of the facility actually taking place during the inspection period and to the receiving of explanations about ordinary operation procedures by the representative of the facility.