

- Discussions with the trade union representative convinced us that the national regulations for use of chemicals in industry made it difficult to carry out production without the knowledge of the working staff at this facility. The importance of the information obtained by discussions with the workers will differ between different facilities and different nations.

- The high standard of individual and collective protective measures in this facility means that the personnel are well protected against chemical hazards. For the production of a supertoxic Schedule 1 chemical, however, we would have expected to find a larger number of fully air supplied suits. The protection equipment present would only be sufficient for the personnel at the facility who are not directly involved in such a production. The geographical location, the distance from inhabited areas, did not exclude the possibility of such production. We did not find any antidotes to Schedule 1 compounds.

- The multipurpose vessel used for thionyl chloride was highly resistant to corrosion. Still, we observed a few weaknesses in the rubber and plastic seals, which would be destroyed by mustard gas at high temperatures. Such minor details may be important in an evaluation. In general the inspection concluded that mustard gas and other such chemicals can easily be produced in a modern chemical plant of high quality.