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## National Registers and "Definition of Capable Facilities"

### 1. National Registers

National Registers would include all facilities in the chemical industry on the basis of "The International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities" of the United Nations (ISIC).

### 2. Definition of "capable facilities"

On the basis of National Registers, the following definition of "capable facilities", eligible for verification, is suggested:

(a) A chemical production facility means any combination of equipment designed for carrying out large scale chemical synthesis (reaction). Facilities or parts of facilities (plants, units) designed for product formulation processes or mechanical processing of chemicals would not be included in the definition.

(b) A chemical synthesis (reaction) means "any transformation of chemicals where rearrangements of atoms, groups of atoms, ions or radicals of one or more substances (called basic or raw materials) result in the formation of new substances".

Not included are physical or physicochemical processes, such as distillation, vulcanization, tanning, product formulation and mechanical processing.

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