

#### IV. MODALITIES FOR REVISION OF SCHEDULES AND GUIDELINES 1/2/

##### A. General provisions

1. The revisions envisaged consist of additions to, deletions from, or shifts between the schedules and modifications of, additions to or deletions from the guidelines.
2. A revision shall be proposed by a State Party which may request the assistance of the Technical Secretariat in the preparation of its proposal. If the Technical Secretariat has information which in its opinion may require a revision of the schedules of chemicals or one or more of the guidelines, it shall provide that information to the Executive Council and communicate it to all States Parties.
3. A proposal for revision shall be transmitted to the Technical Secretariat, substantiated with necessary information.
4. The Technical Secretariat shall inform the Executive Council and States Parties about a proposal for a revision within [5] days of its receipt. 3/
5. Any State Party and [, as requested,] the Technical Secretariat, may also provide relevant information for the evaluation of the proposal.
6. The Technical Secretariat shall provide assistance to any State Party, when requested, in evaluating an unlisted chemical. This assistance shall be confidential [unless it is established in the evaluation that the chemical has chemical weapon properties]. 4/

##### B. Decisions regarding revision of schedules

1. When a proposal is made regarding a deletion of a chemical from a schedule or a shift between schedules the régime for that chemical shall be maintained while a decision on the proposed deletion or shift is being reached.
2. When an addition to a schedule of chemicals is proposed no régime shall be applied to that chemical until a decision has been taken to include it on one of the schedules.

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1/ These modalities are in the process of further consideration and development.

2/ It has been proposed that the Scientific Advisory Board should be involved in the modalities for revision.

3/ The Executive Council shall examine in light of all information available to it, the proposal for a revision to a Schedule and promptly provide its recommendation to all States Parties for consideration.

4/ It has been stated that this paragraph is not necessary and could be deleted.