

9. Plants for the reprocessing of irradiated fuel elements, and equipment especially designed or prepared therefor:

A "plant for the reprocessing of irradiated fuel elements" includes the equipment and components which normally come in direct contact with and directly control the irradiated fuel and the major nuclear material and fission product processing streams. Items of equipment that are considered to fall within the meaning of the phrase "and equipment especially designed or prepared therefore" include:

- (a) Irradiated fuel element chopping machines: remotely operated equipment especially designed or prepared for use in a reprocessing plant as identified in this Annex and intended to cut, chop or shear irradiated nuclear fuel assemblies, bundles or rods; and
- (b) Critically safe tanks (e.g. small diameter, annular or slab tanks) especially designed or prepared for use in a reprocessing plant as identified in this Annex, intended for dissolution of irradiated nuclear fuel and which are capable of withstanding hot, highly corrosive liquid, and which can be remotely loaded and maintained.

10. Plants for the fabrication of fuel elements:

A "plant for the fabrication of fuel elements" includes the equipment:

- (a) which normally comes into direct contact with, or directly processes, or controls, the production flow of nuclear material, or
- (b) which seals the nuclear material within the cladding,
and
- (c) the whole set of items for the foregoing operations, as well as individual items intended for any of the foregoing operations, and for other fuel fabrication operations, such as checking the integrity of the cladding or the seal, and the finish treatment to the sealed fuel.