The objectives of the inspection were:

- i) to verify the permitted use of a Schedule 3 compound
- ii) to verify the non-production of a Schedule 1 compound
- iii) to control the mass-flow of the Schedule 3 compound to prevent diversion for prohibited purposes
- iv) to evaluate whether a modern, well equipped chemical plant could produce a Schedule 1 chemical such as mustard gas.

Our inspection was carried out as a routine inspection in accordance with the guidelines for such inspections as laid down in the Protocol on Inspection Procedures, Addendum to Appendix I of CD/961 of 1 February 1990.

Description of the facility and the preparations for the inspection

The facility

The facility inspected is modern and medium-sized by Norwegian standards. It is geographically isolated, situated far from any inhabited area. The facility manufactures a limited number of products. The number of chemical steps involved in production is large, and production time to a final product is several weeks. The plant consists of one operating facility and this was inspected in its entirety. The facility belongs to a pharmaceutical company, which is well acquainted with