

Furthermore extremely limited production in laboratory quantities (grams/year) could be envisaged in laboratories approved by the State Party. Transfer of Group I chemicals should be prohibited except for limited quantities to other State Parties. The Consultative Committee should be notified in advance of all such transfers.

The verification measures applied to the Group I chemicals and the facilities for their production should be the most stringent under the Convention. International inspectors should be present during elimination processes. Permitted production should be carefully monitored and subject to systematic international on-site inspection.

GROUP II CHEMICALS - RÉGIME II

Group II Chemicals

1. Super-toxic lethal chemicals (other than those in Group I) which are presently developed, produced or stockpiled only for permitted purposes but which warrant special attention to ensure that they are not developed, produced or stockpiled for chemical weapons purposes in the future. Example: Strophantin (a glycoside for heart ailments).
2. Key precursors (other than those in Group I) used for permitted purposes but which have also been produced for chemical weapons purposes. Example: thiodiglycol.

Régime II

Declarations of Group II chemicals should encompass all key precursors in chemical weapons stocks as under Régime I, as well as stocks for permitted purposes and aggregate annual production of each of the Group II chemicals stating also their respective end uses. Facilities for production of Group II chemicals should be declared as under Régime I if production has been for chemical weapons purposes (key precursors) or if the production exceeds certain quantities.

Elimination. Key precursors in chemical weapons stockpiles should be eliminated either through destruction or through diversion to permitted purposes. Facilities having produced key precursors for chemical weapons purposes should be eliminated through destruction or dismantling if the total production capacity exceeds what is consistent with production for permitted purposes.

Production of Group II chemicals should take place at the single small-scale facility or at other especially approved facilities. The possibility of limiting production to a certain amount annually or at any one time could also be considered, in which case provisions for granting exceptions in specific cases might prove needed.

To ensure that these chemicals are not developed into new types of chemical weapons or produced for chemical weapons purposes the verification needs to be stringent. Data reporting as well as systematic international on-site inspection is envisaged. If a chemical is found to be a presumptive chemical weapon it should immediately be moved to Group I and be subject to measures under Régime I.