

A. GENERAL APPROACH

1. Objectives of the national trial inspection

The basic objectives of the national trial inspection were to evaluate the approach to monitoring of Schedule [2] facilities as contained in CD/874, and in particular:

- to evaluate the ability to determine whether Schedule [1] chemicals have been produced in the facility;
- to evaluate the ability to determine whether the facility has produced types of quantities of Schedule [2] chemicals not included in its declaration or has diverted Schedule [2] chemicals to prohibited purposes;
- to estimate the costs of such an inspection;
- to determine the physical constraints on inspection procedures;
- to measure the operational and economic impact of an inspection on a commercial facility; and
- to evaluate the preparation needed for an inspection.

2. Provisions in the draft convention under which the national trial inspection took place

The national trial inspection was based on the provisions governing monitoring of Schedule [2] chemicals as set forth in the Annex to Article VI [2]. Detailed information needed for inspection planning was obtained in an initial visit to the AKZO facility on 5 and 6 December 1988. The trial inspection followed two and one-half months later, on 21-23 February 1989.

3. Type of on-site inspection

The national trial inspection can be characterized as a "routine" inspection and included an initial visit.

4. Advance information

(a) Declarations

The facility provided a detailed declaration, which included full data for 1988, in the format specified in the Annex to Article VI [2].

(b) Agreement on inspection procedures

A facility agreement was negotiated after the initial visit. The model agreement contained in CD/874 (pp. 125-128) served as the starting point for the drafting of the facility agreement with additions and changes as appropriate.