
Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons

FINLAND

Report on the National Trial Inspection of Finland
at a civilian chemical facilityIntroduction

In implementing the initiative of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons to undertake trial inspections in chemical industry facilities producing Schedule [2] chemicals, Finland undertook an inspection in March 1989. There are no facilities in Finland producing Schedule [2] compounds. Therefore, the inspection was carried out at a plant producing pesticides of low toxicity. The part of the facility that was chosen for inspection produces two closely related carbamate-type pesticides.

A. GENERAL APPROACH

1. Objectives of the National Trial Inspection

The objectives were those set forth in CD/CW/WP.213.

2. Provisions in the Draft Convention under which the National Trial Inspection took place

The Annex to Article VI (2).

3. Type of on-site inspection

Owing to the lack of time, the inspection was a combination of an initial visit and a routine inspection. Three of the four inspectors were familiar with the facility before the inspection and two inspectors had had previous access to detailed information on the process equipment.

4(a) Advance information

An initial declaration relating to the production of the two pesticides during 1988 at the inspected facility, and an advance notification relating to the production planned for 1989 was given at the start of the inspection. Details of the processes were explained by the facility operator with the aid of lay-outs and flow-charts.