

This brief analysis of Canada's obligations shows that there is no need to develop an independant National Authority to oversee that Canada is in compliance with its obligations under the Convention. This conclusion follows from an assessment of a moderate workload stemming from:

(1) the need to report on non-possession of Chemical Weapons;
(2) the need to report on non-possession of a Chemical Weapons Production Facility; (3) moderate research capacity for protective purposes in protection requiring the small scale synthesis of schedule [1] chemicals; (4) the probable non-production of schedule [2] chemicals above established thresholds by Canadian industry; and (5) modest production of schedule [3] chemicals, whether above or below established thresholds. If an independent body is not required, an existing agency will have to be assigned these responsibilities of data gathering, review and transmission of data; and observing on-site activities of an International Inspectorate within Canada. There are four agencies currently involved with the management of toxic chemicals within Canada, with others being involved to a lesser extent. These are:

Agriculture Canada;

Department of the Environment;

Department of Health and Welfare; and

Industry Science and Technology Canada.