

(a) Duration

For one product and one by-product that are obtained by a relatively simple process, as was the case here, two days' work seems to be the minimum required for the compilation of a reference dossier and the drawing up of a specific facility agreement.

Should the chemical process be more complex, it would probably be necessary to provide for a longer initial visit.

(b) Specific facility agreement

The specific facility agreement was drafted after the initial visit on the basis of the facility attachment found in the "rolling text", which seemed to fit the case. A more detailed statement should, however, be made therein of the rights of the inspection team, especially as regards examination of the equipment in the facilities concerned.

Generally speaking, it is clear that the specific agreement will have to be very detailed and state unambiguously the services the inspectors will be entitled to expect and the constraints to which they will have to submit, particularly as regards:

Arrangements for travel within the site;

Opportunities for taking and analysing samples;

The rules of confidentiality (cf. paras. 2 (c) and 4).

(c) Confidentiality

In advance of this exercise the company requested all the participants who did not belong to its staff to sign a personal undertaking to respect the confidentiality of the information collected during the initial visit and the inspection.

This exercise reconfirms the need:

To limit the communication of information in strict accordance with the "need to know";

To define as precisely as possible the nature of the information that can be taken out of the facility without detriment to the interests of the enterprise.

3. Drawing up and content of the inspection mandate and the notification of inspection

The inspection mandate was drawn up on the basis of the relevant provisions of article VI of the draft convention. It contained the following information:

The address of the site containing the facility subject to verification;