

7. Actual Activity at the Facility

The production of the Trifluralin herbicide is seasonal. At the time of the familiarisation visit, the declared facility was involved in other production activities. The company arranged for a batch of Trifluralin to be produced

B. DETAILED APPROACH

1. The Inspection Mandate

A controller group negotiated the inspection mandate and the Facility Attachment. This group consisted of the company's chief chemist and manufacturing manager, an official from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and a defence scientist from the Department of Defence Materials Research Laboratory (MRL). It negotiated, inter alia:

- areas to which the inspectors had access;
- records to be made available to the inspectors;
- services and operations to be provided by company personnel upon request;
- the right for inspectors to supervise company personnel performing such operations.

There was also discussion on whether the inspectors should have the right to have access to areas not specified in the facility attachment, and to have samples taken at sampling points not specified. This is discussed in items C1 and C15.

2. Composition of the Inspection Team

The inspection team consisted of five persons:

- a senior official from DFAT;
- a defence scientist from MRL;
- a chemical engineer nominated by the company being inspected;
- an inspector from the Dangerous Goods Branch of the Victorian State Government Department of Labour; and
- an auditor (qualified accountant) from DFAT.

3. Inspection Equipment

The inspection equipment was provided by MRL and is listed in item C3.