

12. Key precursors which may possess the following characteristics:

- (i) it may react with other chemicals to give, within a short time, a high yield of a toxic chemical defined as a chemical weapon;
- (ii) the reaction may be carried out in such a manner that the toxic product is readily available for military use; and
- (iii) key precursors which have little or no use except for chemical weapons purposes.

B. Guidelines for Schedule 2 part A 1/

The following criteria shall be taken into account in considering whether a precursor to a Schedule 1 chemical would be included in Schedule 2 part A:

1. It may be used in one of the chemical reactions at the final stage of formation of a chemical listed in Schedule 1.
2. It may pose a significant risk 2/ to the objectives of the Convention by virtue of its importance in the production of a chemical listed in Schedule 1.
- [3. It is not produced in large commercial quantities for purposes not prohibited by the Convention. 3/]

C. Guidelines for Schedule 2 part B 1/

Super-toxic lethal chemicals and other chemicals which are not included in Schedule 1 and are not precursor chemicals but which are deemed to pose a significant risk to the objectives of the Convention. 4/5/

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1/ These guidelines are in the process of further consideration and development.

2/ The view was expressed that the degree of the risk of a chemical is determined on the basis of the contribution made by a precursor to the formation of the structure, or on the basis of the role it plays in determining the toxic properties of a Schedule 1 chemical.

3/ The question of the applicability of a quantitative criterion requires further discussion, taking into account, *inter alia*, the aim of the measures stipulated in Article VI, paragraph 6, as set forth in Annex 2 to Article VI, paragraph 4, the likelihood of meeting the various aspects of this aim by routine systematic on-site inspections and use of on-site instruments and the necessity of efficient implementation of verification.

4/ A view was expressed that, when assessing the risk to the objectives of the Convention, factors such as the lethal or incapacitating effects of a chemical, as well as its suitability as a chemical weapon in terms of physical and chemical properties should be taken into account.

5/ A view was expressed that chemicals included in Schedule 2 part B may have commercial use.