

Initial inspections

12. Each facility specified in paragraph 9 above shall receive an initial inspection as soon as possible but preferably not later than three years after entry into force of the Convention. Facilities declared after this period should receive an initial inspection not later than one year after production, processing or consumption is first declared. Selection of facilities shall be made by the Technical Secretariat in such a way as to preclude the prediction of precisely when the facility is to be inspected.

Selection

A. General

13. Pursuant to the completion of the initial inspection, the Technical Secretariat shall designate the facility for routine inspection or random selective inspection, in accordance with the guidelines set out in paragraph 16 of this Annex.

14. Having received the initial inspection, and designation, each facility specified in paragraph 9 shall be subject to on-site inspections, according to the procedures designated for that facility.

15. In selecting particular facilities for inspection, the Technical Secretariat shall:

- (a) Give due consideration to the risk to the objectives of this Convention posed by the relevant chemical, the characteristics of the facility and the nature of the activities carried out there;
- (b) Choose the particular facility to be inspected in such a way as to preclude the prediction of precisely when the facility is to be inspected;
- (c) Not inspect a particular facility more than twice per year.

16. In designating particular facilities for either routine inspection or random selective inspection the Technical Secretariat shall take into account the following guidelines:

- (a) Guidelines related to the listed chemical:
 - (i) Toxicity of the intermediates or end-products;
- (b) Guidelines related to the facility
 - (i) Production capability;