

[(b) Key component of binary and/or multicomponent chemical systems for chemical weapons means:]

[a key precursor which forms a toxic chemical in the binary or multicomponent weapons munition or device and which has the following additional characteristics (to be elaborated):]

5. The term "chemical weapons production facility": 1/

(a) means any equipment, as well as any building housing such equipment, that was designed, constructed or used since 1 January 1946:

(i) as part of the stage in the production of chemicals ("final technological stage") where the material flows would contain, when the equipment is in operation, any Schedule [1] chemical, or any other chemical that has no use for permitted purposes above ... kilograms per year but can be used for chemical weapons purposes; 2/ or

(ii) for filling chemical weapons. 3/

(b) does not include any facility with an annual capacity for synthesis of chemicals specified in subparagraph (a) (i) above that is less than [1,000-2,000] kilograms. 4/ 5/

(c) does not include the single small-scale production facility provided under the Annex to Article VI [1] of the Convention.

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1/ A view was expressed that this definition may need to be reviewed to take into account further elaboration of Article VI.

2/ Any such chemical should be included in a relevant schedule of chemicals in the convention.

3/ The filling of chemical weapons includes, inter alia:

- the filling of Schedule 1 chemicals into munitions, devices, or bulk storage containers;
- the filling of chemicals into containers which form part of assembled binary munitions and devices and into chemical submunitions which form part of assembled unitary munitions and devices;
- the loading of the containers and chemical submunitions into the respective munitions and devices.

4/ The disposition of such facilities should be decided in the context of Articles III and VI of the Convention.

5/ This threshold should be decided once an agreed definition for the term "capacity" has been developed. Further work is needed on it, taking into account, inter alia, the report on how to define production capacity reproduced in Appendix II.