

obtaining one is impractical, e.g. when there is the possibility of loss of life or destruction of evidence. The inspector has powers of seizure and detention.

Failure to assist an inspector, false or misleading statements and obstruction of an inspector can lead to a fine of up to \$200,000, or imprisonment for up to six months, or both, on summary conviction. Failure to report the manufacture or importation of a restricted substance can lead, on summary conviction, to fines of up to \$300,000 or a six month jail term, or both. Offences that lead to indictment can lead to penalties of fines of up to one million dollars, three year terms of imprisonment, or both. Damage to the environment, death or harm to persons are indictable offences with possible prison sentences of up to five years, fines, or both. Continuing offences are liable to be treated as separate offences with guilty parties being convicted of separate offences for each day that the offence continues. If a corporation is convicted of any offences, any officer, director or agent involved is considered a party to the offence and is liable to punishment. An inspector also has the option of serving a summons as a "ticket offence" with appropriate penalties.

All of the chemicals of concern to the CWC appear on one of three Schedules and the International Authority requires that each State Party, through a National Authority, reports on its compliance with the provisions of the CWC. All of the substances referred to in Schedules 2 and 3 are of interest to those agencies charged with