Precautions Regarding Chemicals of Concern

The chemicals of greatest immediate concern have been placed under Canadian export controls and require a licence to be exported. Now numbering 14, but subject to revision according to circumstances, these are listed at Annex A. These are chemical precursors which can be used, with further processing, to produce chemical weapons.

Also listed at Annex A are other chemicals which, it is agreed, should be treated with caution in international trade. These are not subject to export controls, but industry has been asked to consult with the Export Controls Division should procurement requests or transaction arrangements be unusual or not in keeping with established business practices. Such voluntary consultation represents the shared commitment of government and industry to safeguard Canada's reputation. (Annex B, an alert to potentially suspect circumstances, is most relevant to the following section, but should be borne in mind in all commercial chemical transactions.)