

2. The inspection team

(1) The size of the inspection team

The Japanese NTI took place with the participation of five inspectors. An interpreter is needed for conducting international inspections at facilities in Japan. Even if inspectors act in one group, it may be difficult for one interpreter to take care of more than one group, it may be difficult for one interpreter to take care of more than five inspectors.

(2) Necessary skill

Inspectors need to have sufficient knowledge of chemistry and at the same time be well acquainted with the Chemical Weapons convention. (In Japan, it is necessary for inspectors to speak at least English).

In addition, such specialists as analytic chemists, chemical engineers and data specialists may also be required.

It is desirable that the interpreters sufficiently understand technical terms relating to the convention.

(3) Protection of confidential information

What is of concern most about the activity of inspectors is the problem of how to protect confidential information which comes to their knowledge in the course of inspection. Inspectors should not be allowed to disclose to any unauthorized persons any classified information even after they leave the Organization.

It is necessary, therefore, to establish a system whereby inspectors pledge, at the time of employment in the Organization, not to accept employment for a certain period of time after their resignation in a workplace where confidential information acquired in conducting inspections can be used. It may also be necessary to work out a mechanism for ensuring that inspectors keep their pledge mentioned above.

3. Inspection equipment

(1) There may be facilities which have equipments like a flowmeter, a thermometer, a pressure gauge and their recorders, which are useful as supplementary instruments to carry out verification activities. In this case, those equipments available on-site can be used effectively.

(2) Inspectors can install on-site monitoring instruments with a view to reducing the frequency of inspection as indicated in the report on instrumental monitoring of non-production (CD/881 p. 121).