

It is desirable that, on the basis of a more detailed initial declaration, prepared jointly, if appropriate, by the industrial plant and the national authority, the Technical Secretariat should be able to draw up a "recommendation specific to the facility" to serve as a framework for the initial visit, which is vital in order to protect confidential information.

In addition, a special section in the general guidelines for inspectors should be devoted to the initial visit.

A thorough initial visit should enable the inspectors to become well acquainted with the production facility for the purpose of drawing up the specific agreement for the facility and making subsequent checks easier.

At the time of the initial visit, the representative of the plant should take photographs of the areas and equipment relevant to the inspection, under the supervision of the inspectors; these photographs would be kept in the sealed container in the plant.

1. Inspection mandate

For each inspection the mandate should constitute the basic reference for the Technical Secretariat, the inspectors, the national authority and the plant to be inspected.

It should contain a section on general guidelines and a specific section, drawing on the specific agreement for the facility (which would be negotiated at the outset and part of which would be available to the Technical Secretariat) and affording the inspectors a means of avoiding any conflict with those with whom they have to deal, in particular a manufacturer concerned at the risk of leaks of confidential information. In fact, the best way to minimize the disruption of production activity is to facilitate the work of the inspectors in this manner.

Nevertheless, the inspectors should retain a degree of flexibility during the inspection (see § III 15 to 18 below: sampling).

Each inspector should also have an individual mandate certifying his identity and function.

2. Composition of the inspection team

The team should be large enough to cope with the various tasks, but small enough not to disrupt production activity, or violate the plant's safety rules and arrangements.

The ideal size seems to be four inspectors, who, in addition to the essential basic training provided for the whole body of inspectors,