

## §716.4

(b) In instances where consent is not provided by the owner, operator, occupant or agent in charge for an initial or routine inspection, the Department of Commerce intends to seek administrative warrants as provided by the Act.

### §716.4 Scope and conduct of inspections.

(a) *General.* Each inspection shall be limited to the purposes described in §716.2 and shall be conducted in the least intrusive manner, consistent with the effective and timely accomplishment of its purpose as provided in the Convention.

(b) *Scope.* (1) Description of inspections. During inspections, inspectors will receive a pre-inspection briefing from facility representatives; visually inspect the facilities or plants producing scheduled chemicals or UDOCs, which may include storage areas, feed lines, reaction vessels and ancillary equipment, control equipment, associated laboratories, first aid or medical sections, and waste and effluent handling areas, as necessary to accomplish their inspection; examine relevant records; and may take samples as provided by the Convention, the Act and consistent with the requirements set forth by the Director of the United States National Authority (USNA) at 22 CFR part 103, and the facility agreement, if applicable.

(2) *Scope of consent.* When an owner, operator, occupant, or agent in charge of a facility consents to an initial or routine inspection, he or she is consenting to provide access to the Inspection Team and Host Team to any area of the facility, any item located on the facility, interviews with facility personnel, and any records necessary for the Inspection Team to complete its mission. When consent is granted for an inspection, the owner, operator, occupant, or agent in charge agrees to provide the same degree of access provided for under section 305 of the Act. The determination of whether the Inspection Team's request to inspect any area, building, item or record is reasonable is the responsibility of the Host Team Leader.

(c) *Pre-inspection briefing.* Upon arrival at the inspection site and before commencement of the inspection, facil-

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ity representatives will provide to the Inspection Team and Host Team a pre-inspection briefing on the facility, the activities carried out there, safety measures, and administrative and logistical arrangements necessary for the inspection, which may be aided with the use of maps and other documentation as deemed appropriate by the facility. The time spent for the briefing will be limited to the minimum necessary and may not exceed three hours.

(1) The pre-inspection briefing will address:

- (i) Plant site safety and alarms;
- (ii) Activities, business and manufacturing operations;
- (iii) Physical layout;
- (iv) Delimitation of declared facility;
- (v) Scheduled chemicals/chemistries (declared and undeclared);
- (vi) Process flow;
- (vii) Units specific to declared operations; and
- (viii) Administrative and logistic information.

(2) The pre-inspection briefing may also address, inter alia:

- (i) Introduction of key facility personnel;
- (ii) Management, organization and history;
- (iii) Confidential business information concerns;
- (iv) Types and location of records/documents;
- (v) Data declaration updates/revisions;
- (vi) Draft facility agreement, if applicable; and
- (vii) Proposed inspection plan.

(d) *Visual plant inspection.* The Inspection Team may visually inspect the declared plant or facility and other areas of the plant site or facility as agreed by the Host Team Leader after consulting with the facility representative.

(e) *Records review.* The facility must have available for the Inspection Team to review, on the inspection site, access to all supporting materials and documentation used by the facility to prepare declarations and to comply with the CWCR (see §§721.1 and 721.2 of this subchapter). Such access may be to paper copies or via electronic remote

access by computer during the inspection period or as otherwise agreed upon by the Inspection Team and Host Team Leader.

(f) *Effect of facility agreements.* Routine inspections at facilities for which the United States has concluded a facility agreement with the OPCW will be conducted in accordance with the facility agreement. The existence of a facility agreement does not in any way limit the right of the owner, operator, occupant, or agent in charge of the facility to withhold consent to an inspection request.

(g) *Hours of inspections.* Consistent with the provisions of the Convention, the Host Team will ensure, to the extent possible, that each inspection is commenced, conducted, and concluded during ordinary working hours, but no inspection shall be prohibited or otherwise disrupted from commencing, continuing or concluding during other hours.

(h) *Health and safety regulations and requirements.* In carrying out their activities, the Inspection Team and Host Team shall observe federal, state, and local health and safety regulations and health and safety requirements established at the inspection site, including those for the protection of controlled environments within a facility and for personal safety. Such health and safety regulations and requirements will be set forth in, but will not necessarily be limited to, the facility agreement, if applicable.

(i) *Preliminary factual findings.* Upon completion of an inspection, the Inspection Team will meet with the Host Team and facility personnel to review the written preliminary findings of the Inspection Team and to clarify ambiguities. The Host Team will discuss the preliminary findings with the facility, and the Host Team Leader will take into consideration the facility's input when providing official comment on the preliminary findings to the Inspection Team. This meeting will be completed not later than 24 hours after the completion of the inspection.

#### § 716.5 Notification, duration and frequency of inspections.

(a) *Notification.* (1)(i) *Content of notice.* Inspections of facilities may be made only upon issuance of written notice by the United States National Authority (USNA) to the owner and to the operator, occupant or agent in charge of the premises to be inspected. The Department of Commerce will also provide a separate Host Team notification to the inspection point of contact identified in declarations submitted by the facility. If the United States is unable to provide actual written notice to the owner, operator, or agent in charge, the Department of Commerce, or if the Department of Commerce is unable, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, may post notice prominently at the facility to be inspected. The notice shall include all appropriate information provided by the OPCW to the USNA concerning:

(A) The type of inspection;

(B) The basis for the selection of the facility or location for the type of inspection sought;

(C) The time and date that the inspection will begin and the period covered by the inspection; and

(D) The names and titles of the inspectors.

(ii) In addition to appropriate information provided by the OPCW in its notification to the USNA, the Department of Commerce's Host Team notification will request that the facility indicate whether it will consent to an inspection, and will state whether an advance team is available to assist the site in preparation for the inspection. If an advance team is available, facilities that request advance team assistance are not required to reimburse the U.S. Government for costs associated with these activities. If a facility does not agree to provide consent to an inspection within four hours of receipt of the Host Team notification, BXA intends to seek an administrative warrant.

(iii) The following table sets forth the notification procedures for inspection: