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1996 NEW ZEALAND DECLARATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, SCHEDULED CHEMICALS AND RIOT CONTROL AGENTS FOR THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS

This declaration and enclosures constitute New Zealand's **initial declaration** for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons under the Chemical Weapons Convention, **implemented in New Zealand law** by the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act 1996. The **New Zealand national authority** is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

This declaration is made in accordance with Article III of the Chemical Weapons Convention:

(a) with respect to chemical weapons:

- (i) New Zealand declares that it does not own or possess any chemical weapons. There are no chemical weapons located in any place under its jurisdiction or control.
- (ii) not applicable. See (i).
- (iii) New Zealand declares that it has and has had no chemical weapons on its territory that are owned or possessed by another State and located in any place under its jurisdiction or control.
- (iv) New Zealand declares that it has not transferred or received, directly or indirectly, any chemical weapons since 1 January 1946.
- (v) not applicable. See (i) and (iii).

(b) with respect to old chemical weapons and abandoned chemical weapons:

- (i) New Zealand declares in accordance with Article III Part 2 of the Chemical Weapons Convention that it has on its territory no old chemical weapons.
- (ii) New Zealand declares that it has in its territory no abandoned chemical weapons.
- (iii) New Zealand declares that it has abandoned no chemical weapons on the territory of other States.

(c) With respect to chemical weapons production facilities:

- (i) New Zealand declares that it does not have, and has had not at any time any chemical weapons production facility under its ownership or possession or that has been located in any place under its jurisdiction or control at any time since 1 January 1946.
- (ii) Not applicable. See (i).
- (iii) New Zealand has no report of any chemical weapons facility on its territory that another State has or has had under its ownership and possession and that has been located in any place under the jurisdiction or control of another State at any time since 1 January 1946.
- (iv) New Zealand declares that it has not transferred or received, directly or indirectly, any equipment for the production of chemical weapons since 1 January 1946.
- (v) Not applicable. See (i), (iii) and (iv).
- (vi) Not applicable. See (i), (iii) and (iv).
- (vii) Not applicable. See (i), (iii) and (iv).

(d) With respect to other facilities:

- (i) New Zealand declares that there have been no activities within any facility or establishment under its ownership or possession located in any place under its jurisdiction or control since 1 January 1946 primarily for the production of chemical weapons.

(e) New Zealand declares that it possesses stocks of riot control agents as defined by article II section 7 of the Chemical Weapons Convention. These are listed below in accordance with article III (e) of the Convention.

| <u>Chemical Name</u> | <u>Structural Formula</u> | <u>CAS Registry Number</u> |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| CS Gas (o-Chlorobenzidene Malononitrile) | C10H5ClN2 | 2698-41-1 |

SUMMARY DATA OF STOCKS AND TRANSFERS OF SCHEDULED CHEMICALS IN NEW ZEALAND

There were no exports of any scheduled chemicals from New Zealand in 1996.

Schedule One Chemicals

| <u>Chemical</u> | <u>CAS Registry No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Origin</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---|
| Saxitoxin | 35523-89-8 | 0.139g | Japan (JPN), USA, United Kingdom (GBR) |
| HN3: Tris(2-chloroethyl)amine | 555-77-1 | 225g | USA, also manufactured onsite in NZL as a ligand chemical intermediate in minute quantities |

Schedule Two Chemicals

Nil. No stocks of Schedule Two chemicals were reported in New Zealand, and none have been transferred either to or from New Zealand in 1996.

Schedule Three Chemicals

| <u>Chemical</u> | <u>CAS Registry No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Origin</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---|
| Chloropicrin | 76-02-2 | 58,399 Kg | People's Republic of China (CHN) |
| Triethanolamine | 102-71-6 | 252,125 Kg | USA (USA) Australia (AUS) Brazil (BRA). |

Synthesis of unscheduled discrete organic chemicals containing phosphorous, sulfur or flourine: "PSE-plants"

In accordance with part IX section (a) and (b) New Zealand declares that it possesses no plants that:

- (a) produced by synthesis during the previous calendar year more than 200 tonnes of unscheduled discrete organic chemicals; or

(b) comprise one or more plants which produced by synthesis during the previous calendar year more than 30 tonnes of an unscheduled discrete organic chemical containing the elements phosphorous, sulfur or fluorine (hereinafter referred to as "PSF-plants" and "PSF-chemicals)."

Comment

New Zealand has only a modest chemical industry. No scheduled chemicals are produced in New Zealand in significant amounts. The only reported production of a scheduled chemical was in a minute quantity as an intermediate ligand in a research laboratory at University of Otago Chemistry Department. Scheduled chemicals must therefore be imported and must have a permit for the transfer of scheduled chemicals from the New Zealand national authority, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The controls are policed by the NZ Customs Service.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as the national authority, also conducts a survey of the chemical industry community each year to help confirm its national declaration to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Any enquiries should be directed to the International Security and Arms Control Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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**Form A-2: Primary Declaration Identification for the Submission of Initial Declarations
in accordance with Articles III, VI and the Verification Annex**

Does your State submit any of the following initial declarations in relation to:

Chemical Weapons?

(In accordance with Article III 1 (a); VA, Part IV (A))

Old Chemical Weapons Produced Before 1925?

(In accordance with Article III 1 (b) (i); VA, Part IV (B))

Old Chemical Weapons Produced Between 1925-1946?

(In accordance with Article III 1 (b) (i); VA, Part IV (B))

Abandoned Chemical Weapons?

(In accordance with Article III 1 (b) (ii), (iii); VA, Part IV (B))

Chemical Weapons Production Facilities?

(In accordance with Article III 1 (c); VA, Part IV (B))

Other Chemical Weapons Related Facilities?

(In accordance with Article III 1 (d))

Riot Control Agents?

(In accordance with Article III 1 (e))

Schedule 1 Chemicals and Facilities related to such Chemicals?

(In accordance with VA, Part VI, Section D)

Schedule 2 Chemicals and Facilities related to such Chemicals?

(In accordance with VA, Part VII, Section A)

Schedule 3 Chemicals and Facilities related to such Chemicals?

(In accordance with VA, Part VIII, Section A)

Other Chemical Production Facilities (DOC/PSF)?

(In accordance with VA, Part IX, Section A)

X
Yes

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