

spection and the observers of the inspection and, if applicable, the identities of the representatives of agencies or departments of the United States accompanying those representatives.

(4) Challenge inspections

(A) Criminal search warrant

For any challenge inspection conducted on the territory of the United States pursuant to Article IX of the Chemical Weapons Convention, where consent has been withheld, the United States Government shall first obtain from a judge of the United States a criminal search warrant based upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and describing with particularity the place to be searched and the person or things to be seized.

(B) Information provided

The United States Government shall provide to the judge of the United States—

- (i) all appropriate information supplied by the Technical Secretariat to the United States National Authority regarding the basis for the selection of the plant site, plant, or other facility or location for the type of inspection sought;
- (ii) any other appropriate information relating to the reasonableness of the selection of the plant, plant site, or other facility or location for the inspection;
- (iii) information concerning—
 - (I) the duration and scope of the inspection;
 - (II) areas to be inspected;
 - (III) records and data to be reviewed; and
 - (IV) samples to be taken;
- (iv) appropriate evidence or reasons provided by the requesting state party for the inspection;
- (v) any other evidence showing probable cause to believe that a violation of this chapter has occurred or is occurring; and
- (vi) the identities of the representatives of the Technical Secretariat on the inspection team and the Federal Government employees accompanying the inspection team.

(C) Content of warrant

The warrant shall specify—

- (i) the type of inspection authorized;
- (ii) the purpose of the inspection;
- (iii) the type of plant site, plant, or other facility or location to be inspected;
- (iv) the areas of the plant site, plant, or other facility or location to be inspected;
- (v) the items, documents, data, equipment, and computers that may be inspected or seized;
- (vi) samples that may be taken;
- (vii) the earliest commencement and latest concluding dates and times of the inspection; and
- (viii) the identities of the representatives of the Technical Secretariat on the inspection teams and the Federal Government employees accompanying the inspection team.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. I, title III, §305, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-875.)

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Executive Documents

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For authority of Secretary of Commerce to obtain and execute certain warrants pursuant to this section, see section 4 of Ex. Ord. No. 13128, June 25, 1999, 64 F.R. 34703, set out as a note under section 6711 of this title.

§ 6726. Prohibited acts relating to inspections

It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to fail or refuse to permit entry or inspection, or to disrupt, delay, or otherwise impede an inspection, authorized by this chapter.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. I, title III, §306, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-878.)

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§ 6727. National security exception

Consistent with the objective of eliminating chemical weapons, the President may deny a request to inspect any facility in the United States in cases where the President determines that the inspection may pose a threat to the national security interests of the United States.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. I, title III, §307, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-878.)

§ 6728. Annual report on inspections

(a) In general

Not later than one year after October 21, 1998, and annually thereafter, the President shall submit a report in classified and unclassified form to the appropriate congressional committees on inspections made under the Convention during the preceding year.

(b) Content of reports

Each report shall contain the following information for the reporting period:

(1) The name of each company or entity subject to the jurisdiction of the United States reporting data pursuant to subchapter III of this chapter.

(2) The number of inspections under the Convention conducted on the territory of the United States.