EDNA
Electronic Declarations tool for National Authorities

The Electronic Declaration Tool for National Authorities (EDNA) is a software application designed to enable National Authorities to create and submit Article VI declarations in electronic format. EDNA Version 2 which was released at the end of 2009 enables National Authorities to process declarations of Schedule 2 and 3 facilities, other chemical production facilities and aggregate national data (AND).

Functionality

• National Authorities can maintain a list of facilities within EDNA, and each year select the facilities requiring declaration

• The AND module has an option for automated aggregation of Schedule 2 and 3 facilities data

• EDNA includes the OPCW Handbook on Chemicals

• EDNA contains a set of warnings to the user for data inconsistencies and for data requirements in accordance with the CWC

• EDNA includes a predefined set of reports for checking AND

• Validation that electronic declaration files generated from other software tools comply with specified formats

• EDNA includes a tool for converting between the two file formats, namely CTFS and XML

• Available in OPCW official languages and can also be customised for use in an additional language

Declaration Submission

When submitting an EDNA declaration, the folder EDNA generates should be copied to a CD. This CD should then be accompanied with a cover letter and sent to the Declarations branch via the relevant Permanent Representative to the OPCW.

Training and User Group Forum

Training is available on request at the OPCW headquarters.

EDNA User Group Forum (UGF) is an annual event where EDNA users receive feedback from the TS and can share their experiences with other State Parties on the use of EDNA software.

The Annual Meeting of National Authorities is another event which usually includes EDNA related activities such as training sessions and one-to-one meetings with the representatives of the TS.

Benefits

• EDNA eliminates the need for a paper copy of the declaration

• EDNA reduces the need for manual data entry by enabling States Parties to reuse the information that is stored in the database

• A CD containing an XML version of a recent declaration may be obtained upon written request, which can be imported into EDNA, pre-filling the database with all Plant Site details

• EDNA incorporates features to assist States Parties with the generation of more complete declarations which can then be checked before submission, reducing the need for clarification by the Technical Secretariat

• Improved data processing within the TS with the increase in electronic declaration submissions

Availability

EDNA is available free of charge and can be downloaded from the OPCW Extranet site. Alternatively, it can be requested on CD by writing to the Declarations Branch or by emailing vis@opcw.org

Support

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