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# OPCW Industry Inspections

SECO and SPIEZ LABORATORY  
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# Legal Basis



# Legal Basis of OPCW Inspections

- **Article 6 of the CWC** stipulates «activities not prohibited» under the convention, corresponding rights and duties of States Parties
- The **Verification Annex of the CWC** contains the respective details, including on inspections
- The **Chemicals Control Ordinance (ChCO)** regulates OPCW inspections in Switzerland, particularly in chapter 6 (articles 35 to 40)



# CWC Annexes

Annexes	
Chemicals:	Includes a list of all scheduled 1, 2, 3 Chemicals
Verification:	
Part VII:	Regime for schedule 2 chemicals and facilities related to such chemicals
Part VIII:	Regime for schedule 3 chemicals and facilities related to such chemicals
Part IX:	Regime for Other Chemical Production Facilities (OCPF)
Confidentiality:	Measures to protect sensitive installations and prevent disclosure of confidential data in the course of on-site verification activities



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# Inspection Aims



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## General Aim of OPCW Inspections

Verify that activities are in accordance with Member States' rights and obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention

## Inspection Mandate

- 1) Verify that activities are consistent with the information provided in declarations
- 2) Confirm the absence of any schedule 1 chemical, especially its production



# Objectives of Swiss National Authority

- Enable the inspection team to successfully fulfill the inspection mandate. Switzerland is inspected as a State Party to the CWC and has (and wants) to comply with the convention.
- No uncertainties – no (pending) issues
- The inspection is conducted in the least intrusive manner, to minimize costs for the company (save time and resources, to not share unnecessary information, etc.)





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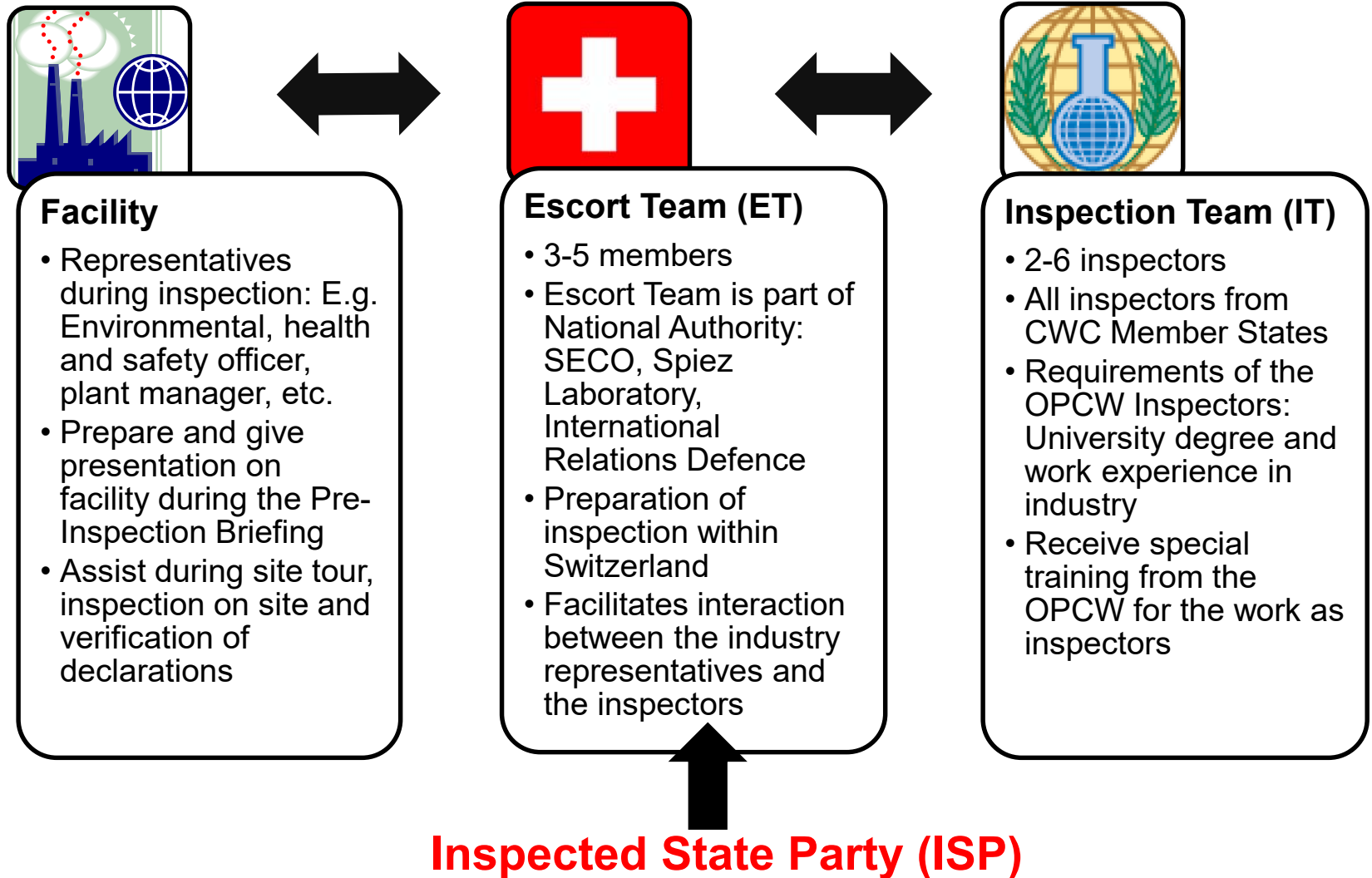
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# How does this work in practice?

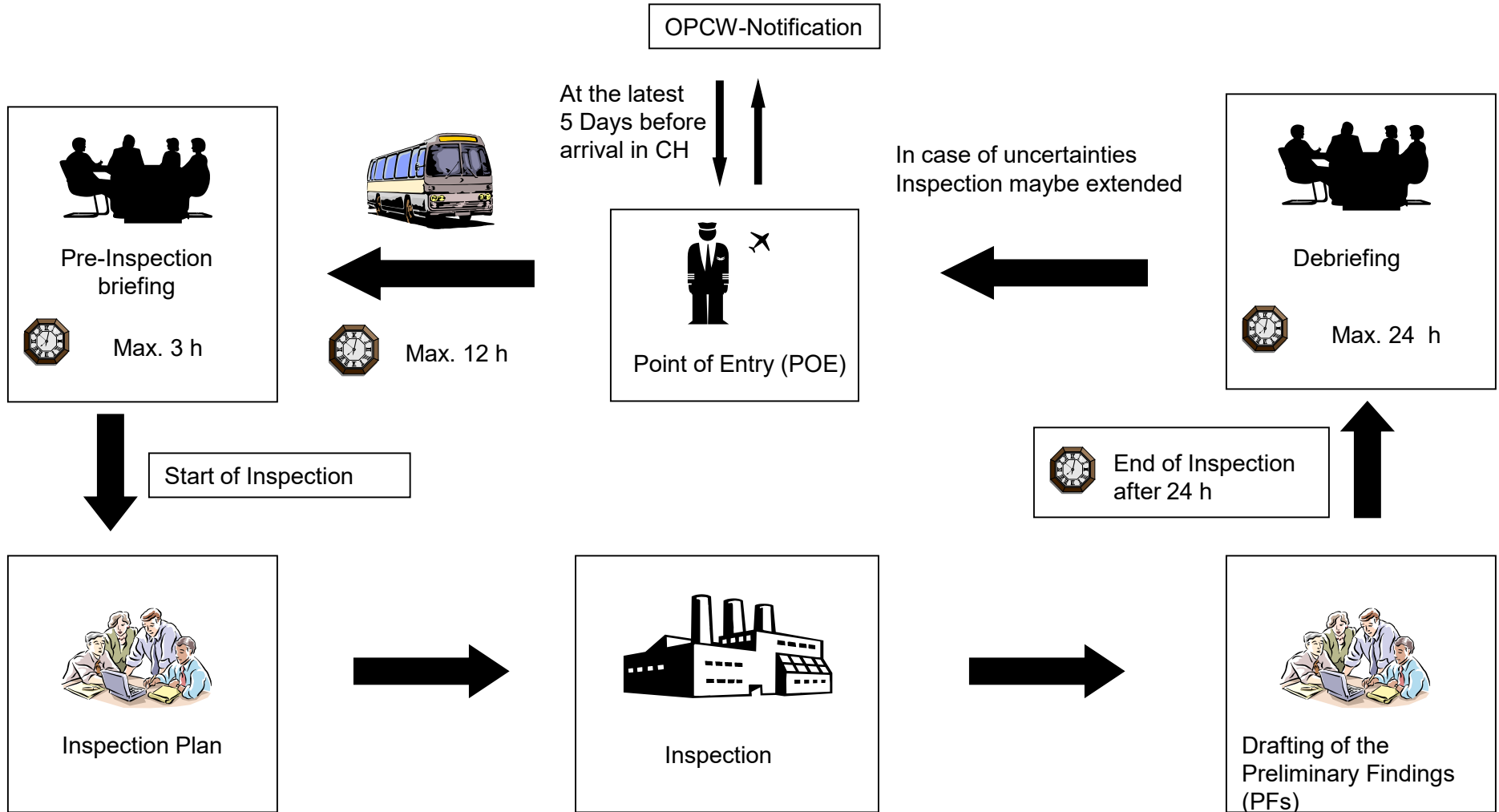


# Conduct of Inspection: Involved Parties





# Example: Sequence of a DOC Inspection





# Timelines OPCW-Notification and Physical Inspections

	<b>Arrival of Notification</b>	<b>Allowed Timelines for physical inspections*</b>
<b>Schedule 2</b>	At least 2 days before arrival of IT at POE	4 days
<b>Schedule 3</b>	At least 5 days before arrival of IT at POE	1 day
<b>OCPF</b>	At least 5 days before arrival of IT at POE	1 day

\*may be extended if so agreed with the ISP



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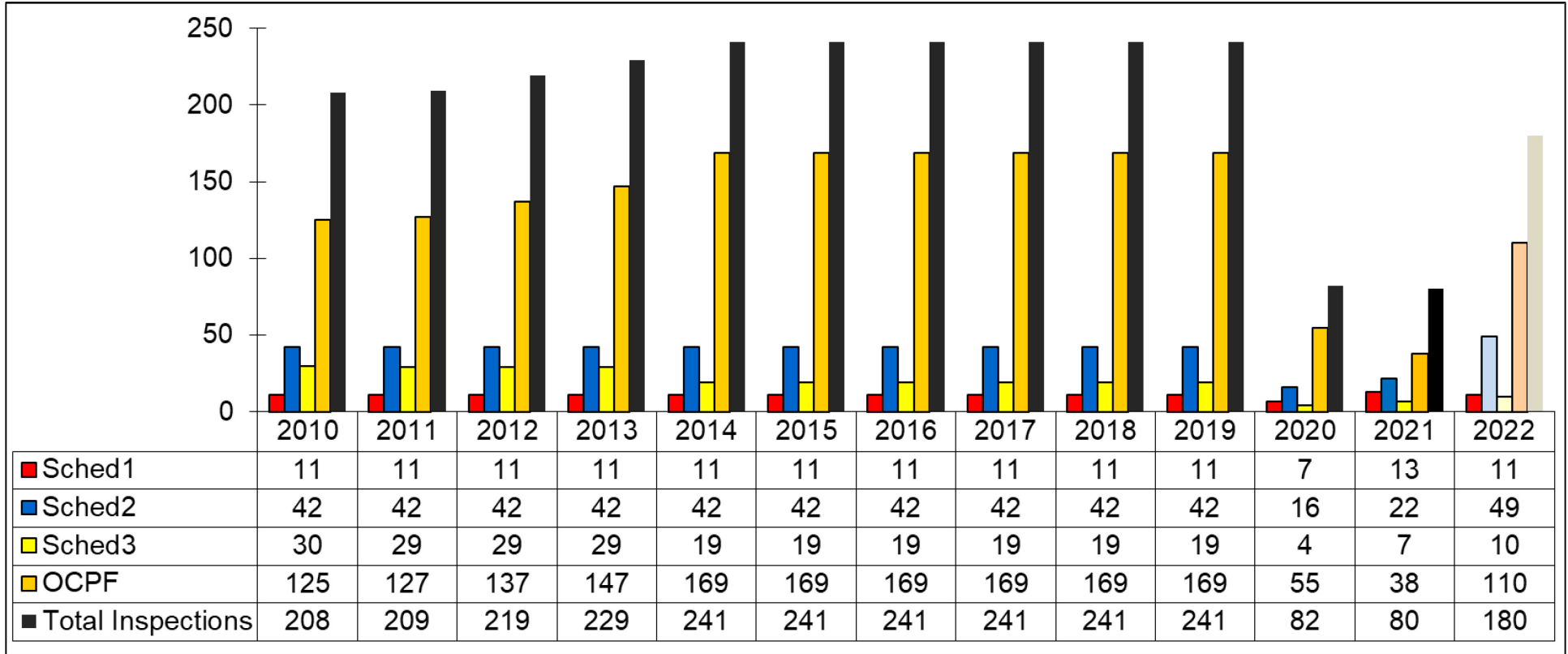
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# Inspection Statistics



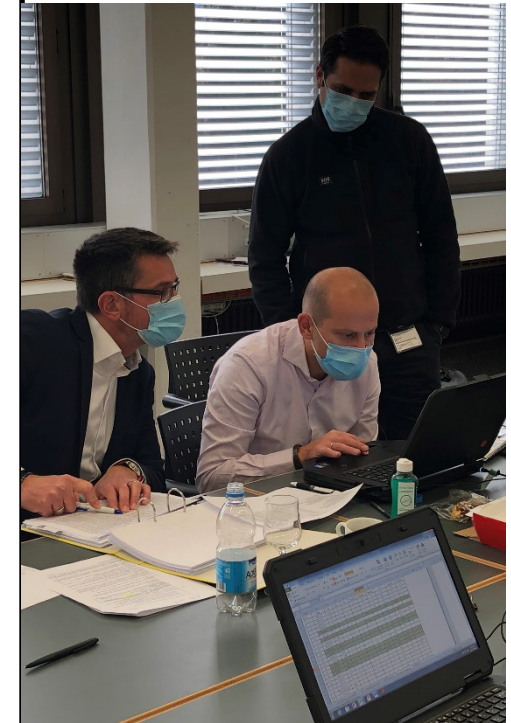
# Article VI Inspections: Total number, all States Parties





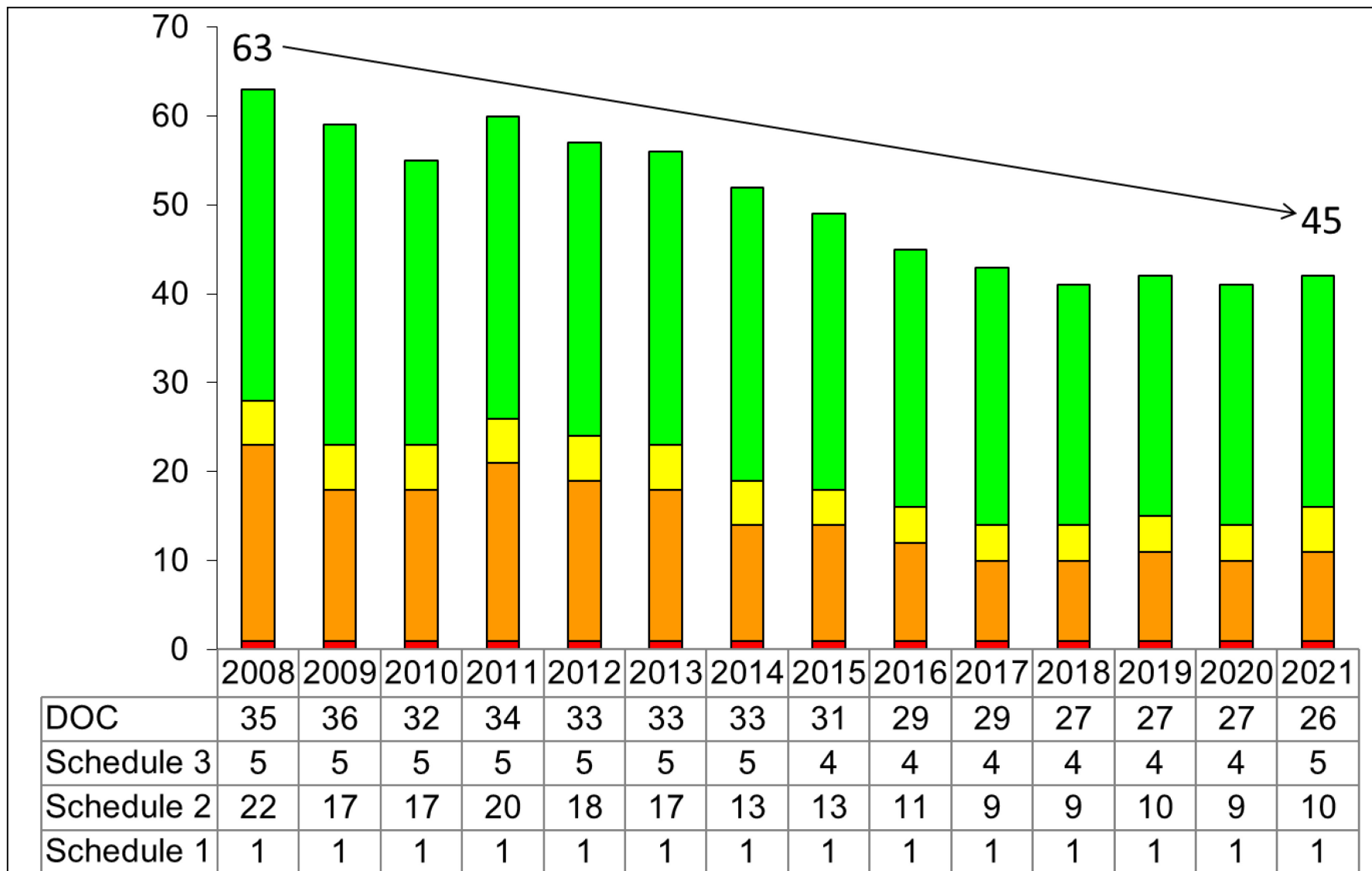
# Switzerland: declarable and inspectable plant sites in 2021

	Declarable	Inspectable
Sch 1	1	1
Sch 2	10	4
Sch 3	5	4
OCPF	26	26
Traders	~25	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>35</b>





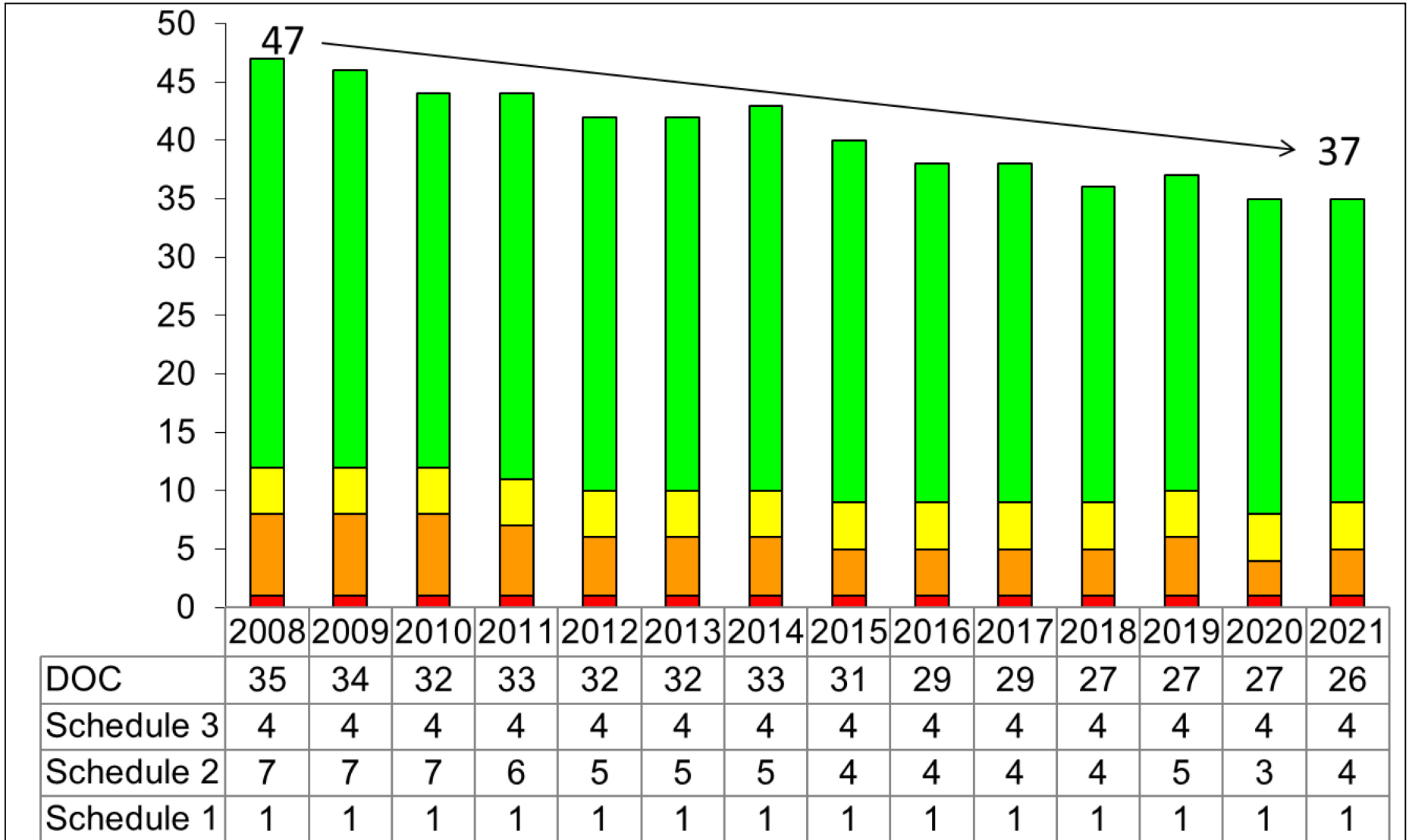
# Declared Plant Sites in Switzerland







# Inspectable Plant Sites in Switzerland





# OPCW Inspections in CHE

Facilities	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Sch 1	1		1	1			1	1		1			1			1		1		1			1	1		1	13
Sch 2	1	4	3		2	1	2	3	5	2*	1	2	2*	2	1		3*	1	2*		1		2		1		41
Sch 3			1	1	1		1												1	1					1		7
OCPF (DOC/PSF)						1		1	1	3	4	3	4	2	1	3	4	2	3	2	4	2	2	3			45
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>106</b>

- ca. 4 - 5 Inspections per year
- \* Sample & Analysis Inspections ( $\Sigma$  4)
- 2022 – year to date



# OPCW Routine Inspections in Industry



Training on CWC Obligations for Industry  
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# Pre-Inspection Briefing = PIB





## PIB



## Site tour



## Check of declarations

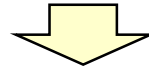
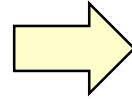


## Preliminary findings





# Sampling & Analysis





# Experience

## In general:

The better the preparation, the shorter the inspection!

## Pay attention:

- Friendly and open atmosphere – inspectors are neither enemies nor friends
- Be polite and honest, support information with written and relevant documents
- Explain what they ask for and not more (no storytelling)
- In case of uncertainties: show documents first to ET in order to filter the relevant information
- Inspectors should have unimpeded access to different facilities, to the extent that the mandate requires it

# Questions?

