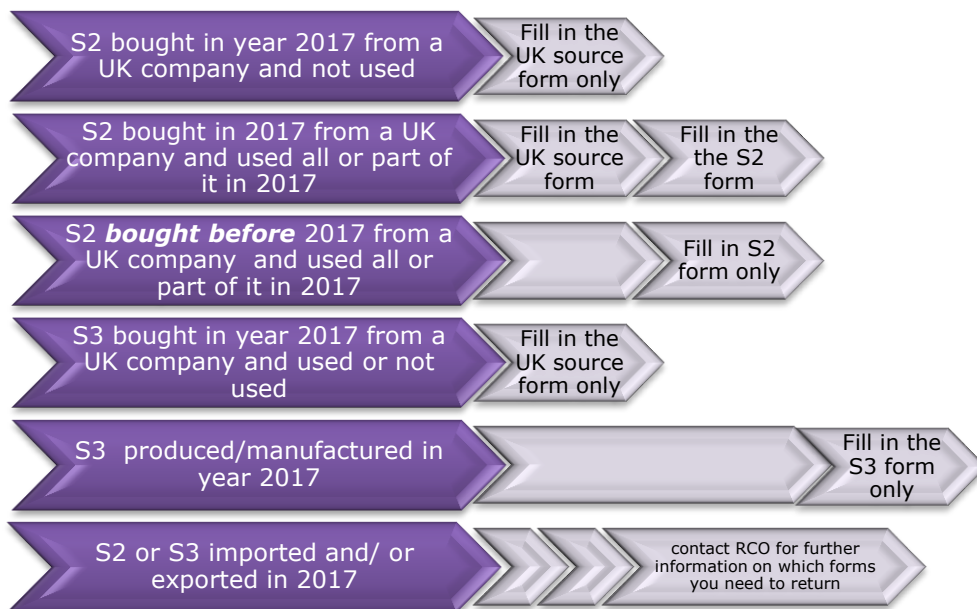


## Compliance Bite size: Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC): toxic chemicals and their precursors

### Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)

Certain toxic chemicals and their precursors are subject to legal requirements under the CWC, the first arms-control treaty to introduce a verifiable ban on an entire class of weapons of mass destruction. The University is required to make an annual declaration on the productions, processing, consumption and import and export of these substances.

- If you have in the year Jan-Dec 2017 bought or used any chemicals which were purchased in previous years or imported or exported or produced any of the chemicals in the [Schedule 2](#) list, or in the [Schedule 3](#) list, you need to fill in the forms for the annual return, which will take place in Jan 2018.
- The following diagram will help you decide which forms you need to fill in:



#### Definitions under CWC used in the S2 form:

- **Production:** formation through a chemical reactions or synthesis.
  - **Processing:** physical manipulation of a chemical without a chemical reaction taking place, i.e. purification, crystallization, concentration...
  - **Consumption:** conversion of a chemical into another chemical through a chemical reaction involving the making or braking of chemical bonds.
- Additional information that may assist in filling out this form can be found in the [CWC guidance notes, annexes A-E](#).

**If you need a licence for any Schedule 1 chemicals, contact the University [Regulatory Compliance Officer \(RCO\)](#) for help with the application.**

#### What legislation applies?

[The chemical Weapons Act 1996](#)

[Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001](#)

[Governmental guidance](#)

#### Classification of chemicals:

[Schedule 1](#) -Licence is required-  
[Schedule 2](#)  
[Schedule 3](#)

#### Forms:

[UK source form](#)  
[S2 form](#)  
[S3 form](#)

**For help, contact RCO**