



NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

RELEASE OF THE OPCW CENTRAL ANALYTICAL DATABASE ON DVD

1. The Technical Secretariat wishes to inform Member States of the latest release of the OPCW Central Analytical Database (OCAD) on DVD. The DVD contains version 18_2016 of the portable document format (PDF) of the OCAD, electronic version mass-spectrometry (MS) data, and electronic infrared-spectrometry (IR) data, all of which were released in January 2016. The analytical database, on-site e-OCAD v.18, can also be found on the DVD. This version of the OCAD—prepared in accordance with a decision entitled “Proposed Mechanism for Updating the OPCW Central Analytical Database” (EC-IV/DEC.2, dated 5 September 1997) and adopted by the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) at its Fourth Session—was subsequently adopted by the Conference of the States Parties at its Second Session (subparagraph 11.2(c) of C-II/8, dated 5 December 1997). The database was certified in accordance with the decision, “Authentication and Certification Procedure for the OPCW Central Analytical Database and On-Site Databases”, which was adopted by the Council at its Sixty-Second Session (EC-62/DEC.3, dated 6 October 2010).
2. On-site e-OCAD v.18 contains MS data (MS spectra), as well as gas-chromatography retention indices (GC-RI), which are in a combined format and are used with OPCW equipment for on-site analysis.
3. These databases have been updated with data on chemicals approved by the Council at its Seventy-Eighth Session (EC-78/DEC.6 and EC-78/DEC.7, both dated 18 March 2015).
4. Copies of the DVD are available upon request from the documentation counter at the OPCW Headquarters building.

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