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**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS  
IN 2021 AND 2022**

1. The Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the tentative schedule for official OPCW proficiency tests both in 2021 and 2022.
2. The Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) organises two different official proficiency tests—one for environmental samples (PT) and the other for biomedical samples (BioPT). These two programmes are separate, and laboratories are welcome to participate in one or both of them.
3. Both proficiency testing programmes may be conducted with the assistance of designated laboratories. The tables that follow indicate the laboratories and Member States that have volunteered to assist the Secretariat with the proficiency tests. If the “Assisting Laboratory” column is blank, the Secretariat would welcome designated laboratories to volunteer.
4. Prior to each proficiency test, the Secretariat will issue an official Note announcing the test with instructions on how to participate. For further information regarding these tests please contact the Secretariat by email ([proficiency@opcw.org](mailto:proficiency@opcw.org)).
5. The tentative test schedule and the laboratories that will be assisting are listed in the following two tables attached in the annex.

Annex:

Tentative Schedule and the Laboratories That Will Be Assisting in the Official OPCW Proficiency and Biomedical Proficiency Tests in 2021 and 2022.



## Annex

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND THE LABORATORIES THAT WILL BE ASSISTING IN  
OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY AND BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2021 AND 2022**

**TABLE 1: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS**

<b>Proficiency Test (PT)</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Sample Preparation</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Evaluation</b>	<b>Sample Dispatch Date</b>	<b>Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Evaluation of the Results</b>
Forty-Ninth (PT-49)	Verification Laboratory, Defence Medical and Environmental Research Institute, DSO National Laboratories, Singapore	VERIFIN, Finnish Institute for Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, Finland	16 April 2021	29 June 2021
Fiftieth (PT-50)	-	DGA Maîtrise NRBC, Analytical Chemistry Department, France	22 October 2021	15 February 2022
Fifty-First (PT-51)	-	-	22 April 2022	5 July 2022
Fifty-Second (PT-52)	-	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, United States of America	21 October 2022	14 February 2023

**TABLE 2: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS**

<b>Biomedical Proficiency Test (BioPT)</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Sample Preparation</b>	<b>Assisting Laboratory: Evaluation</b>	<b>Sample Dispatch Date</b>	<b>Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Evaluation of the Results</b>
Sixth (BioPT-6)	Laboratory of Chemical Analytical Control and Biotesting, Research Institute of Hygiene, Occupational Pathology and Human Ecology, Russian Federation	Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry, Research Institute of Chemical Defence, China	26 February 2021	30 June 2021
Seventh (BioPT-7)	-	Verification Laboratory, Defence Medical and Environmental Research Institute, DSO National Laboratories, Singapore	25 February 2022	6 July 2022

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