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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2022 AND 2023

1. The Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the tentative schedule for official OPCW proficiency tests both in 2022 and 2023.
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.
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).
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 2022 and 2023.



Annex

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND THE LABORATORIES THAT WILL BE ASSISTING IN
THE OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY AND BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2022 AND 2023**

TABLE 1: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS

Proficiency Test (PT)	Assisting Laboratory: Sample Preparation	Assisting Laboratory: Evaluation	Sample Dispatch Date	Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Evaluation of the Results
Fifty-First (PT-51)	Defence Science and Technology Group, Australia	Laboratorio de Verificación de Armas Químicas (LAVEMA), INTA Campus La Marañosa, Spain	29 April 2022	5 July 2022
Fifty-Second (PT-52)	Scientific Research Center for CBRN Defense and Ecology, Chemical Analysis and Special Synthesis Laboratory, Romania	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, United States of America	21 October 2022	14 February 2023
Fifty-Third (PT-53)	Bundeswehr Research Institute for Protective Technologies and NBC Protection, Germany	DEVCOM Chemical Biological Center, Forensic Analytical Laboratory, United States of America	28 April 2023	4 July 2023
Fifty-Fourth (PT-54)	-	TNO Defence, Safety and Security, Netherlands	20 October 2023	6 February 2024

TABLE 2: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS

Biomedical Proficiency Test (BioPT)	Assisting Laboratory: Sample Preparation	Assisting Laboratory: Evaluation	Sample Dispatch Date	Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Evaluation of the Results
Seventh (BioPT-7)	OPCW Laboratory, Rijswijk, Netherlands	Verification Laboratory, Defence Medical and Environmental Research Institute, DSO National Laboratories, Singapore	25 February 2022	6 July 2022
Eighth (BioPT-8)	Defence Science and Technology Group, Australia	Bundeswehr Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Germany	24 February 2023	5 July 2023

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