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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2024 AND 2025

1. The Director-General wishes to inform States Parties of the tentative schedule for Official OPCW Proficiency Tests both in 2024 and 2025.
2. The OPCW Technical Secretariat (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 in the Annex hereto indicate the laboratories and States Parties 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 Tests and Biomedical Proficiency Tests in 2024 and 2025



Annex

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND THE LABORATORIES THAT WILL BE ASSISTING IN
THE OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS AND BIOMEDICAL PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2024 AND 2025**

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 Results
Fifty-Fourth (PT-54)	Centre for Analysis of Chemical Toxins (CACT), DASC, CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology India	TNO Defence, Safety and Security Netherlands	20 October 2023	1 February 2024
Fifty-Fifth (PT-55)	Spiez Laboratory, Swiss NBC Defence Establishment Switzerland	Verification Laboratory, Defence Medical and Environmental Research Institute, DSO National Laboratories Singapore	19 April 2024	16 July 2024
Fifty-Sixth (PT-56)	Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, Porton Down United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Laboratório de Análises Químicas, Centro Tecnológico do Exército (CTEx) Brazil	18 October 2024	11 February 2025
Fifty-Seventh (PT-57)	Finnish Institute for Verification of the Chemical Weapons Convention (VERIFIN) Finland	DEVCOM Chemical Biological Center, Forensic Analytical Laboratory United States of America	26 April 2025	15 July 2025
Fifty-Eighth (PT-58)	-	Laboratorio de Verificación de Armas Químicas (LAVEMA) Spain	17 October 2025	3 February 2026

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 Results
Ninth (BioPT-9)	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory United States of America	Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) Sweden	23 February 2024	17 July 2024
Tenth (BioPT-10)	DGA Maîtrise NBRC, Département Analyse Chimique France	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention United States of America	28 February 2025	16 July 2025

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