

## **Technical Secretariat**

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## NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

## SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2006

- 1. The Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the schedule and arrangements for the two official OPCW proficiency tests, the nineteenth and the twentieth, to be conducted in 2006.
- 2. The tests will be conducted in accordance with the following OPCW procedures:
  - (a) "Standard Operating Procedure for the Organisation of OPCW Proficiency Tests", QDOC/LAB/SOP/PT1;
  - (b) "Work Instruction for the Preparation of Test Samples for OPCW Proficiency Tests", QDOC/LAB/WI/PT2; and
  - (c) "Work Instruction for the Evaluation of Results of OPCW Proficiency Tests", QDOC/LAB/WI/PT3.
- 3. The test schedule is as follows:
  - (a) The samples for the nineteenth test will be dispatched on 28 April 2006. The Division of NBC Defence, Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI), in Sweden will prepare the test samples, and the TNO Defence, Security and Safety in the Netherlands will assist in the evaluation of the results.
  - (b) The samples for the twentieth test will be dispatched on 6 October 2006. The Section Analyses Chimiques, Centre d'Etudes du Bouchet in France will prepare the test samples, and the Verification Laboratory, Centre for Chemical Defence, DSO National Laboratories in Singapore will assist in the evaluation of the results.

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