



---

Verification Division  
S/888/2011  
10 January 2011  
Original: ENGLISH

**NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2011 AND 2012**

1. The Director-General wishes to inform Member States of the schedule and arrangements for the following four official OPCW proficiency tests:
  - (a) the twenty-ninth and the thirtieth tests will be conducted in 2011; and
  - (b) the thirty-first and thirty-second tests will be conducted in 2012.
2. The 2011 tests will be conducted in accordance with the following set of quality management system (QMS) documents:
  - (a) “Standard Operating Procedure for the Organisation of OPCW Proficiency Tests”, QDOC/LAB/SOP/PT01;
  - (b) “Work Instruction for the Preparation of Test Samples for OPCW Proficiency Tests”, QDOC/LAB/WI/PT02; and
  - (c) “Work Instruction for the Evaluation of Results of OPCW Proficiency Tests”, QDOC/LAB/WI/PT03.
3. The test schedule and the laboratories that will be assisting are as follows:
  - (a) The twenty-ninth test will be conducted in the spring of 2011. FOI CBRN Defence and Security, Swedish Defence Research Agency, Sweden, will prepare the test samples. The Forensic Analytical Center of the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC), the United States of America, will assist in the evaluation of the results.
  - (b) The thirtieth test will be conducted in the autumn of 2011. The Laboratory of Toxicant Analysis Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Academy of Military Medical Sciences (AMMS), China, will prepare the test samples. The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), the United States of America, will assist in the evaluation of the results.



- (c) The thirty-first test will be conducted in the spring of 2012. Bundeswehr Research Institute for Protective Technologies and NBC Protection (WIS), Germany will prepare the test samples. The Centre for Analysis of Chemical Toxins, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, India, will assist in the evaluation of the results.
- (d) The thirty-second test will be conducted in the autumn of 2012. The Vertox Laboratory, Defence Research & Development Establishment, India, will prepare the test samples. The Laboratorio de Verificación de Armas Químicas Fábrica Nacional “La Marañosa”, Spain, will assist in the evaluation of the results.

4. The tentative dates for the proficiency tests are as follows:

<b>Proficiency Test</b>	<b>Time of Year</b>	<b>Sample Dispatch *</b>	<b>Meeting to Discuss Preliminary Evaluation Results</b>
29th	Spring 2011	18 March 2011	30 June 2011
30th	Autumn 2011	14 October 2011	16 February 2012**
31st	Spring 2012	20 April 2012	12 July 2012**
32nd	Autumn 2012	12 October 2012	14 February 2013**

- - - 0 - - -

---

\* The dates listed are tentative.

\*\* These dates are subject to change (to either one week earlier or one week later than the date indicated).