



Training Course on Fulfilling Declarations and Inspections Obligations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention

ONLINE

1 March – 15 April 2021

1. Objectives

This is an advanced training course on Article VI national obligations. The main objective of this online training course is, therefore, for experienced national practitioners responsible for implementing Article VI obligations (either preparing declarations, receiving/escorting OPCW inspections, or both) to refresh relevant knowledge and skills and to get acquainted with updated information including on the scheduled chemicals and the new declaration tools.

2. Expected outcomes

For the States Parties to submit accurate, timely, and complete annual declarations as required under Article VI, as well as to receive and escort OPCW inspections in an efficient manner.

3. Target participants

CWC National Authorities and other national stakeholders, especially the chemical industry (association) and chemical trade (association) from all regional groups.

4. Timeframe

- 1) Deadline for application: **28 February 2021** via EVENTUS:
<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus/Home/EventDetail/241>
- 2) Self-paced learning via TalentSoft: from **1 March to 31 March 2021**
- 3) Two live sessions:
 - i. Declaration exercise with EDIS and Q&A on declarations requirements – **Wednesday 17 March 7-10 am (CET) and Thursday 18 March 5-8 pm (CET)** – both sessions are still to be confirmed. Each participant is to attend only one of the sessions.
 - ii. Mock-inspection exercise, discussion and Q&A – **Wednesday 14 April 7-10 am (CET) and Thursday 15 April 5-8 pm (CET)** - both sessions are still to be confirmed. Each participant is to attend only one of the sessions.

5. Application requirements

- 1) Endorsement of the National Authority (Annex I);
- 2) Certificates of completion of five e-learning modules, as available in the OPCW Website (<https://www.opcw.org/opcw-e-learning>), as follows:
 - i. Introduction to Article VI Declarations
 - ii. Identification of Declarable Activities Under Article VI of the CWC
 - iii. Introduction to the Electronic Declaration Information System (EDIS)
 - iv. Introduction to Secure Information Exchange (SIX)
 - v. Preparing for and Receiving an Article VI Inspection by Plant Site
- 3) Self-assessment and training action plan (Annex II), including identification of an activity for participants to undertake, from before, through and after the training

course. The activity may be areas where participants find as challenges of Article VI implementation in their country.

- 4) The participant is ready to install the Electronic Declaration Information System (EDIS) software in his/her computer for use in the declaration exercise during the training course, as well as in future declaration activities. Declarations Branch of the Secretariat will advise on this requirement, once the applicant is confirmed to attend the training course.

6. Learning topics (tentative)

- 1) Training objectives, programme overview, pre and post-training activities
- 2) Updates on Article VI-related issues
- 3) Status of national implementation of Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (declarations and inspections)
- 4) Activities monitored under Article VI of the Convention and related declaration requirements
- 5) Identification of declarable activities
- 6) State Party experience and practice
- 7) Electronic declaration tools – EDIS and SIX
- 8) Mandate of OPCW industry inspections, the role of the National Authority and industry in receiving and escorting inspections
- 9) Pre-inspection planning, on-site and post-inspection activities
- 10) What will follow as a result of an OPCW inspection?
- 11) Contribution of Article VI verification regime to countering terrorism

Please send any questions about this training course to:

chizu.matsushita@opcw.org (for substantive matters)

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ANNEX I

ONLINE TRAINING COURSE
ON FULFILLING DECLARATIONS AND INSPECTIONS OBLIGATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE VI OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION
1 MARCH – 15 APRIL 2021

ENDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY

This form must be duly filled and uploaded when registering the participant electronically (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus/Home/EventDetail/241>).

I, _____, Head/Chief Coordinator of the National Authority of the State Party of _____, on behalf of the Government of _____, hereby endorse the nomination of Mr/Ms _____, holding the position/designation of _____ in the Office/Division/Branch of _____, for participation in the online Training Course on Fulfilling Declarations and Inspections Obligations under Article VI of the CWC, to be held from **1 March to 15 April 2021**.

Signature: _____
[electronic signature acceptable]

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Deadline of nomination: 28 February 2021

ANNEX II

ONLINE TRAINING COURSE ON FULFILLING DECLARATIONS AND INSPECTIONS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE VI OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION 1 MARCH – 15 APRIL 2021

SELF-ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING ACTION PLAN

Two tables below must be completed by the applicant of this training course by him/herself. Tables should be completed **electronically** and submitted as part of the application requirements through EVENTUS (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus/Home/EventDetail/241>) by **Sunday 28 February 2021**.

SELF-ASSESSMENT

Name of participant	
Job title and organisation	
State Party	
Your experience in relation to fulfilling Article VI obligations	
Status of Article VI implementation in your country (including the number of sites declared, the number of OPCW inspections received, etc.)	
What are the issues or challenges that need to be addressed and overcome to enhance the level of Article VI implementation in your country?	
By participating in this training course, what specific areas would you like to improve in regard to implementation of Article VI in your country?	
Does the CWC National Authority of your country use Electronic Declaration Information System (EDIS) and the Secure Information Exchange System (SIX)?	EDIS: Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] SIX: Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] Comments:
Participation in this training course requires that EDIS software is installed in the computer you will be using to participate in the course.	I agree to install EDIS software in my computer ahead of the training course. Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] Comments:

TRAINING ACTION PLAN

Please indicate at least one area/challenge.

Areas of Article VI national implementation that need to be improved/enhanced.	Please specify your own action plan and timeframe to address the areas identified?	Please explain how your participation in the training course will make a positive impact on the areas identified? How would the impact be measured?
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2	2	2
3	3	3