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Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention

1st Floor, Chanakya Bhawan, Chanakyapuri,
New Delhi, dated 07th August, 2024.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Call for nominations for the Fifty-Sixth official OPCW Proficiency Test – regarding.

India is a signatory to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), with headquarters at the Hague, The Netherlands is the implementing body of CWC. National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC) functions as the main agency responsible for facilitating the participation of its officials and other Indian nationals in training courses conducted by OPCW in the field of the Convention.

2. Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Technical Secretariat (TS) Note vide no. S/2306/2024 dated 10th July, 2024, circulated by TS of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), seeking nominations on the above mentioned Proficiency Test from interested laboratories.

In view of the above, it is requested to send nomination(s) in the requisite proforma (Annex of the TS note) for participation in the Fifty-Sixth official OPCW Proficiency Test at the earliest to National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC) for onward transmission to OPCW. The last date for receiving duly filled nomination forms to NACWC is **15th September, 2024**.

Encl: As above.



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4. The Director, Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), HSIDC, Sector 20, Udyog Vihar Opposite Ambience Mall, Gurugram, 122016
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6. The Director, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), CV Raman Rd, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560012.
7. The Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Homi Bhabha Road, Colaba, Mumbai – 400005.
8. All concerned.



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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR THE FIFTY-SIXTH OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TEST**

1. Following the Note by the Director-General announcing the tentative schedule for Official OPCW Proficiency Tests in 2024 and 2025 (S/2221/2023, dated 17 November 2023), the Technical Secretariat welcomes nominations for the Fifty-Sixth Official OPCW Proficiency Test, which will be conducted in October/November 2024.
2. Prospective first-time participants and those planning to take the test on a “trial” basis are requested to contact the OPCW Laboratory (see below for contact details) at their earliest convenience, as a more suitable introduction to Chemical Weapons Convention-related chemical analysis is available.
3. For the test, the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, Porton Down, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, will prepare the test samples, and the Chemical Analysis Laboratory of the Technological Center of the Army, Brazil, will assist in the evaluation of the results. The anticipated sample dispatch date is **18 October 2024**, and the samples will be shipped to the test participants from the sample preparation laboratory.
4. The test will be conducted in accordance with the following set of quality management system 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);
 - (c) “Work Instruction for the Evaluation of Results of OPCW Proficiency Tests” (QDOC/LAB/WI/PT03); and
 - (d) “Work Instruction for the Reporting of the Results of the OPCW Proficiency Tests” (QDOC/LAB/WI/PT04).
5. Member States of the OPCW are invited to nominate participating laboratories by email (proficiency@opcw.org). The closing date for nominations is **27 September 2024**.



6. Nominations should contain the following information:
 - (a) the full name and address of the laboratory;
 - (b) the detailed sample delivery address (if different from the laboratory address);
 - (c) the name, telephone number, and email address of the laboratory contact person; and
 - (d) any other special requirements or information needed to ensure sample delivery.
7. The nomination form that is annexed to this document may be used to submit the nominations.
8. In order to confirm participation in the Fifty-Sixth Official OPCW Proficiency Test, previous test participants must, where required, submit to the OPCW Laboratory, **before 27 September 2024**, their follow-up action report stating the cause of the problem and the remedial actions they have taken as a result of their participation in the last proficiency test. Early submission of such reports is strongly encouraged.
9. Participants are required to contact the OPCW Laboratory by email (proficiency@opcw.org) before the sample dispatch date to confirm their contact details for the test sample delivery.
10. Participants are also requested to arrange internal customs clearance procedures for the samples in order to prevent any unnecessary delays during the sample delivery process.
11. The meeting to discuss the preliminary results of the test is tentatively scheduled for 11 February 2025 at the OPCW Main Building in The Hague, the Netherlands.
12. Further information regarding participation in OPCW proficiency tests may be obtained via email from the OPCW Laboratory (proficiency@opcw.org; ferdinand.visser@opcw.org; and sanila.velikeloth@opcw.org).

Annex: Fifty-Sixth Official OPCW Proficiency Test – Nomination Form

Annex**FIFTY-SIXTH OFFICIAL OPCW PROFICIENCY TEST****NOMINATION FORM****(CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS: 27 SEPTEMBER 2024)**

Name of the laboratory	
Address of the laboratory	
Nature of work related to the Chemical Weapons Convention	
Quality management system and accreditation body (if any)	
Full sample delivery address (if different from laboratory address)	
Special requirements for sample delivery (e.g., customs requirements, preferred courier agency)	
Primary contact person's name, telephone number, and email address	
Secondary contact person's name, telephone number, and email address	
Date of follow-up report submission (if applicable)	
Name, signature, and affiliation of the person nominating the laboratory	
Approval of the National Authority (official seal and signature)	