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Swiss Chemical Industry and Trading Companies

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Your sign:
Our sign: SECO-LS: Training on CWC obligations
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Workshop on CWC obligations - SECO and Spiez Laboratory

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

The [National Authority CWC](#) (Chemical Weapons Convention) is organising a one-day course for the chemical industry and trading companies on CWC obligations. Participants will be instructed on how to complete and submit the annual [OPCW](#) (Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) declarations to the Spiez Laboratory. Furthermore, the training will provide an overview of the CWC, national legislation and inspections by the OPCW.

As a State Party to the CWC, Switzerland is contractually obliged to report all relevant CWC activities to the OPCW [Technical Secretariat](#) in The Hague. The Spiez Laboratory is entrusted with this task, i.e. it requests the declarations from the companies, compiles them and then forwards them to the OPCW before the deadline.

There are two training dates that you can choose from, either on **Thursday, 22 September 2022** or on **Thursday, 29 September 2022**, at [Spiez Laboratory](#). Registrations will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. If there is a great deal of interest, we will decide at short notice whether to split the event or hold a further information session.

This course, co-organised by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and the Spiez Laboratory, is usually offered every three years. Therefore, we encourage you not to miss it. Your company will be able to fill in the required forms in a more targeted and quicker fashion. In addition, you will get to know representatives of the National Authority CWC personally, which is particularly helpful in the case of OPCW inspections or clarification of questions. Please note that due to specific obligations, trading companies can choose to leave the course earlier if they wish (see programme).

The event is free of charge and will be held **in English** on **22 September** and **in German** on **29 September**. Travel to and from the event and, if necessary, accommodation are to be arranged by the participants themselves. Free parking is available at the Spiez Laboratory. The canteen offers a rich lunch (16.--/person).

Please register for the course as soon as possible by filling out and returning the attached form by e-mail (beat.schmidt@babs.admin.ch). The registration deadline is seven days before the start of the respective course, i.e. 15 Sept. or 22 Sept. 2022. For further information, please contact B. Schmidt (Tel.: +41 58 468 1783; Mobile: 079 457 51 56 or [e-mail](#)).

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We look forward to seeing you in September!

Kind regards

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Annex 1: Registration form (1 page);
Annex 2: Proposed agenda (1 page)

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Annex 1

Registration form

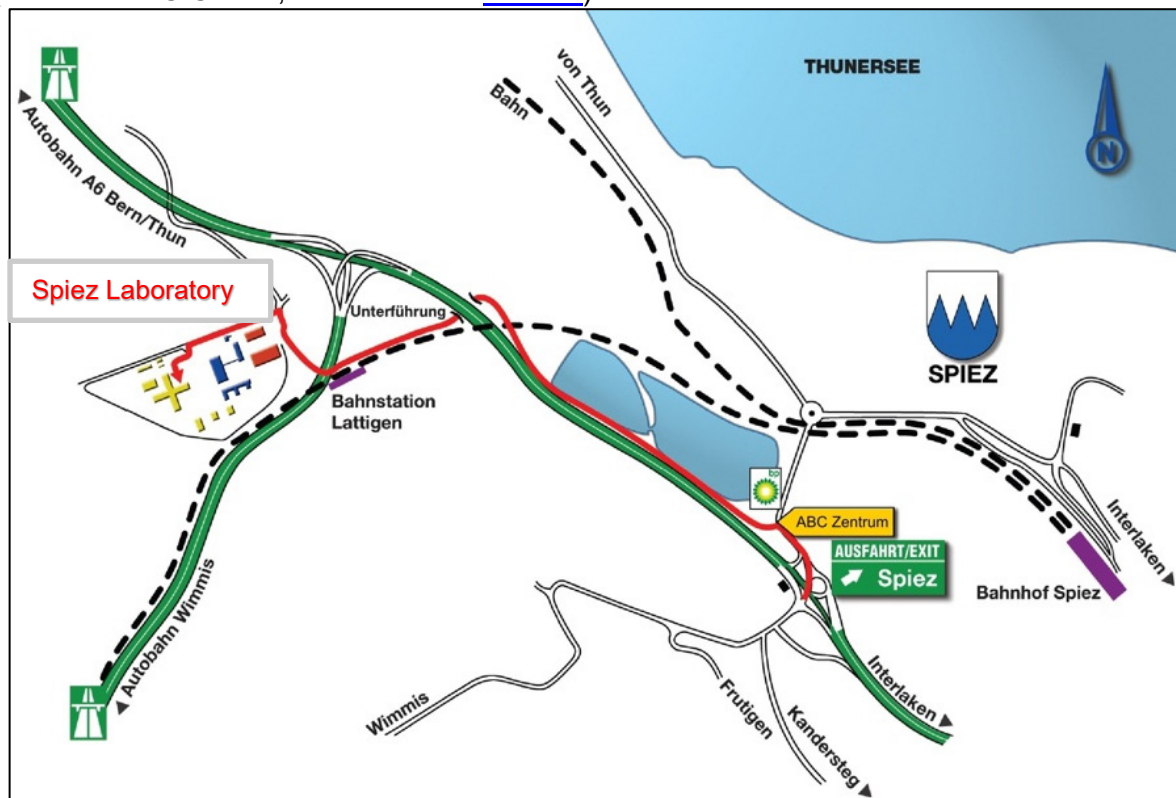
to: beat.schmidt@babs.admin.ch

(please fill in in block capitals)

Company name			
Postcode and place			
First name and surname			
E-mail address			
Mobile			
Telephone work			
Lunch (military kitchen, 16.-Sfr. /person incl. salad bar, tea)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes but vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Language	<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> German	<input type="checkbox"/> no matter
I am taking part in the course			
English*	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 22 September 2022		
German*	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 29 September 2022		

*In case of consensus, the preferred language can still be decided on the spot

Location of the course: Spiez Laboratory, Austrasse, CH-3700 Spiez
(direction ABC Centre; see details on [Internet](#))



Annex 2

22 Sept. 2022 / 29 Sept. 2022		Planned Programme* (Room TE-07)
09:30		Arrival Loge - Welcome (Arrival of the train <i>Lattigen bei Spiez</i> 09:15)
09:35 - 10:15 10:15 - 10:55	1	General aspects of the CWC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWC & Arms Control • Legal basis for the enforcement of the CWC in Switzerland (incl. Q&A session)
~11:00 - 11:30	2	Export/import of CWC-controlled chemicals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Export and import of scheduled chemicals – threshold values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you determine if a chemical is listed? • Transfers to CWC non-member states - beware! • Transfer discrepancies; Web page National Authority CWC and OPCW (incl. Q&A session)
11:30 - 12:15		Lunch (followed by a group photo ¹)
12:30 - 13:30	3	Export/import of CWC-controlled chemicals (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance on the Annual Declarations of Past Activities (ADPA) - Completing Form 1, practical examples <p>(After this part, attendees from trading companies are free to leave the event); Coffee break - individual in room TE-07</p>
~13:30 - 15:00	4	Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 Plants; OCPF sites² (OPCW link) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance on the Annual Declarations of Anticipated Activities (ADAA) Who should provide ADAAs - practical examples • Guidance on Annual Declarations of Past Activities (ADPAs) Who should provide ADPAs - practical examples • OPCW inspections - Exchange of experiences and questions
- 15:20		Course Assessment and closure (Departure of the train <i>Lattigen bei Spiez</i> 15:43 - Arrival <i>Spiez</i> 15:47)

*Depending also on the needs, questions and suggestions of those present

¹ Photos during the course will be used for educational purposes

² OCPF = Other Chemical Production Facilities