

How To Contact Canada's CWC National Authority

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Basic Facts

- The Chemical Weapons Convention provides that each State Party establishes
 a National Authority to serve as that country's focal point for effective liaison
 with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the
 Convention's international secretariat located in The Hague, the Netherlands,
 and other States Parties.
- The need for effective interface between a State Party and the OPCW/other States Parties stems from the fact that the Convention provides for detailed information and data declarations relating to the Convention's Scheduled Chemicals, to be made according to a strict timetable and verified by routine and, possibly, challenge inspections, as well as from the obligation to provide advance notification of transfers of Schedule 1 Chemicals and to provide assistance and protection to another State Party in case of the use or threat of the use of chemical weapons. Information provided by domestic clients to National Authorities is protected against unauthorized access. States Parties also have the right to receive certain portions of other State Party Declarations.