**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE OFFICE FOR PRODUCT SAFETY AND STANDARDS (OPSS) REGISTER OF SPECIALISTS FOR CHEMICALS, MATERIALS AND TOXICOLOGY (RoS CMT)**

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OPSS is seeking to add new members to its Register of Specialists (RoS) for Chemicals, Materials and Toxicology.

The Register is a list of pre-approved experts from whom OPSS can commission short pieces of ad hoc work under contract to provide scientific and technical services. We want to expand the Register to bring in additional experts and to cover new areas of expertise and types of work, **particularly in relation to product safety and chemicals**. OPSS may ask you to take on work based on your expertise, as identified in your application. Inclusion on the register does not guarantee that you will be offered work.

We are looking to appoint experts to the Register who can provide scientific or technical evidence, analysis or advice across OPSS’s remit in:

* Chemical and toxicological risk assessment for cosmetic products, toys, childcare articles and textile fibres (naming, labelling and marking of textiles).
* Ad hoc chemical advice on product safety issues which may impact human health.
* Chemicals research support which may include question design, proposal appraisal, rapid evidence reviews, report evaluation/peer review, quality assurance and risk analysis.
* Guidance and technical support on the development and validation of analytical test methods for the determination of chemicals in consumer products.

You will need to provide evidence of your experience in your specialist area/s and select the roles you would like to be considered for in your supporting statement (on page 5).

Please see the accompanying information pack for the steps you will need to take if you are selected to be on the Register. If you are asked to take on specific pieces of work, we would ask you to provide some further information at that stage, including proof of identity, information on your tax status and an agreement for confidentiality and secure handling of information.

To apply to be on the CMT Register please send the following to [opss.cmt.ros@businessandtrade.gov.uk](mailto:opss.cmt.ros@businessandtrade.gov.uk):

* your CV (mandatory)
* completed application form in **Microsoft Word** format (signed electronically) **(**mandatory, forms in other formats will not be processed)
* your Declaration of Interests (mandatory)
* your list of publications (last 10 years) (optional)

The call for specialists is ongoing and there is currently no deadline by which applications must submit by. All applications are reviewed regularly in the [opss.cmt.ros@businessandtrade.gov.uk](mailto:opss.cmt.ros@businessandtrade.gov.uk): mailbox, and applicants will be notified on their acceptance or rejection from the register after review.

Once you submit your application, you will receive an email acknowledging your submission, which will contain a unique reference number for your application, and a link to a Monitoring Questionnaire. The completion of the Monitoring Questionnaire is encouraged but is optional.

If you have difficulties with completing or submitting your RoS application, please contact [opss.cmt.ros@businessandtrade.gov.uk](mailto:opss.cmt.ros@businessandtrade.gov.uk) directly for advice on alternatives.

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| Application code (internal use only) |  |

**Application form**

**Form to be completed by all people wishing to be included on the OPSS Register of Specialists and returned in Microsoft Word format.**

**The information requested in this form is covered by the Data Protection legislation.**

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| **\*Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Job title: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **\*Employer Organisation:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Profession | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Current main activity | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Please indicate how you intend to engage with us via your employer (the Organisation named above) or through other options for payment: | **\*Please tick one** √  - Via employer  - As a limited company  - Via a partnership  - Through another individual (not an agency)  - As an individual (sole trader) |
| **\*Limited company** | Insert limited company name if not supplied under ‘Employer Organisation’ above  Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **\*Address Line 1** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Address Line 2 | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Address Line 3 | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Address Line 4 | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **\*City / Town** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| County | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **\*Postcode** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **\*Country** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **\*Telephone 1:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Telephone 2: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Mobile: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **\*Email:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Appointments to advisory committees or other advisory groups including Scientific Advisory Committees (SAC). Please supply details of any advisory group or committee appointments.**

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| Committee, Government Department and/or Public Body | Details of appointment and position held (e.g. Chair, member etc.) and remuneration received | Dates | |
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**\*** Indicates mandatory information

**Selection Criteria for OPSS Register of Specialists**

**Essential criteria**

1. A high level of relevant experience and expertise in the areas you have identified, evidenced by qualifications to postgraduate degree level or equivalent experience; a strong record of achievement at a national or international level, a good publication record and/or strong networks in the field.
2. Experience/strength in applying your expertise in the specific non-food consumer product areas listed in the application form.
3. Ability to work and communicate effectively in English in the areas you have identified.

**Desirable criteria**

1. If you are prepared to appear as an expert witness in court proceedings, you are expected to be familiar with the applicable parts of the Civil Procedural Rules and Criminal Procedure Rules. If instructed to appear as an expert witness, you will be required to confirm at the time of instruction that you are sufficiently familiar with your obligations to the court under such rules. OPSS legal team will provide guidance on acting as an expert witness in court proceedings.

Additional desirable criterion only for those with an interest in the role of an expert invited to contribute to the work of a Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC):

1. For some roles and pieces of work, members of the Register of Specialists (RoS) may be requested to participate on a SAC or a Joint Expert Group as an invited expert (beyond the provision of reports or other evidence or advice). In this case, they will need to have experience of working in multidisciplinary groups to provide evidence-based assessments or advice. If you wish to do this type of work, please provide evidence of these skills.

**Application Instructions**

Please provide evidence of how you meet the selection criteria for joining the OPSS Register of Specialists.

Please indicate your areas of expertise and your experience in applying it, and the roles in which you would be interested in the application form below using the tick boxes, key words and supporting statement. Your supporting statement should be typed in the expandable box provided. Please try to limit the number of words per box as indicated.

Please attach a CV and cross-reference sections of your CV in your supporting statement and explain its relevance to the relevant criterion in your form. Entries which say only “see attached CV” will not be scored. You may also attach a list of your relevant publications (last 10 years) if you wish.

For the supporting statement, you should describe your own skills and experience in these areas and how you would bring this experience to the work. Please use examples to support your description that show how you meet the criteria. In doing so you may wish to refer to:

* your educational/professional qualifications or training
* your experience in current or previous jobs/positions (paid or voluntary),
* your relevant scientific publications
* examples from outside mainstream employment

Members of the Register may be invited to carry out projects for OPSS covering a range of chemical expertise, tasks and roles. These may support OPSS directly or support the assessment of OPSS’s contributions via membership to the appropriate SACs and their Joint Expert Groups.

Please tick in Table 1 the expert roles that you would be interested in. You will need to provide evidence in your supporting statement for your experience/strength in the roles that you tick.

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| **Table 1: Expert roles** | **Work could include input in a number of forms, please tick the expert roles you would be interested in:** | **Please tick** √ |
|  | Submission of written evidence, analysis or advice |  |
|  | Presentation of evidence, analysis or advice to OPSS staff, or a SAC or Joint Expert Group as an invited presenter |  |
|  | Participation as an invited expert on a SAC for a specific piece of work[[1]](#footnote-2) |  |
|  | Prepared to appear as an expert witness in court proceedings |  |

Please indicate your area(s) of expertise by ticking the relevant boxes and providing in Table 2 up to 10 keywords summarising your expertise and the product safety related areas to which it applies.

**Table 2: Areas of expertise and how you apply it**

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| **Area of expertise and related disciplines** | **Please tick the relevant box(es) and describe your area(s) of expertise and their application(s) using no more than 10 keywords:**  e.g. ‘expertise in nanotoxicology and nanosafety applied to cosmetic products’ or ‘human biomarkers of exposure and use of in silico models for toxicity predictions’. |
| **Product safety** |  |
| **Cosmetic safety** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Toy safety** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Textile safety** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Childcare article safety** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Human Health and Risk Assessment** |  |
| **Toxicology** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Dermatology** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Dermal/Inhalation/Oral pharmacokinetics and/or toxicokinetics** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Skin and respiratory sensitisation, irritation or corrosion** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Allergens** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Dermal/Inhalation/Oral exposure** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Exposure modelling** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Quantitative Structure Activity Relationship (QSAR) modelling** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Non-animal toxicity and pharmacokinetic models (*in vitro, in silico, omics* etc)** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Risk assessment** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Risk analysis and management** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Risk methodology** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Physicochemical material properties** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Chemistry (Analytical, Organic, Inorganic, etc.)** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Biochemistry** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Microbiology** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Nanomaterials and nanotechnology** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Contaminants and impurities** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Test method development** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Analytical techniques** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Other** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Supporting Statement for the Essential Criteria 1, 2 and 3 (also for desirable criteria 1 and 2 if you are prepared to appear as an expert witness in court proceedings or wish to be considered for the role of expert invited to contribute to the work of a SAC:)**

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| **Please demonstrate how you meet the Selection Criteria, providing evidence of (with further detail cross referenced in your CV and list of publications):**   * **a high level of relevant expertise in the area(s) you have entered in Table 2 above applied to the specific product safety area(s) you have listed** * **your experience/strengths in applying your expertise through the roles in which you have expressed an interest in Table 1.**   **Please do not exceed 500 words.**  Click or tap here to enter text. |
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**Referees**

Please give details of two people who may be asked to act as referees for you. Please include name, email, phone number and address. They must have an authoritative and personal knowledge of your achievements. One must be your current employer or someone able to comment on your expertise.

First and second referee:

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| Click or tap here to enter text. |  | Click or tap here to enter text. |

I have completed a Declaration of Interests (mandatory)

Howdid you hear of this opportunity? (optional)

OPSS website  OPSS news alert  X (formerly Twitter)  LinkedIn  Other

If other, please give description: Click or tap here to enter text.

I give my consent for my details to be kept by the Office as an expert in the above areas to be used by the Office to source advice on specific issues.

Please attach your electronic signature here:

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| **Signed:** | Click or tap here to enter text.  **(Replied by email)** | **Date:** | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| **Print Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |

**Declaration of Interests Form**

**Under the guidance on Declaration of Interests, I wish to declare to the Office for Product Safety and Standards, that my only relevant interests are as follows:**

**Personal Interests**

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| **1** | **Direct employment** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **2** | **Consultancies and other fee-paid work** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **3** | **Shareholdings** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **4** | **Clubs and other organisations** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **5** | **Other personal interests** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Non-Personal Interests**

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| **6** | **Fellowships** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **7** | **Indirect support** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **8** | **Trusteeships** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **9** | **Land and property** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **10** | **Other public appointments** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **11** | **Other non-personal interests** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Signed:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

1. This could typically involve monthly meetings plus any preparatory work such as reading papers [↑](#footnote-ref-2)