International Import and Export Authorization System (I2ES)

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What is I2ES?
Welcome to the electronic International Import and Export Authorization System (I2ES) for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

I2ES is a new online platform developed by INCB with the support of UNODC to facilitate and speed up the process of issuing import and export authorizations for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances by competent national authorities (CNAs) of importing and exporting countries in compliance with the international drug control treaties. I2ES will allow CNAs to verify the authenticity of such authorizations and to issue endorsements of export authorizations in a secure way and in real time.

In its initial phase, I2ES will allow information exchange on applications by companies for, and issuances by CNAs of, import and export authorizations for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as electronic generation of import and export authorizations in paper form.

It is envisaged that at a later stage, I2ES will allow full electronic generation, issuance and exchange of import and export authorizations for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Treaty provisions relating to international trade in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances:

Form for export authorization established by CND:

Form for import authorization established by CND:
From Inception to Launch

Inception
• 1st Informal Meeting (March 2009)
• 2nd Informal Meeting (March 2010) – Standing Working Groups

Conceptualization
• 1st Expert Group Meeting (Feb 2011)
• 3rd Informal Meeting (March 2011)
• 2nd Expert Group Meeting (May 2011)

Implementation
• 4th Informal Meeting (March 2012)
• CND Resolution 55/6 (2012)
• CND Resolution 56/7 (2013)
From Inception to Launch

Pilot testing
- 1st pilot (Nov 2013 – Jan 2014); 5th Informal Meeting (March 2014)
- 2nd pilot (Nov 2014 – Jan 2015); 6th Informal Meeting (Jan 2015)

Launch
- Official Launch (March 2015)
- CND Resolution 58/10

User-group
- 1st user-group meeting (March 2016)
- 2nd user-group meeting (March 2017)
Approval process Export with I2ES data

I2ES data of respective IMP

+ pdf of IMP paper
“Operational recommendations on ensuring the availability of and access to controlled substances exclusively for medical and scientific purposes, while preventing their diversion”
Operational recommendations

a) Domestic legislation, regulations, administration;
b) National control systems, assessment mechanisms;
c) Import and export authorizations;
d) Affordability;
e) Capacity-building and training;
f) National supply management system;
g) Essential Medicines
Importing a controlled substance

Importer (i.e., hospital pharmacy, wholesaler) applies for authorization from competent national health authority to import controlled medicine.

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Competent national authority issues import authorization.

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After receiving import authorization, importer provides copy to exporter.

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Exporter provides copy of import authorization to national competent authority in its application for export authorization.

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Once import and export authorizations are issued, exporter can make shipment.

“It’s extremely complex, takes a lot of time. Six to eight months from the start of the process to when the goods can be air lifted to their final destination.”

- From interviewed organization
Challenges identified

• Amount traded surpassed the estimates or assessments;
• The legitimacy of your trading partner's authorizations;
• Delay in the issuance or approval of authorizations by your trading partners;
• Inability to detect short shipment;
Key Features of I2ES

- Free-of-charge;
- In compliance with the provisions of the Conventions;
- User-friendly;
- Facilitate verification of authorization;
- Flexible inter-face (manual input, XML upload, automatic data upload);
Country Experiences

- Manual Input (Turkey)
- Batch upload (Thailand)
- Automatic Upload (Switzerland)

- Current Users: Bangladesh, Belgium, Finland, Thailand, Switzerland & Turkey
40 countries registered; and 26 have active accounts:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Zambia.
My trading partners
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Trading relations
Available Resources

– The training website
  • https://i2estraining.incb.org/

– Register and create user accounts
  • https://i2es.incb.org/User/Create
  • Designate an administrator
  • Register for your country
Further Info

– Webpage (secure portal)

– E-mail
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Be not afraid of moving slowly. Be afraid of standing still.