



INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD



Supporting Law Enforcement Responses to NPS

V International Conference on Novel Psychoactive Substances
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INCB OPERATIONAL APPROACH: DEVELOPING AND SHARING *ACTIONABLE* INTELLIGENCE AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL

Multilateral operational framework / activities:
NPS Task Force mechanism



Real-time communication and sharing of
operational information between national
authorities



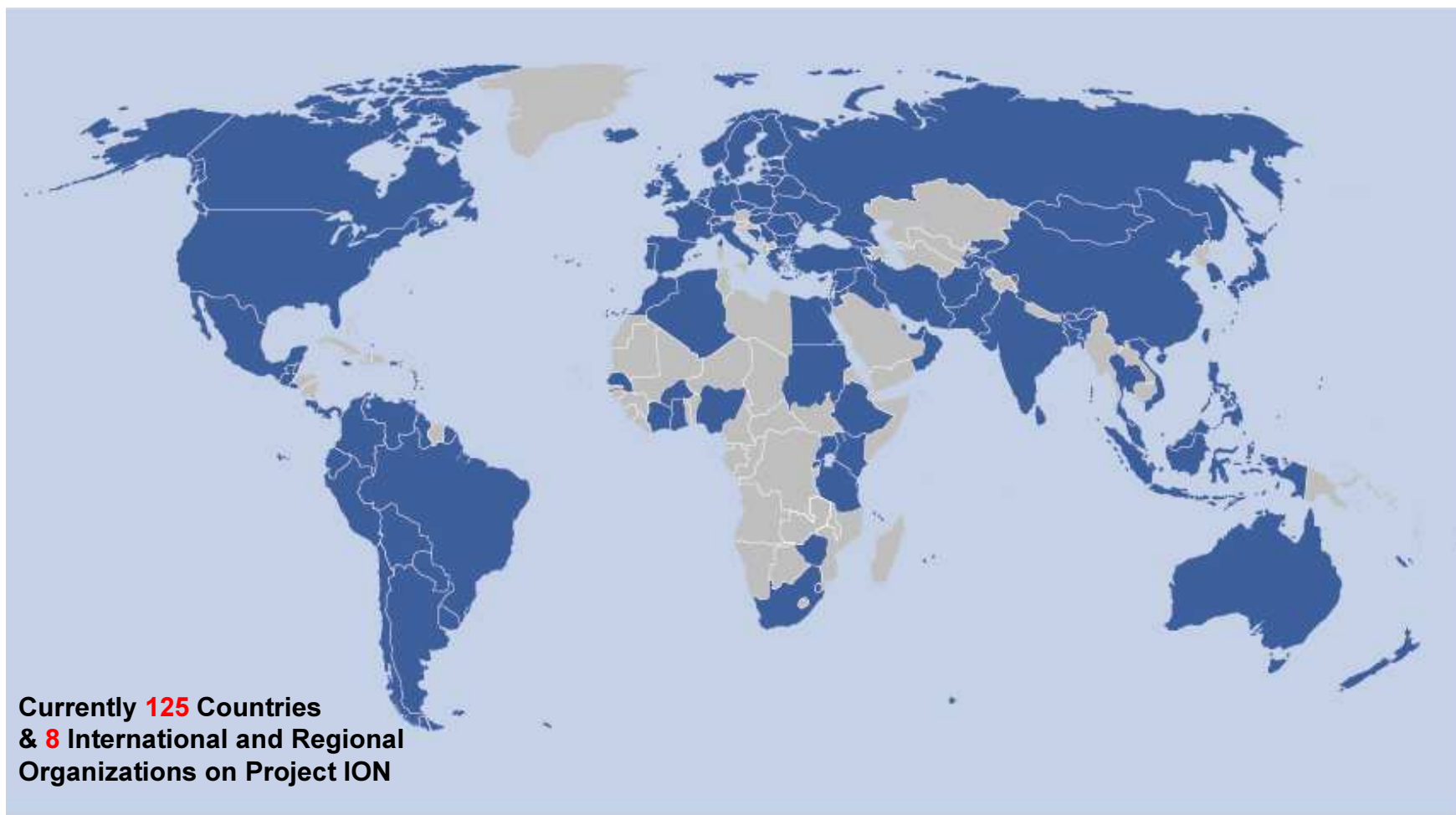
Prevent substances from reaching
consumer markets



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PROJECT ION: GLOBAL FOCAL POINT NETWORK





IONICS - THE PROJECT ION INCIDENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

https://ionics.incb.org

Text search

Date of incident search

Facets search

Summary View

#	Product/Substance	Amount	Unit
1.	Unknown product		
	Pentadrone α -Methylaminovalerophenone	26	kg
	Pentadrone α -Methylaminovalerophenone	25	kg


#	Product/Substance	Amount	Unit
1.	Unknown product		
	acrylfentanyl		
	(Iso)butyryl fentanyl		
	Furanylfentanyl		

- Over 210 registered users from across 75 countries / territories and 8 international organizations.
- 1,093 incidents communicated, involving 184 different substances and over 60 countries / territories.



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IONICS PROJECT ION INCIDENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

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Contact details

Name: _____

Country: Singapore

Organisation: _____

Position: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Incident details

1.1 Incident number 1730	1.2 Date of publication 14/07/2015
1.3 Date of incident 01/07/2015	1.4 Operation (if applicable) _____
1.5 Country Singapore	1.6 City/Region _____
1.7 Location at which the incident occurred Post/mail/postal facility	1.8 Agency effecting the incident (e.g. Police, Customs) Other (see details): _____
1.9 Reason incident occurred Suspicious shipment	1.10 Nature of the incident Seizure , Suspected shipment

NPS details

2.1 NPS "Products"/Substances

#	Product/Substance	Amount	Unit	Confirmed by
1.	MMB-CHMINACA	200	g	

2.2 Declared as

Routing details

3.1 Route

Type	Country	City	Means of transportation
Origin	United Kingdom		Air
Destination	Singapore		Air

Detail View



PATTERNS OF CUSTOMS MISDECLARATION SHARED THROUGH IONICS

- Described as legitimate substances or products
 - Jelly powder: 300 g of mephedrone (white powder) in small packets contained in a package marked as “coconut powder”
 - Calcium citrate malate: 100 g of AB-FUBINACA in a foil pouch contained in a food packet; 1 kg of MDPBP in a silver foil bag contained in a package with a commercial label of detergent.
- Described as beauty, health or other home products
 - Beauty products: 1 kg of 5-fluoro-AMB (off-white powder) in a silver foil pouch
 - Fitness products: 4 shipments of 500 g of suspected NPS in silver foil pouches contained in tea supplement product packages
- Described as personal, recreational or other commodities
 - Personal items (hammock, camping stove, mosquito net and books): 310 g of mephedrone (white paste) in a plastic bottle of “Natural Coconut Oil”
 - Gift: 1 kg of 5-fluoro-AMB (white paste) in silver foil package
 - Toy: 1 kg of N,N-dimethylphenethylamine



MODUS OPERANDI SHARED THROUGH IONICS

- Seizure of mephedrone in May 2016 in the UK (shared by the Border Force)
 - A postal parcel containing various packaged toys from China
 - Two packages of off-white lumpy powder substances were found in clear plastic vacuum sealed bags, which turned out to be 3-MMC.





SPECIAL NOTIFICATIONS

ION NOTICE No. 1/2017
23 March 2017

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SPECIAL NOTICE

TRAFFICKING IN NON-SCHEDULED CATHINONES

During 2015 and 2016, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) scheduled methylene, mephedrone, MDPV and Alpha-PVP.¹

As of March 2017, 176 incidents involving methylene have been communicated through IONICS, 158 incidents involving mephedrone, 61 incidents involving MDPV, and 27 incidents involving alpha-PVP. Nevertheless, the number of communicated incidents involving methylene, MDPV and alpha-PVP has significantly decreased after scheduling.

At the time, governments have reported on IONICS more incidents involving non-scheduled synthetic cathinones. For example, incidents related to Gephedrone (also known as: 4-CMC, 4-Chloromethamphetamine, CAS number: 1225843-85-6), have increased from 7 to 24 after November 2015. Similarly, there have been 15 incidents involving 4-MEC (also known as: 4-Methylmethamphetamine, CAS number: 1226517-15-4) reported after November 2015 compared with only two incidents there before.

Countries in Europe, Asia and Oceania have reported 13 incidents involving analogues of alpha-PVP, including 3 incidents after the scheduling of the substance in November 2016.

Below is a list of non-scheduled synthetic cathinones that have been frequently reported through IONICS:

¹Methylene (also known as: MDMC, EN-ADMA, systematic name: 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-(methylamino)-propanone, CAS number: 58202-79-0)
²Mephedrone (also known as: 4-MEC, 4-methyl methedrone, systematic name: 2-(methylamino)-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1-propanone, CAS number: 119592-61-5)
³MDPV (also known as: Methylendioxypropylamine, systematic name: 1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-(methylamino)-1-propanone, CAS number: 887634-91-3), Alpha-PVP (also known as: alpha-PVP, OC217, systematic name: 5-Pyrrolidinovalproamphetamine, CAS number: 1453033-7)

NOTICE 1/2017
March 2017

**Cathinones
frequently
reported on
IONICS**

ION NOTICE No. 2/2017
28 April 2017

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NPS SUPPLIERS IN THE NETHERLANDS FREQUENTLY REPORTED ON IONICS

Since March 2016, the Project ION focal points with the United Kingdom Border Force have communicated 59 seizures of NPS shipments from the Netherlands, and several suppliers are frequently involved in these incidents. With the kind agreement of the UK and Dutch focal points, Project ION hereby shares information on the four suppliers most frequently involved in NPS trafficking attempts originated from the Netherlands:

Names	Addresses	Amounts and substances involved
AWS B.V.; AWS B.V. Meditation; or Meditation – AWS B.V.;	Postbus 53161, 1040HG Amsterdam, Netherlands	3-MEC, 4-CMC, 3-MMC, 4-MEC, Alpha-PVP, 4-MeO-alpha-PVP, 3-fluorophenmetrazine, Phenidone, MPA, Alpha-PVP, Mephedrone, Methylene
Meditation Weight Products – Regulee B.V.	Postbus 65781, 1040HG, Amsterdam, Netherlands	3-MEC, 3-MMC, 4-MEC, Alpha-PVP, 4-MeO-alpha-PVP, N-Ethyl-euphadrone (NEB), Phenidone hydrochloride, Mephedrone, Alpha-PVP
Proval Pharma B.V.	Postbus 4178, 4803EZ, Breda, Netherlands	Medium amounts (25 to 100 g) 4-MEC, Mephedrone

NOTICE 2/2017
April 2017

**Suppliers
frequently
reported on
IONICS**

ION NOTICE No. 3/2017
18 May 2017

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CONTROLS OF FOUR FENTANYL ANALOGUES IN CHINA

The Government of China has informed INCB that four fentanyl analogues, namely acetylfentanyl, carfentanyl, butyrylfentanyl, and xylorylfentanyl, have been included in the list of *Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances without Medical Use* under the *Non-Medical Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance List Regulation* (see Annex 1). The scheduling of the four substances came into effect on 1 March 2017.

The above regulation entered into force on 1 October 2016, and listed and effectively banned 116 "non-medical narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances". Among those 116 substances, there were six (6) fentanyl analogues (see included, namely acetylfentanyl¹, butyrylfentanyl², β -hydroxyfentanyl³, 4-fluorobutyrylfentanyl, isobutyrylfentanyl, and orfenfentanyl (see Annex 2).

Project ION focal points are requested to distribute this information to all their national counterparts and to report on the Project ION Incident Communication System (IONICS) any incidents related to suspicious shipments and trafficking attempts involving fentanyl analogues which are known or suspected to have originated from, or are intended for, China. Communication should include the following details⁴, if known or applicable:

- The type and amount of the substance (e.g., acyl fentanyl) and incident date;
- The "retail product" brand name, if found on any packaging;
- Any mislabelling or misleading labeling;
- The name(s) of the manufacturer/supplier (sender) / shipper / importer (recipient), their full address (including country) and other relevant contact information (e.g., telephone);
- The country/territories of origin, transit and destination, tracking number(s), and copies of relevant shipping documents;
- The type of incident (e.g., unauthorized stop(s)/suspended shipment, trafficking/seizure).

¹Acetylfentanyl and butyrylfentanyl have since then also been placed under international control of the 1961 Convention.
²Focal points needing access to IONICS can request access by emailing ion@incb.org.
³Subject to legal provisions.

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FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATORY INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES ONLY – RESTRICTED DISTRIBUTION NOTICE No. 3/2017

NOTICE 3/2017
May 2017

**Control of four
fentanyl
analogues in
China**

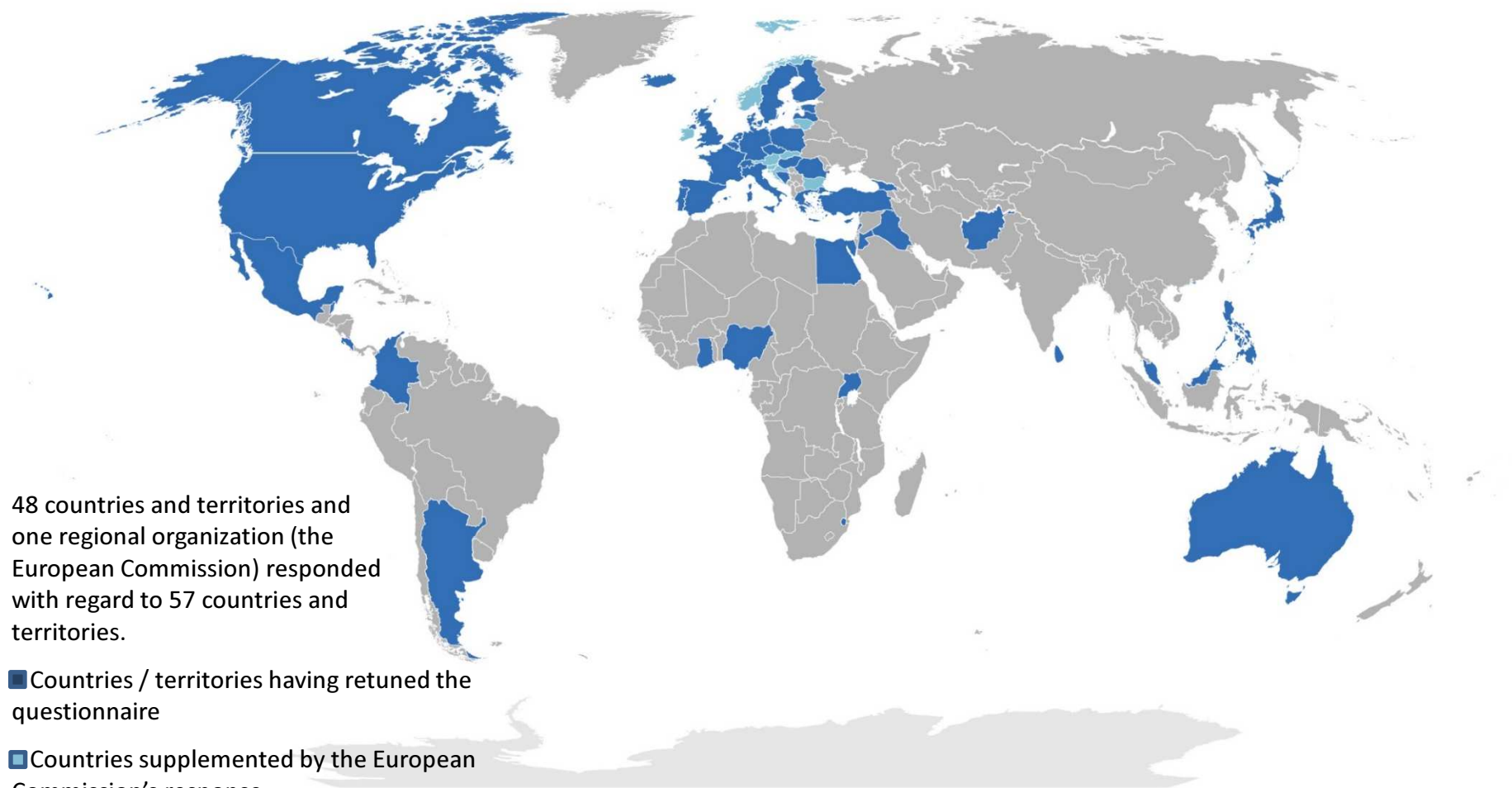


FENTANYL INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING SURVEY

- To examine, the global situation of illicit fentanyl, its analogues, other opioid-type NPS and their precursors, from the operational perspective, and consequently to fill knowledge gaps.
- A questionnaire asked Governments types of substances they encountered in 2015 and 2016.
- The questionnaire also asked:
 - Circumstances where the substances were encountered;
 - Which countries / territories the substances were from;
 - Names, addresses and other relevant information of individuals/enterprises involved; and
 - Whether there are any legitimate uses of the substances.
- The questionnaire was distributed in December 2016 through national focal points, including competent national authorities on drug control worldwide.



PARTICIPATION



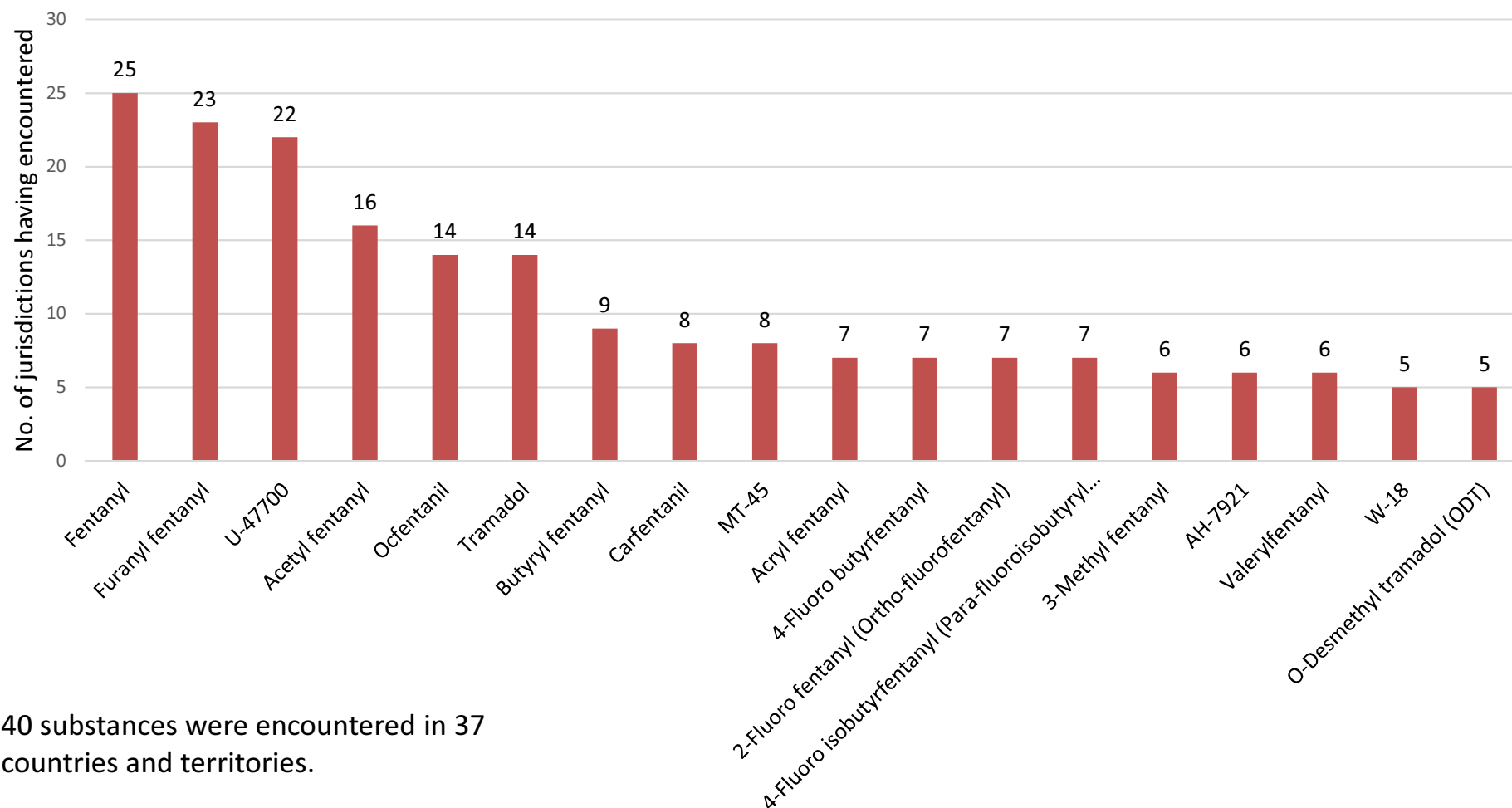
48 countries and territories and one regional organization (the European Commission) responded with regard to 57 countries and territories.

- Countries / territories having returned the questionnaire
- Countries supplemented by the European Commission's response



WHICH TYPES OF SUBSTANCES WERE ENCOUNTERED

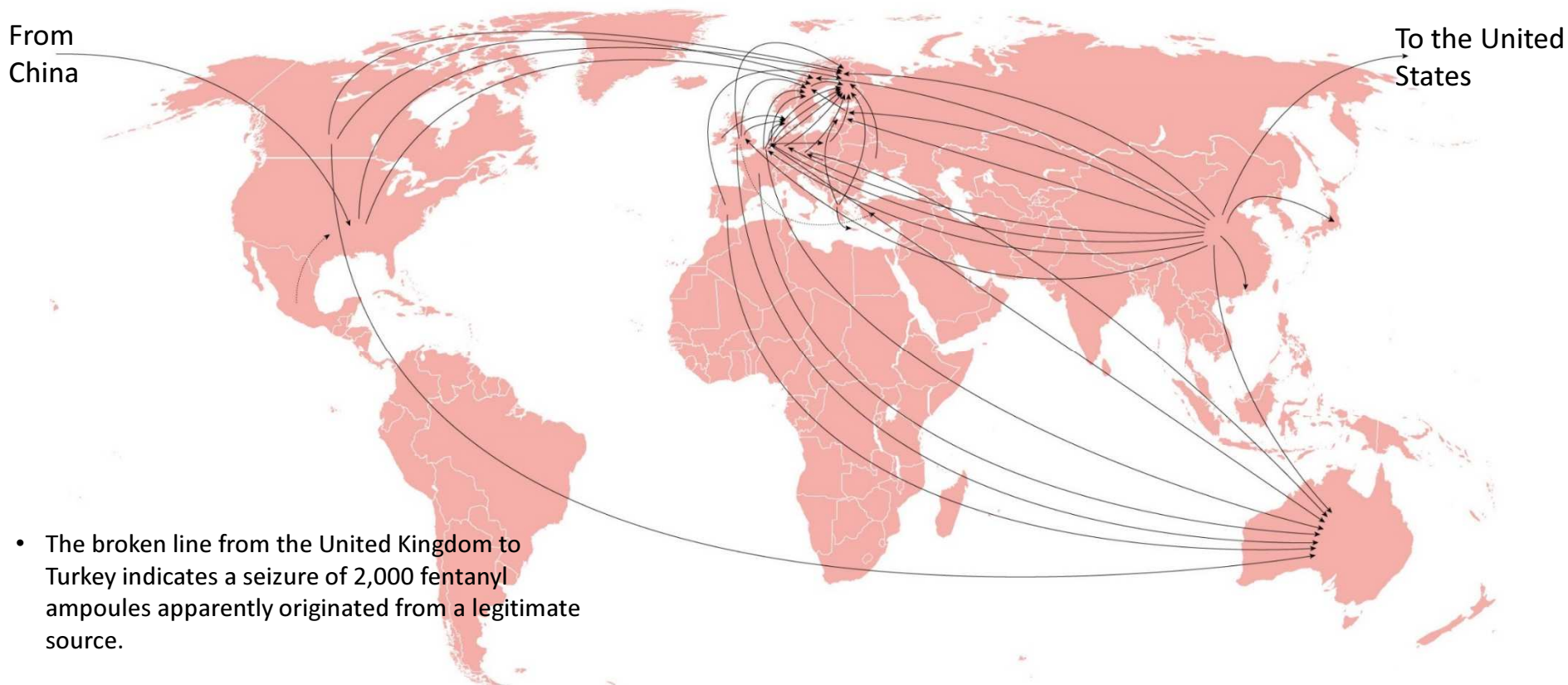
Substances Encountered in 5 or More Jurisdictions



40 substances were encountered in 37 countries and territories.



IDENTIFIED MOVEMENT OF FENTANYLS



- The broken line from the United Kingdom to Turkey indicates a seizure of 2,000 fentanyl ampoules apparently originated from a legitimate source.
- The broken line from Mexico to the United States of America is based on Mexico's report of a seizure of tablets containing fentanyl being sent.



Modus Operandi of Smuggling

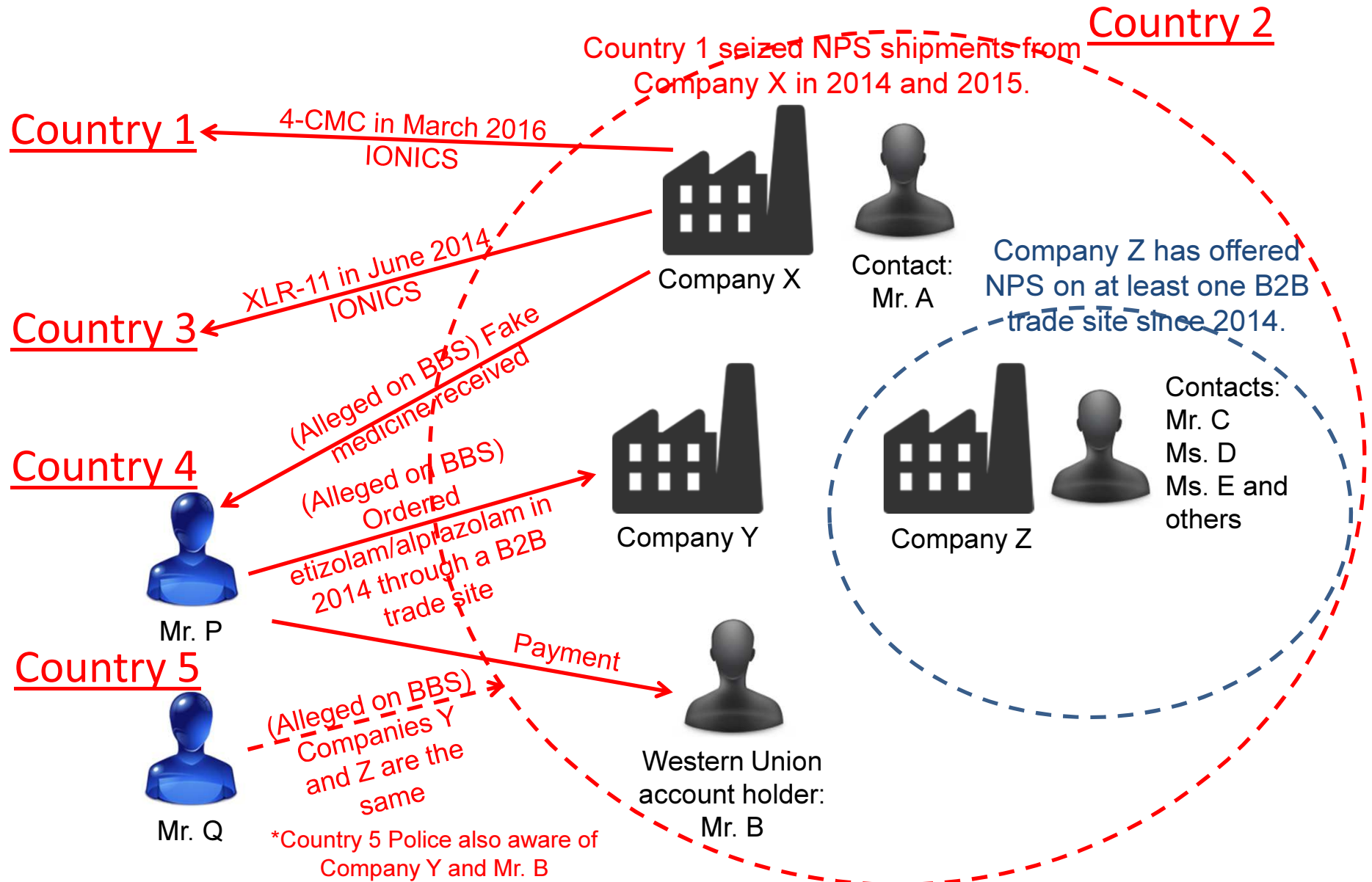
- In most cases, substances were packaged in plastic or foil bags, hidden in envelopes or parcels sent via mail or courier.
- Fentanyl analogues mixed with liquid and bottled in nasal spray bottles, sold through the Internet



Shared by the Government of Sweden



SUSPECTED NPS TRADE RING FOUND THROUGH IONICS AND PROJECT ION NETWORK





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Thank you for your attention!



**Questions
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