

D) Annual legitimate requirements (ALRs)

(The Board appreciates the efforts of the 80 countries and territories that have already been submitting on form D information on their licit requirements for, in particular, bulk quantities of 3,4-MDP-2-P, pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and P-2-P.) In recognition of their efforts, and in accordance with **Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 49/3**, the Board has decided to **publish those requirements** as submitted (see annex V).

(PRE/2006/P43)

The Board is aware that **preparing estimates of the needs for precursors of ATS is a complex exercise** and that it will be a few years before such estimates become really accurate. The Board nevertheless considers this type of information to be important and encourages all Governments to provide it. The main objective of the system is to **provide the competent authorities of exporting countries with at least an indication of the legitimate requirements of importing countries**. Any such indication should, however, not be taken as a recommendation nor as a restriction on the use of those substances. Finally, Governments are invited to review the published requirements, amend them as necessary and inform the Board of any required change.

(PRE/2006/P44) (PRE/2006/P132)

The Board calls upon Governments to comply with the request contained in **Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 49/3** and ensure the **timely submission** and continued **accuracy** of their **estimates** for certain precursors. That is necessary to ensure that the estimates can continue to be used to identify suspicious transactions involving those particular precursors.

(AR/2010/R9) (PRE/2011/P152)

The Board commends those Governments that **make active use of the system of annual legitimate requirements** and encourages all other Governments to **make better use of this basic tool** as both exporters and importers of **3,4-MDP-2-P, pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and P-2-P** and preparations containing those substances.

(PRE/2015/P23)

The Board encourages Governments to **regularly review their estimates of annual legitimate requirements, utilizing the most recent market data**. The Board also calls upon Governments, especially those with significant trade (including re-export) in the four substances and their preparations (**amphetamine-type stimulant substances, namely, 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl-2-propanone (3,4-MDP-2-P), pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and 1-phenyl-2-propanone (P-2-P)**), to **exercise continuing vigilance** to ensure that their estimates of annual legitimate requirements are **commensurate with prevailing market conditions**.

(PRE/2011/P24) (PRE/2012/P21)
(PRE/2010/P19) (AR/2008/R12)
(PRE/2007/P18) (PRE/2007/P49)
(PRE/2007/P83) (AR/2007/R14)
(PRE/2005/P104)
(PRE/2005/P134)

INCB encourages all Governments to **increase their efforts to establish realistic annual legitimate requirements, or review existing ones**, and inform the Board accordingly. In preparing their annual legitimate requirements, Governments may wish to **consider the *Guide on Estimating Requirements for Substances under International Control***, developed by INCB and the World Health Organization, as well as the **document entitled “Issues that Governments may consider when determining annual legitimate requirements for ephedrine and pseudoephedrine”**, available on the Board’s website.

(PRE/2015/P26) (PRE/2012/P132)
(PRE/2010/P88)

INCB commends all Governments that have **established realistic annual legitimate requirements or regularly**

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<p>review existing ones, thus providing the competent authorities of exporting countries with at least an indication of their needs and alerting authorities to any potential oversupply.</p>	
<p>The Board encourages Governments to review the estimates they have furnished and to inform the Board of any changes or updates to ensure that the estimates published by the Board remain as accurate as possible.</p>	<p>(AR/2009/R11) (PRE/2015/P27) (PRE/2014/P61) (PRE/2009/P29) (PRE/2008/P26) (PRE/2008/P89)</p>
<p>The Board requests Governments that have not yet done so to inform it of the methodologies that they use for calculating their legitimate requirements for precursors of amphetamine-type stimulants.</p>	<p>(PRE/2008/P25) (PRE/2007/P18) (AR/2007/R14) (AR/2006/R11) (PRE/2006/P42)</p>
<p>All Governments are reminded of the need to share their methodologies for preparing estimates with each other and the Board so as to gradually improve the methodologies used.</p>	<p>(PRE/2012/P132)</p>
<p>The Board encourages all countries that identify the diversion of precursors for amphetamine-type stimulants to re-evaluate their requirements for those substances and to inform the Board without delay about any such changes.</p>	<p>(AR/2012/R14)</p>
<p>The Board welcomes [Governments reporting on their licit requirements for ephedrine and pseudoephedrine] and encourages all Governments concerned to continue to collect and analyse such data.</p>	<p>(PRE/2004/P30)</p>
<p>The Board encourages countries in West Asia to review both their estimates of annual legitimate requirements and their methods for calculating such estimates. Furthermore, the Board invites all Governments to inform it of the methodologies used for preparing their estimates.</p>	<p>(PRE/2011/P23) (AR/2010/R32)</p>
<p>The Governments of importing countries in West Asia are urged to take appropriate measures to monitor the manufacture, distribution and export of preparations of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine, to ensure that the end-users are legitimate and to prevent accumulation of that substance in quantities exceeding their licit requirements.</p>	<p>(PRE/2006/P83)</p>