

## Explanatory notes

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Multiple government sources of data were used to generate the present report, including the information provided each year on form D (information on substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances), notifications via the Pre-Export Notification Online (PEN Online) system, the Precursors Incident Communication System (PICS) and other official communications with competent national authorities. Unless otherwise specified, data provided on form D are referred to by the calendar year to which they apply; the cut-off date for reporting the data is 30 June of the following year. The reporting period for data from the PEN Online system and PICS is from 1 November 2014 to 1 November 2015, unless otherwise specified. In cases in which PEN Online data are used for multiple years, calendar years are used. Additional information was also provided through regional and international partner organizations, as indicated in the report.

Reference to “tons” is to metric tons, unless otherwise stated.

The following abbreviations have been used in the present report:

APAAN	<i>alpha</i> -phenylacetonitrile
CICAD	Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission
GBL	<i>gamma</i> -butyrolactone
GHB	<i>gamma</i> -hydroxybutyric acid
INCB	International Narcotics Control Board
INTERPOL	International Criminal Police Organization
LSD	lysergic acid diethylamide
MDMA	3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine
3,4-MDP-2-P	3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl-2-propanone
P-2-P	1-phenyl-2-propanone
PEN Online	Pre-Export Notification Online
PICS	Precursors Incident Communication System
PMA	<i>para</i> -methoxy- <i>alpha</i> -methylphenethylamine
PMMA	<i>para</i> -methoxymethamphetamine
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime