

Glossary

The following terms and definitions have been used in the present report:

“designer” precursor	A chemical that is not available off-the-shelf and may be made by rogue or unsuspecting members of the industry at the request of traffickers (i.e. on demand) with a view to circumventing existing controls
diversion	Transfer of substances from licit to illicit channels
immediate precursor	Precursor that is generally only one reaction step away from the end product
pharmaceutical preparation	Preparation for therapeutic (human or veterinary) use in its finished dosage form that contains precursors present in such a way that they can be used or recovered by readily applicable means; may be presented in their retail packaging or in bulk
pre-precursor	Chemical that can be used to manufacture another precursor; the term usually refers to a non-scheduled chemical used for the illicit manufacture of a controlled precursor
seizure	Prohibiting the transfer, conversion, disposition or movement of property or assuming custody or control of property on the basis of an order issued by a court or a competent authority; may be temporary or permanent (i.e. confiscation); different national legal systems may use different terms
stopped shipment	Shipment permanently withheld because there are reasonable grounds to believe that it may constitute an attempted diversion, as a result of administrative problems or because of other grounds for concern or suspicion
suspended shipment	Shipment temporarily withheld because of administrative inconsistencies or other grounds for concern or suspicion, for which clarification of the veracity of the order and resolution of technical issues are required before the shipment may be released
suspicious order (or suspicious transaction)	Order (or transaction) of questionable, dishonest or unusual character or condition, regarding which there is reason to believe that a substance in Table I or II of the 1988 Convention that is being imported or exported or is transiting is intended for the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or substances in Table I or II of the Convention