Glossary

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

diversion: Transfer of substances from licit to illicit channels

industrial-scale illicit laboratory: Laboratory manufacturing synthetic drugs that uses oversized equipment and/or glassware that is either custom-made or purchased from industrial processing sources and/or that uses serial reactions; produces significant amounts of drugs in very short periods of time, the amount being limited only by the need for access to precursors and other essential chemicals in adequate quantities and for the logistics and manpower to handle large amounts of drugs and chemicals

monitored delivery: A technique similar to a controlled delivery but which can occur in countries where no national legislation exists for controlled deliveries, where the substance is not internationally controlled or in cases where agreement to take part in a controlled delivery could not be reached by all involved competent national authorities in the time frame allotted

pharmaceutical formulation: Mixture, typically a solid, prior to its formulation into a finished dosage form, that contains precursors present in such a way that they can be used or recovered by readily applicable means

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

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, for which there is reason to believe that a chemical, which is being ordered, imported or exported or is transiting, is destined for the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances.