Explanatory notes

Data reported later than 1 November 2015 could not be taken into consideration in preparing this report.

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References to dollars ($) are to United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

The following abbreviations have been used in this report:

APAAN  alpha-phenylacetoacetonitrile
ASEAN  Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATS  amphetamine-type stimulants
BZP  N-benzylpiperazine
CSTO  Collective Security Treaty Organization
CICAD  Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission
ECOWAS  Economic Community of West African States
EMCDDA  European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
Europol  European Police Office
GHB  gamma-hydroxybutyric acid
ha  hectare
I2ES  International Import and Export Authorization System
INCB  International Narcotics Control Board
INTERPOL  International Criminal Police Organization
IONICS  Project Ion Incident Communication System
LSD  lysergic acid diethylamide
MDMA  methylenedioxymethamphetamine
MDPV  methylenedioxypyrovalerone
OAS  Organization of American States
PEN Online  Pre-Export Notification Online
PICS  Precursors Incident Communication System
THC  tetrahydrocannabinol
UNODC  United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
WCO  World Customs Organization
WHO  World Health Organization