

Explanatory notes

Data reported later than 1 November 2018 could not be taken into consideration in the preparation of this report.

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Countries and areas are referred to by the names that were in official use at the time the relevant data were collected.

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

The following abbreviations have been used in this report:

APAAN	<i>alpha</i> -phenylacetoacetonitrile
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CARICC	Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CBD	cannabidiol
CELAC	Community of Latin American and Caribbean States
CICAD	Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EMCDDA	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
Europol	European Police Office
FELCN	Special Force to Combat Drug Trafficking
GBL	<i>gamma</i> -butyrolactone
GHB	<i>gamma</i> -hydroxybutyric acid
I2ES	International Import and Export Authorization System
INCB	International Narcotics Control Board
INTERPOL	International Criminal Police Organization
IONICS	Project Ion Incident Communication System
ISIL	Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant
LSD	lysergic acid diethylamide
MDMA	3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
PEN Online	Pre-Export Notification Online system
PICS	Precursors Incident Communication System
α -PVP	α -pyrrolidinovalerophenone
SCO	Shanghai Cooperation Organization
SMART	global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends programme
THC	tetrahydrocannabinol
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNAMA	United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
WCO	World Customs Organization
WHO	World Health Organization