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## OPERATIONAL RESPONSES TO NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (NPS), PRECURSORS AND PRE-PRECURSORS

Operational Recommendations on cross-cutting issues in addressing and countering the world drug problem

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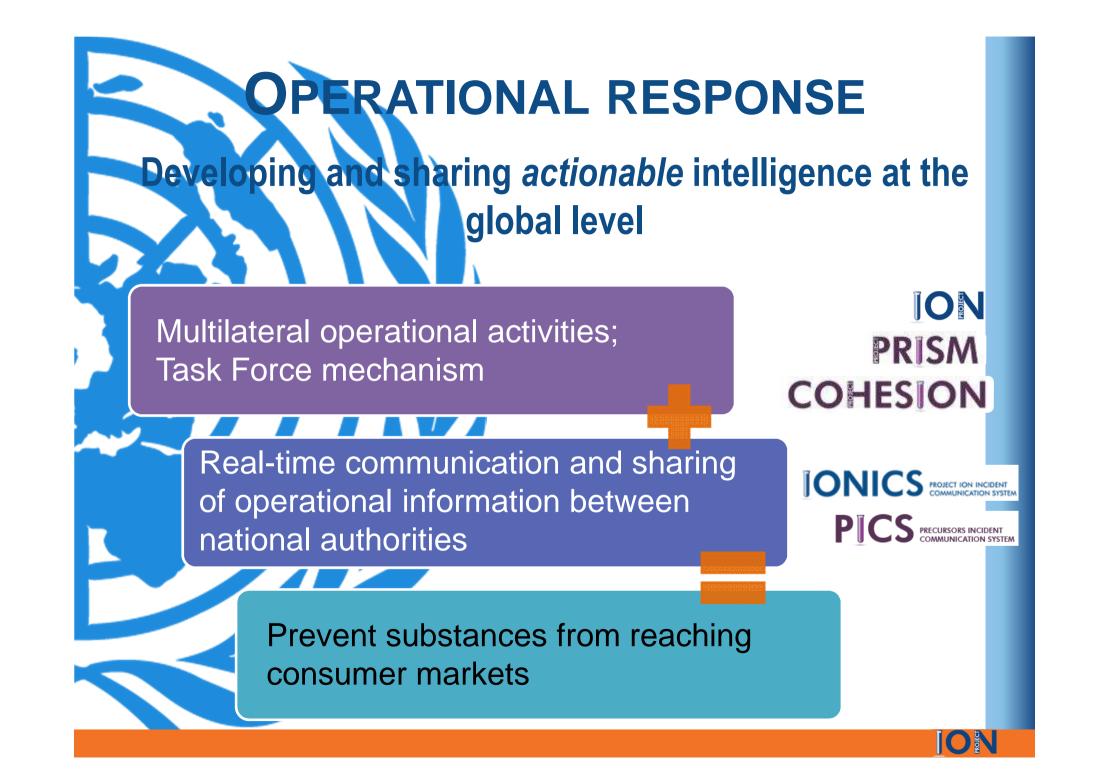


# NEWLY EMERGING SUBSTANCES\*: CONSIDERATIONS

Potentially unlimited number of substances
 Lack of documented (industrial or medical) use
 Internationalized manufacture and distribution

\* NPS, pre-precursors, 'designer' precursors







# Special Notifications: soliciting operational cooperation

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PROJECT ION

SPECIAL NOTICE New 'Non-Medical, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Regulation' in China

With reference to Commission on Narcotic Drug (CND) resolution 57/9 and Project ION, the INCB international initiative supporting national authorities' efforts to prevent non-scheduled new psychoactive substances (INFS) from reaching consumer markets, the Board wishes to draw the attention of focul points to the following matter:

The Government of China informed INCB and focal points of Project ION that a new legislation, the Non-Medical Narcotic Drugs and Psychotopic Substance List Regulation, entered info force on 1 October 2015, which lists 116 "non-medical narcotic drugs and psychotopic substances". Article 2 of the regulation defines the substances on the list as addictive or potentially addictive and easily abused substances which are not produced and used as medicinal drugs.

No entity or individual shall be permitted to produce, deal in, transport, use, store, import or errort any of the non-medical substances under contol. Any use of the substances for research purposes, any use of the reference substance of the substances into the substances in esting of a medical adplance, and the management of intermediates of the substances in pharmaceutical production, must comply with relevant regulations. The list of substances and analable in the Annex.

In line with actions outlined in INCB activular letter EIN/CB/PRE/CL\_33/2013 (30 December 2013) and with a view to supporting authorities in investigating NPS cases under their respective national legislation, Project ION coal points are kindly requested to distribute this notice to their national counterparts in law enforcement, customs, postal authority and drug and other concerned regulatory agencies, as appropriate.

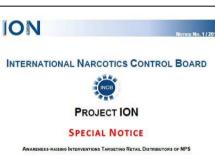


NEW 'NON-MEDICAL NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCE REGULATION' IN CHINA

Scope
"Addictive or potentially addictive and easily abused substances which are not produced and used as medicinal drugs"
Prohibits production, trade,

import/export, storage, use •Scientific and research purposes exempted

• Extends to intermediates of the substances



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The results from the latest United States national survey in the Monitoring the Future series on use of lott and likid trugs by American teenagers show a statistically significant decline in the use of synthetic canabinois. According to the study spintopal investigator +efforts at the federal and state levels to close down the sale of these substances appear to be having an effect."

Project 104 focal points are informed that there efforts involved assumese-rating comparises targeting distributions of MP-2 with a view to inciding heir volumbar withdrawal of MP-3 products from the range of their sales products. Specifically, there were a number of expansie initiatives involving seminars and letters from the US Drug Enforcement Autorhy (DEA) and attomays general to convenience stores and major oil companies informing of the sangers and consequences of MPS produces, requesting the notification of their respective franchisedties and the same of the same store of the same store of such products from tell difference in the same store of the same store of such products from tell difference in the same store for the sentence of such products from tell issued by the National Association of Attomeys General is publicly available (init attached).<sup>3</sup>

Authorflies in the Netherlands also reported successful experiences with a similar approac towards internet providers of gamma-bultyroladtone, a precursor of GHB.

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United States Non-criminal intervention  Letters from DFA and the National Association of Attorneys General to national networks of convenience stores and gas stations Dutch authorities made a similar approach to internet provider on GBL Project ION focal points are encouraged to consider non-criminal intervention aiming at preventing nonscheduled NPS from reaching consumer markets

# **PROJECT ION TO DATE AND BEYOND**

- Successes in facilitating operations
- Keeping focal points informed of major changes in national controls and good practices
- International surveillance list of NPS (for practical operational and intelligence purposes only)
- Ready to act on NPS precursors and non-scheduled precursors of controlled drugs
- Fentanyls intelligence-gathering survey
- Continue to use and share existing resources.
- Further expand international and inter-agency networks
  - Further pursue collaboration among different initiatives





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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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