

# PRECURSORS INCIDENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (PICS)



PICS is INCB's secure online tool to enhance real-time communication and information-sharing between national authorities on precursor and equipment incidents.\*

PICS was launched in March 2012, and upgraded in October 2021

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\* Incidents include seizures, suspicious shipments and shipments stopped in transit, diversions and diversion attempts related to chemicals and equipment used in illicit drug manufacture, as well as illicit laboratory incidents.

# KEY FEATURES OF PICS



## REAL-TIME DATA

Provides users with detailed, real-time information on incidents and suspicious shipments of precursors and equipment at no charge to Governments



## INVESTIGATIONS

Provides contact details of the information provider to facilitate direct contact and the launching of bilateral/ regional investigations into seizures and cases of identified or suspected diversion



## AUTOMATED ALERTS

PICS automatically alerts users via email about new incidents and any updates made to published incidents. Alerts can be customized based on substances, countries and regions



## MULTIPLE SEARCH OPTIONS

Allows for "google" type (free text) and structured searches with several fixed filtering options to refine the search, additional filtering options can be added by user through 'dynamic filtering'



## ATTACHMENTS

Allows for sharing of additional information such as photographs, shipping documents and other documents that can be useful during investigations, with options to restrict access to countries concerned



## EXCEL REPORTS

PICS can generate excel reports to support analysis and backtracking investigations.



## EQUIPMENT INCIDENTS

Allows for sharing of details related to equipment incidents separately (one of the new features of the 2021 release)



## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

For best PICS experience, using the latest versions of Firefox, Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge are recommended. The platform also operates on mobile devices and is available in English, French, Russian and Spanish languages



4,500+  
PUBLISHED INCIDENTS

650+  
REGISTERED USERS

PICS can assist with investigations of incidents and with identifying emerging diversion patterns of chemicals and equipment used for illicit drug manufacture.

PICS thus facilitates global operational cooperation in precursor- and equipment-related matters and also serves as a global early warning system for chemicals. All Governments are encouraged to nominate users to PICS.

If your agency would like to be granted access to PICS, please email us your first and last name, your organization's name, your email address and telephone number to [incb.pics@un.org](mailto:incb.pics@un.org).

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