## Part 9. Understanding the Market – Contextual Knowledge Regarding Modi Operandi and Specific Substances

| Recommendation | Reference (source) |
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| **A) Specific methods and modi operandi in the diversion of precursors** | |
| There is a need to enhance the **exchange of experiences and lessons learned** by Governments experimenting with different approaches in order to **decrease the likelihood of the Internet becoming a major vehicle** for the **unregulated supply** of precursor chemicals. | (PRE/2012/P149) |
| The Board […] urges Governments to **exercise vigilance** with regard to the possible **"chemical masking"** of scheduled precursors for illicit purposes. | (PRE/2009/P84) |
| While the smuggling of concealed **ephedrine** and **pseudoephedrine** still appears to be isolated, **authorities should be aware of the possibility of traffickers turning increasingly to such modi operandi** (**Australian** authorities have discovered **ephedrine** and **pseudoephedrine concealed in underwater breathing apparatus, decorative wall plaques, tiles** and, during 2005, in the bases of statues imported from **Viet Nam**) in reaction to improved controls over licit trade. | (PRE/2005/P26) |
| It can therefore be concluded that diversion of **potassium permanganate** from domestic distribution channels with subsequent **cross-border smuggling is still another source** of the substance for use in the illicit manufacture of **cocaine**. | (PRE/2010/P70) |