

Seizures of substances in Tables I and II of the 1988 Convention as reported to the International Narcotics Control Board

1. Tables A and B below show information on seizures of the substances included in Tables I and II of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988, furnished to the International Narcotics Control Board by Governments in accordance with article 12, paragraph 12, of the Convention.

2. The tables include data on domestic seizures and on seizures effected at points of entry or exit. They do not include reported seizures of substances where it is known that the substances were not intended for the illicit manufacture of drugs (for example, seizures effected on administrative grounds or seizures of ephedrine/pseudoephedrine preparations to be used as stimulants). Stopped shipments are also not included. The information may include data submitted by Governments through means other than form D and in such cases the sources are duly noted.

3. A supplementary table for Table A shows seizures of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine reported to the Board in consumption units (such as tablets and doses) that have not been converted into kilograms, as the actual quantity of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine is not known.

Units of measure and conversion factors

4. Units of measure are indicated for every substance. As fractions of full units are not listed in the tables, figures are rounded as necessary.

5. For a variety of reasons, individual quantities of some substances seized are reported to the Board using different units; for instance, one country may report seizures of acetic anhydride in litres, another in kilograms.

6. To enable a proper comparison of collected information, it is important that all data be collated in a standard format. To simplify the necessary standardization process, figures are given in grams or kilograms where the substance is a solid and in litres where the substance (or its most common form) is a liquid.

7. Seizures of solids reported to the Board in litres have not been converted into kilograms and are not included in the tables, as the actual quantity of substance in solution is not known.

8. For seizures of liquids, quantities reported in kilograms have been converted into litres using the following factors:

<i>Substance</i>	<i>Conversion factor (kilograms to litres)^a</i>
Acetic anhydride	0.926
Acetone	1.269
Ethyl ether	1.408
Hydrochloric acid (39.1% solution)	0.833
Isosafrole	0.892
3,4-Methylenedioxyphenyl-2-propanone	0.833

<i>Substance</i>	<i>Conversion , factor (kilograms to litres)^a</i>
Methyl ethyl ketone	1.242
1-Phenyl-2-propanone	0.985
Piperidine	1.160
Safrole	0.912
Sulphuric acid (concentrated solution)	0.543
Toluene	1.155

^a Derived from density (*The Merck Index* (Rahway, New Jersey, Merck, 1989)).

9. As an example, to convert 1,000 kilograms of methyl ethyl ketone into litres, multiply by 1.242, i.e. $1,000 \times 1.242 = 1,242$ litres.

10. For the conversion of gallons to litres it has been assumed that in Colombia the United States gallon is used, with 3.785 litres to the gallon, and in Myanmar the imperial gallon, with 4.546 litres to the gallon.

11. If reported quantities have been converted, the converted figures are listed in the tables in italics.

12. The names of territories appear in italics in the tables.

13. A dash (-) signifies nil (the report did not include data on seizures of the particular substance in the reporting year).

14. A slashed degree symbol (\emptyset) signifies less than the smallest unit of measurement shown for that substance (for example, less than 1 kilogram).

15. Discrepancies may occur with the regional total seizure figures and the world total figures because of rounding to whole numbers of the actual quantities seized.

16. Seizure figures reflect the latest information available to INCB. Figures in these tables may differ from those published in the corresponding INCB reports on precursors since Governments may have provided additional or corrected data after finalization of the respective reports.