

Explanatory notes

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on the maps in this publication do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. A dotted line represents approximately the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties. Disputed boundaries (China/India) are represented by cross hatch due to the difficulty in showing detail.

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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.

Multiple Government sources of data were used to generate the present report, including the information provided each year on form D (information on substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances), notifications via the Pre-Export Notification Online (PEN Online) system and other official communications with competent national authorities. Unless otherwise specified, form D data are reported by the calendar year, the cut-off date for reporting being 30 June of the following year. The reporting period for data from the PEN Online system is from 1 November 2011 to 1 November 2012. In cases in which PEN Online data are used for multiple years, calendar years are used. Additional information was also provided through international and regional organizations, as indicated in the report.

Reference to “tons” is to metric tons, unless otherwise stated.

The following abbreviations have been used in the present report:

APAAN	<i>alpha</i> -phenylacetoacetonitrile
GBL	<i>gamma</i> -butyrolactone
GHB	<i>gamma</i> -hydroxybutyric acid
MDMA	3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine
4-MMC	4-methylmethcathinone
3,4-MDP-2-P	3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl-2-propanone
Operation EPIG	Operation Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine Intelligence Gaps in Africa
Operation PAAD	Operation Phenylacetic Acid and Its Derivatives
P-2-P	1-phenyl-2-propanone
PICS	Precursors Incident Communication System
PEN Online	Pre-Export Notification Online
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
WHO	World Health Organization