

# Explanatory notes

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Multiple government sources of data were used to generate the present report, including form D (information on substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances); the Pre-Export Notification Online (PEN Online) system; the Precursors Incident Communication System (PICS); results achieved under Project Prism and Project Cohesion, which are the international operational initiatives regarding chemicals used in the illicit manufacture of, respectively, synthetic drugs, and cocaine and heroin; and official communications with competent national authorities and official national reports on the drug and precursor control situation.

Unless otherwise specified, data provided on form D are referred to by the calendar year to which they apply. The reporting period for data from the PEN Online system and PICS is from 1 November 2019 to 1 November 2020, unless otherwise specified. Where PEN Online system data are used for multiple years, calendar years are used. Additional information was provided through regional and international partner organizations, as indicated in the report.

With regard to data on seizures, readers should bear in mind that reported seizures generally reflect the corresponding level of regulatory and law enforcement activity at that specific time. In addition, as seizures are often the result of law enforcement cooperation among several countries (e.g., through controlled deliveries), the occurrence of seizures and the volumes seized in a given country should not be misinterpreted or used as an overestimation in assessing that country's role in the overall situation of trafficking in precursors.

Reference to "tons" is to metric tons, unless otherwise stated.

The following abbreviations have been used in the present report:

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| ANPP                         | 4-anilino- <i>N</i> -phenethylpiperidine                                 |
| 4-AP                         | 4-anilinopiperidine ( <i>N</i> -phenylpiperidin-4-amine)                 |
| APAA                         | <i>alpha</i> -phenylacetoacetamide (2-phenylacetoacetamide)              |
| APAAN                        | <i>alpha</i> -phenylacetoacetonitrile                                    |
| GBL                          | <i>gamma</i> -butyrolactone  |
| GHB                          | <i>gamma</i> -hydroxybutyric acid  |
| MAPA                         | methyl <i>alpha</i> -phenylacetoacetate (methyl 3-oxo-2-phenylbutanoate) |
| MDA                          | 3,4-methylenedioxyamphetamine  |
| MDMA                         | 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine  |
| 3,4-MDP-2-P                  | 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl-2-propanone                                     |
| 3,4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidate | methyl ester of 3,4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidic acid                         |
| NPP                          | <i>N</i> -phenethyl-4-piperidone   |
| P-2-P                        | 1-phenyl-2-propanone   |
| P-2-P methyl glycidate       | methyl ester of P-2-P methyl glycidic acid                               |
| PEN Online system            | Pre-Export Notification Online system                                    |
| PICS                         | Precursors Incident Communication System                                 |