INCB tools and resources on non-scheduled chemicals and designer precursors

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- Precursor Chemical Monographs 2020
- Precursors Module of the UN Toolkit on Synthetic Drugs

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INCB guidance document on non-scheduled chemicals

What is it?
Guidance document

Who is it for?
Regulatory authorities, law enforcement and other national authorities concerned with precursors-related matters, international organizations and general public

When and why use it?
The document provides a collated list of options and concrete actions to address the proliferation of non-scheduled chemicals and designer precursors, including through international cooperation. It is an important resource for Governments looking to implement tried and feasible practices or use this document as a basis for cooperation globally.

How and where to access it?
The guidance is available online in all official UN languages at the following link.

6 AREAS COVERED IN THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

01 International legal framework
02 International scheduling
03 National legislation, measures & approaches
04 Technical assistance, capacity building & awareness-raising
05 International cooperation, exchange of information & intelligence
06 Cooperation with industry
What is it?
Online tool (software)

Who is it for?
National authorities concerned with the export of chemicals not included in Table I and II of the 1988 Convention. Users of PEN Online Light may be the same as or different from users already registered with PEN Online, depending on the national set-up.

When and why use it?
PEN Online Light is a tool that exporting Governments can use to notify importing countries about planned shipments of internationally non-scheduled chemicals on a voluntary basis. It uses the same technology as PEN Online, which allows countries to exchange information on planned shipments of precursors included in the tables of the 1988 Convention.

How and where to access it?
This link will bring users to the login page of the system.
What is it?
Online tool for intelligence sharing (software)

Who is it for?
Regulatory and law enforcement authorities, involved in effecting seizures or investigating diversion of chemicals and equipment essential for drug manufacture

When and why use it?
PICS is the INCB’s secure online tool to enhance real-time communication and information sharing between national authorities on precursor and equipment incidents and suspicious transactions. PICS users have access to real-time data to assist with investigations of incidents and will be able to quickly identify emerging chemicals and diversion patterns.

How and where to access it?
Accessible on a secure website pics.incb.org for registered users. Government agencies that would like to be granted access to PICS should send an email to incb.pics@un.org.

REAL-TIME COMMUNICATION
Provides users with real-time information on precursor and equipment incidents worldwide at no charge to Governments

INFORMATION SHARING
Allows the sharing of additional information such as photographs, shipping documents and other files that can be useful during an investigation

INVESTIGATIONS
Provides contact details of the information owner to facilitate direct contact and the launching of joint investigations into seizures and identified cases of diversion

GOOGLE-TYPE SEARCHES
Allows “Google”-type searches enabling instant access to individual incidents and aggregated statistics

+3,500 PUBLISHED INCIDENTS
+660 REGISTERED USERS
International Special Surveillance List (ISSL) and chemicals under national control (Table 4)

What is it?
Regularly updated list of chemicals of concern, which are not under international control (ISSL), and list of countries that apply controls on them (Table 4).

Who is it for?
Government officials and competent national authorities empowered to regulate or enforce controls over precursors and essential chemicals and, through them, relevant industries.

When and why use it?
Traffickers increasingly seek chemicals not under international control as substitutes to scheduled substances. This has led to the establishment of a list (ISSL) of substitute and “new” chemicals, for which substantial information exists of their use in illicit drug manufacture, and a list of substances not under international control that are controlled at the national level in various countries (“Table 4”), with a view to assisting Governments to take appropriate action to prevent their diversion.

How and where to access it?
On the INCB secure portal under “Information Package on the Control of Precursors”.

Table 4
National controls of chemicals not in Table I and II of the 1988 Convention
**What is it?**
Guidance and awareness-raising documents

**Who is it for?**
Regulatory, law enforcement authorities and other national authorities concerned with precursors-related matters

**When and why use it?**
Trustful cooperation with industry-chemical, pharmaceutical and companies concerned with trade and distribution of substances - is a central pillar of the global precursors control system. The package contains several resources in various forms (brochure, technical guidelines, practical notes, model memorandum of understanding) based on which Governments and industry can develop or enhance voluntary partnerships.

**How/where to access it?**
The brochure is available [here](#). Other resources are available on the [INCB secure portal](#) or on request for use by national authorities.
What is it?
Reference material with technical information on more than 95 chemicals

Who is it for?
Regulatory authorities, law enforcement and other national authorities concerned with precursors-related matters

When and why use it?
The document responds to the need of Governments to be able to identify an ever-increasing range of chemicals and combinations of chemicals. It includes a comprehensive list of English language synonyms of substances, which seeks to make the identification of the chemicals easier to the users. Most of the chemicals listed in the document are dual-use chemicals, with significant legitimate applications.

How/where to access it?
Available on the INCB secure portal or on request at incb.precursors@un.org (in English and Chinese).
**What is it?**
Website with reference materials

**Who is it for?**
Regulatory authorities, law enforcement and other national authorities concerned with precursors-related matters, international organizations and general public

**When and why use it?**
The Precursor module of the Toolkit was developed by INCB and is a one-stop shop providing a range of electronic resources and practical application tools about drug precursors and the international precursors control system, specifically on (1) the monitoring of legitimate international trade and (2) investigations into suspicious shipments, attempted diversions and seizures of precursors.

**How/where to access it?**
Online, publicly available [here](#).