



# International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) Psychotropics Annual Report 2020

## — KEY DEVELOPMENTS —

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### 50th anniversary of the 1971 Convention

The Convention on Psychotropic Substances was signed in 1971 and entered into force in 1976. The report provides an overview of 50 years of international control in psychotropics, trends in trade, use and reporting.

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### Five new substances added under international control in 2019

ADB-CHMINACA (MAB-CHMINACA), ADB-FUBINACA, CUMYL-4CN-BINACA, FUB-AMB (MMB-FUBINACA, AMB-FUBINACA) and *N*-ethylnorpentylone (ephylone) were added to Schedule II.

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### Global manufacture of benzodiazepines decreased

21 internationally controlled benzodiazepines had a significant presence on the licit market in 2019. The global manufacture continued to be driven mainly by Brazil, China, India and Italy.



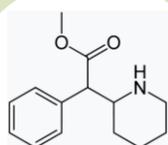
### Increased assessments for midazolam registered for 2021

Midazolam, substance on the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines, used for sedation of COVID-19 patients admitted to ICUs. Review of global manufacture trade in 2019 suggests the trade network has become increasingly complex over the years.



### Phenobarbital continues to be the most heavily traded substance among barbiturates

148 countries imported phenobarbital, in total volume of nearly 200 tons in 2019. Butalbital was the most used substance in the manufacture of exempted preparations.



### Manufacture of methylphenidate continued to decrease in 2019

However, consumption of the substance remained high and worldwide imports reached the highest level observed in the past six years.