



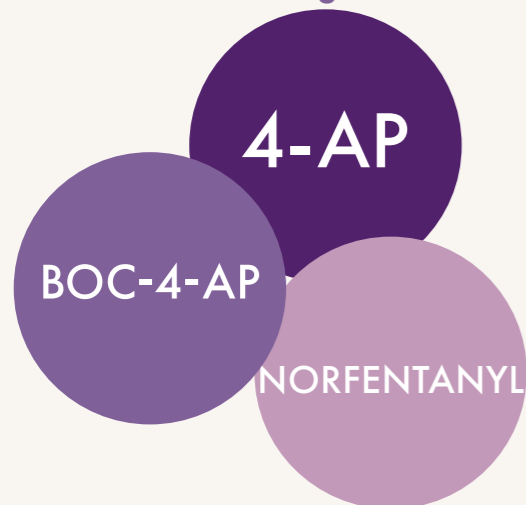
# PRECURSORS ANNUAL REPORT

Precursors and chemicals frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances



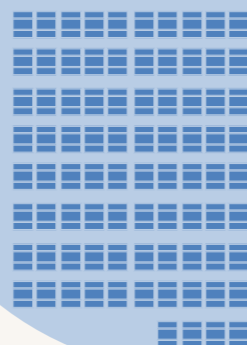
International Narcotics Control Board  
**Precursors Control Section**

3 new chemicals proposed for international scheduling in 2021:



## KEY FIGURES ON SEIZURES

# 84



**84 tons of potassium permanganate seized** and localized in countries in South America. This principal precursor used for the illicit manufacture of cocaine is illicitly manufactured or is diverted from domestic distribution channels rather than international trade.

# 32



**32 tons of MAPA seized**, indicating a shift towards the use of designer precursors in illicit amphetamine and methamphetamine manufacture. Scheduled in Table I of the 1988 Convention in November 2020, seizures of this substance were reported for the first time outside of Europe.

# 10



**10 tons of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine seizures reported globally**, confirming the declining trend observed in recent years, in contrast with high levels of seizures of ephedrine-based methamphetamine in East and South-East Asia.

## CONCLUSIONS



### Proliferation of non-scheduled chemicals

Urgent need to accelerate the global momentum in addressing the proliferation of non-scheduled chemicals and designer precursors



### Comprehensive and timely data

Comprehensive and timely data underpin the capacity to address emerging trends effectively and proactively



### Domestic manufacture and distribution channels

The focus on domestic manufacture and distribution channels remains critical to tackling diversion through domestic channels



### Continued vigilance on international trade

Need for systematic use of PEN Online and continued vigilance after diversion attempts through legitimate international trade



### Cooperation with industry

Need to mainstream cooperation with industry as a key component of the strategy to prevent the diversion of precursors

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