Cross-cutting issues: evolving reality, emerging and persistent challenges and threats

Eliminating or reducing significantly and measurably the diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors

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Common challenge

Substances not under international control

- Precursors: pre-precursors, substitutes, designer precursors
- End-products: NPS, non-medical fentanyl, …
- New era
- Sophistication and scale
- Pace and diversity; close chemical relatives ("families", intermediates)
- International
- No known legitimate uses, no regular trade
INCB circulated a list of 93 fentanyls identified in circulation (eg darknet) with no known legitimate uses.
Precursors*: progress & achievements

- Pre-Export Notification Online (PEN Online) system used by 161 Governments (~2,900 PENs/month)
- Legitimate trade unimpeded while suspicious trade scrutinized
- Diversion from international trade substantially reduced; preferred chemicals harder to obtain
**APAAN: Post-scheduling seizures**

- **PICS incidents involving APAAN and APAA, 2012-2017**
  - Graph showing amounts seized (kilograms) and number of incidents over the years.
  - APAAN: Post-scheduling international legitimate trade
  - 6 proposed exports of APAAN since Sep 2014 (< 50 gr)

**Designer precursors & close chemical relatives**

- Various non-scheduled chemicals (off-shelf)
  - Phenylacetic acid
  - APAAN
  - APAA
  - MAPA
  - Intermediate 1
  - Intermediate 2
  - Intermediate 3
  - NPP
  - ANPP
  - Fentanyl

Source: INCB report on precursors, 2017
What can be done?

**FLEXIBLE EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION**

**Infrastructure for:**
- Communication & collaboration between agencies and countries concerned to assist investigations
- Real-time information and intelligence-sharing
- Global focal point network
- Identification of points of diversion and distribution hubs
- Identification of links between cases
- Building-up cases (incl. non-criminal cases)

**COHESION**

**Project Cohesion**

Special Global Alerts

**PICS**

**IONICS**

**PRISM**

**Police**

**Regulatory / Drug control**

**Customs**

**Health**

**Other relevant ..**
What can be done?

Industry as a partner at intersection of licit trade and trafficking

- Early alerting: suspicious inquiries / transactions
- Source of intelligence
- Reputation management, corporate responsibility

Voluntary cooperation with industries / public-private partnerships

- Chemical, pharmaceutical industry
- Flavour, fragrance, fine chemicals industry
- Custom synthesis / contract manufacturing
- Transportation, postal and courier services
- Internet-service providers, B2B platforms
- Specialized equipment industry

Cooperation on non-scheduled substances and complementary action
### What else can be done? – Considerations

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