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Drug Precursors Control for Customs

eLearning module

This easy-to-use eLearning module is one of the courses from an extensive EU eLearning programme on Customs and Taxation.

This course focuses on providing practical training on fighting diversion of drug precursors. Amongst others, the course contains information on these chemical substances (including the possible way to identify them), the potential misuse of these substances and the methods employed by the criminals to smuggle them.

Drug precursors are chemical substances that are legally used in a wide variety of consumer products, such as medicines, soaps and perfumes. However, traffickers try to divert them from their legitimate goals in order to use them in the illicit production of synthetic drugs like ecstasy and methamphetamines. Preventing such diversion is of the utmost importance for legitimate trade and for society at large.

A similar training has been developed for Economic Operators. It highlights the needs for collaboration between the Customs administrations and Economic Operators to fight diversion of drug precursors.

Target audience

As the course contains sensitive information, it is only available for national Customs administrations.

Course duration

The course takes around 6 hours.



Learning objectives

At the end of the course, you will

- Be aware of the importance of tracking drug precursors;
- Be able to use your knowledge of legal requirements to control drug precursors;
- Be able to detect diverted, illicit drug precursors consignments;
- Be aware of Health and Safety (H&S) issues while controlling drug precursors;
- Be able to react appropriately when confronted with drug precursors diversion;
- Be aware of shipments of non-scheduled substances (pre-precursors mask precursors, mislabelling).

Available languages

The course is available in English and Dutch, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Spanish, Estonian, French, Macedonian.

Consult the table on the [EUROPA](#) website to check the availability of further EU language versions.

Drug precursors control for Customs Officers (DPC-C)

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Chemical substances information table

Click the EU or UN buttons to switch between each group of substances depending on the legislation


| Scheduled Substances | Non-Scheduled Substances |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1-Phenyl-2-propanone | 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-one |
| 3,4-Methylenedioxyphenylpropan-2-one | 1,4-Butanediol |
| 4-Anilino-N-phenethylpiperidine (ANPP) | Allylbenzene |
| (1R,2R)-(-)-chlorpseudoephedrine | Alpha-phenylacetoacetamide |
| (1R,2S)-(-)-chloroephedrine | Benzaldehyde |
| (1S,2R)-(+)-chloroephedrine | Benzyl chloride |
| (1S,2S)-(+)-chlorpseudoephedrine | Benzyl cyanide |
| Acetic Anhydride | BMK Glycidic acid |
| Acetone | BMK Glycidate |
| Anthranilic acid | Ethylamine |
| Alpha-phenylacetonitrile | Formamide |
| | Gamma-butyrolactone |
| | Glacial Acetic Acid |
| | Lithium aluminium hydride |

IMPORTANT: Salts, mixtures and solutions containing the precursor substances are also regarded as scheduled substances.

1-Phenyl-2-propanone

Classification

- (EC) No 273/2004 - Category 1
- (EC) No 111/2005 - Category 1



Other names:

- Phenylacetone;
- 1-Phenylpropan-2-one [IUPAC];
- Benzyl methyl ketone;
- BMK;
- Methyl benzyl ketone;
- Phenyl-2-propanone;
- P2P;
- Phenyl-1 Propanone-2.

CAS: 103-79-7
CN: 2914 31 00
Formula: C₉H₁₀O

Licit uses (selection):

- Manufacture of pharmaceutical products and used in small quantities for the legal manufacture of amphetamine and methamphetamine.

Illicit uses (selection):

- Synthesis of amphetamine and methamphetamine

Particularities of this course

An interactive “Chemicals” table is available in the course in order to present the details about the scheduled substances and non-scheduled substances listed in the UN and EU legislations.

General Features

You may interrupt your course. When reopening the course you can resume where you have left the course off.

Besides the menu, in the upper toolbar of the course, a course map allows you to quickly access the sections and subsections.

A course summary of the most relevant information is available in a printable format. You can also print any screen of the course with the print option.

How to get access to the course?

This eLearning module is not publicly available and is distributed exclusively to national Customs administrations. After having been granted access by your administration, depending on the decision made:

- You have the choice between 'non-SCORM' (iso, exe, html/html5) and 'SCORM' (for LMS systems).
- If you use a 'non-SCORM' version, read the Quick Start Guide available in the downloaded zip folder. It explains how to install the courses to your system.
- Using the course does not require a high level of information technology skills from the learners.
- In case of technical issues contact first your local administrator. If the problem persists, send the description (including screenshots) to taxud-elearning@ec.europa.eu

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