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RETOS



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- La oferta mundial de drogas ilícitas es más abundante, más sofisticada y más diversa que nunca
- El mercado de drogas ilícitas está saturado por una gran variedad de drogas sintéticas y el acceso a los precursores químicos es realmente fácil
- Las estructuras criminales que operan en el actual escenario de drogas, están siendo organizadas y manejadas de la misma manera que las empresas multinacionales legítimas
- Existen serios desafíos regulatorios para las autoridades legales y de salud debido a las Nuevas Sustancias Psicotrópicas (NPS)

EL MERCADO DE LAS DROGAS



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- La gama de sustancias disponibles en el mercado es muy amplia y el mercado de drogas se está ampliando
- El crecimiento económico en algunas regiones ha resultado en la producción y desvío de precursores químicos utilizados para fabricar drogas
- La llegada de la tecnología de comunicación que está en constante mejora, le ha brindado a las organizaciones criminales acceder a los consumidores más fácilmente
- Cambios rápidos en las rutas de tráfico, el *modus operandi* y nuevos métodos utilizados para ocultar las sustancias combinados con los tradicionales
- Principal preocupación: el mercado de NPS continua dinámico con la aparición de un gran número de sustancias nuevas pertenecientes a diversos grupos químicos

EL PANORAMA DE LAS DROGAS SINTÉTICAS



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- Casi imposible establecer una estimación del volumen de drogas sintéticas fabricadas
- El mercado de metanfetamina: se está expandiendo a Asia Central y Asia del Este y a Oceanía. Aumento de preocupación en Europa, Norte América y el Sur-Occidente de Asia
- Primera vez que Asia del Este y Asia del Sur superaron a América en la cantidad de incautaciones de metanfetamina
- La Anfetamina se limita a regiones como el Medio Oriente y Europa, esta ahora aumentando en Centro América y el Sur-Occidente de Asia
- El mercado de éctasis ha crecido en complejidad y variedad
- Gran cantidad de NPS en el mercado de drogas, pero el tamaño del mercado es aun relativamente pequeño. La causa de su expansión son los precios bajos. La rápida aparición de nuevas sustancias es una de las principales preocupaciones

PROPUESTA DE INTERPOL PARA 2018



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- INTERPOL mejorará el uso de su sistema de comunicaciones I-24/7 para intercambiar información e inteligencia y para distribuir a nivel policial global las Alertas de Drogas de sus organizaciones colaboradoras (i.e. INCB – **Project PRISM Alert dated 10-10-2017**)
- CONFERENCIA GLOBAL DE INTERPOL SOBRE DROGAS tendrá lugar la tercera semana de abril del 2018 en España
- INTERPOL en el marco de las iniciativas desarrolladas contra el tráfico de drogas está aumentando sus actividades de fortalecimiento de capacidades y entrenamientos, talleres y operaciones
- INTERPOL coordinará una Operación Global de Drogas entre septiembre y octubre de 2018, donde uno de los principales objetivos es abordar los precursores químicos y NPS



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Camino a seguir

- Cambio en el diagnóstico de la situación y actividades propias basadas en las incautaciones
- Intercambio de información e inteligencia
- Necesidad de fortalecer el uso de las herramientas disponibles
- Entrenamiento a diferentes actores, principalmente a las agencias encargadas del cumplimiento de la ley
- Conocimiento de las capacidades internacionales a disposición de los gobiernos
- Compromiso de intercambiar inteligencia e información

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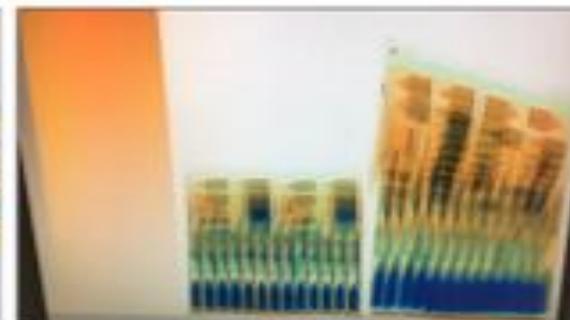
Type(s) of offence:	Importation of Commercial Quantity of Narcotics
Date of the offence:	5 October 2017
Place of offence:	Perth
Country of offence:	Australia
Circumstances of offence:	Illicit narcotics concealed in "sand art" kits imported into Australia

Description of modus operandi: On 07 September 2017, a consignment ex Malaysia containing 25 "sand art" kits, intended for an address in Adelaide (South Australia) was examined. Each box contained 30 plastic bottles of various colours. Deconstruction of one of the bottles revealed a crystalline substance. Testing was conducted on the substance and returned a presumptive positive result for methamphetamine. The weight of the detection was estimated to be 16.13 kg.

On 05 October 2017, a consignment ex Malaysia containing 35 "sand art" kits, intended for an address in Perth (Western Australia) was examined. Each box contained 30 plastic bottles of various colours. Deconstruction of the bottles revealed a coloured sand-like substance with white specks. Testing was conducted on the substance and returned a presumptive positive result for epinephrine. The weight of the detection was estimated to be 9.45 kg.

The following similarities were present in both importations:

- The same "master of sand art" packaging was used in both consignments;
- Both consignments had "sand art" in the goods description;
- The narcotics in both consignments were concealed as coloured sand;
- Both consignments were ex Malaysia;
- Both consignments arrived via the air cargo stream.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The method of mixing powder/crystalline narcotics with a similar granular substance (sand in this case) has previously been identified as a method of concealment. Prior detections have identified narcotics mixed with black powder of a similar consistency, and concealed in toner pouches. The use of "sand art" kits is possibly an evolution of the toner pouch method of concealment.

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FENTANYL



RISE IN USE, OVERDOSE, AND EXPOSURE TO AN OPIOID PRESENTING A LETHAL RISK FOR CONSUMERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Date of the offence:	ONGOING
Place of offence:	WORLDWIDE
Country of offence:	WORLDWIDE

Circumstances of offence: Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that mimics the effects of morphine in the human body. Responsible for an epidemic of overdose deaths in the United States, fentanyl can be 50 to 100 times stronger than morphine, and 30 to 50 times more powerful than heroin.

Fentanyl and its analogs are being mixed with heroin to increase potency. It is also being pressed into counterfeit tablets and sold as commonly misused prescription opioids such as oxycodone and hydrocodone. In addition, it has been found in samples of cocaine, methamphetamine, and other non-opioid substances.

During the last two years, the distribution of clandestinely manufactured fentanyl has been linked to an unprecedented outbreak of overdoses and deaths numbering in the thousands. In the United States, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the number of synthetic opioid deaths increased 72.2% from 2014 to 2015.

Description of modus operandi: Fentanyl and its analogs pose a potential hazard to police, law enforcement officials, public health workers, and first responders who could unknowingly come into contact with these drugs in their different forms. Police working dogs are also at risk of exposure.

Responders are most likely to encounter illicitly manufactured fentanyl and its analogs in powder, tablet, liquid, patches, and spray form. Potential exposure routes of greatest concern include inhalation, mucous membrane contact, ingestion, and percutaneous (needle) exposure. Skin contact is also a potential exposure route but is not likely to lead to overdose unless large volumes of highly concentrated powder are encountered over an extended period.

While absorption of fentanyl through skin contact commonly occurs through prescribed use of the drug, inhalation of powder is the most likely exposure route for illicitly manufactured fentanyl. Inhalation exposure can quickly result in respiratory depression. Two to three milligrams of fentanyl – an amount equivalent to five to seven grains of table salt – is enough to cause respiratory depression, cardiac arrest and possible death.

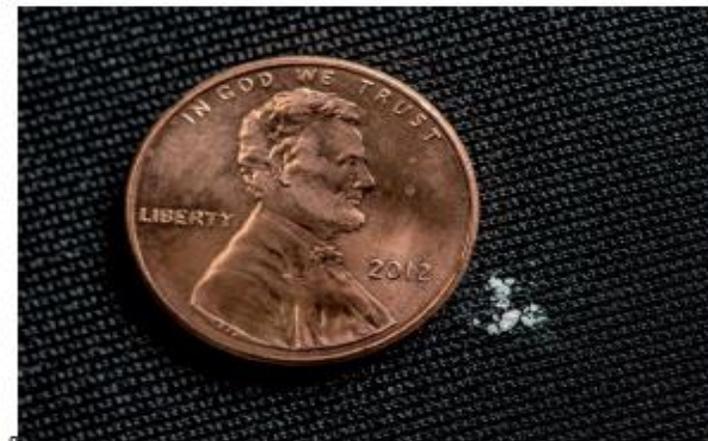


Figure 1: Two – three milligrams of fentanyl: A potentially lethal dose.



Figure 2: Fentanyl in pill form.



PRISM

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INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

PROJECT PRISM SPECIAL ALERT

Syrian Arab Republic – suspension of the granting of import authorizations for pseudoephedrine and related substances

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has recently informed INCB of circular number 18301/28 of 12 July 2017, which suspends the granting of import licences for pseudoephedrine and related substances until the end of 2017.

The Board appreciates the active cooperation of the Syrian Government in matters of chemical diversion control and encourages the competent authorities of exporting countries to continue to be vigilant towards requests for supply of precursors of amphetamine-type stimulants by companies in Syria. Specifically, the authorities of exporting countries are encouraged to provide copies of any documentation that may help to identify those behind any unlawful attempts to obtain such chemicals.

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