

# NATIONAL ANTIDRUG SECRETARIAT



**“NEW TRENDS IN THE REGION REGARDING  
ILLICIT MANUFACTURE OF DRUGS AND  
TRAFFICKING OF PRECURSORS AND OTHER  
CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES”**



**REGISTRATION AND CONTROL DIRECTORATE  
R.C.D.**

**Department of Pharmacy control**

Keep updated registration of the laboratories, pharmacies and other companies or individuals that produce, manufacture, commercialize, transport, store or are, in any way, related with narcotics and other dangerous drugs

Manage control and inspections, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, of the production, manufacture, imports, exports, transportation, usage, storage, supply and commercialization of narcotics and other dangerous drugs

**Department of Runway Registration**

Every three months, request from DINAC a list of the runways, civilian pilots and particular aircrafts with national registration, for corresponding listing and undertake with this institution the pertinent information exchange.

Inform the Executive Secretariat of unregistered runways, for the pertinent administrative procedure

Maintain registration of runways and inspect them regularly.

**Department of Precursor Chemicals**

Register, control and inspect, jointly with the National Customs Directorate and the Ministry of Health, all legal and natural entities that import or export essential or alternative precursor chemicals and determine the real volume of this imports or exports and their respective use.

Periodically control in all national territory and in coordination with the inspectorate, the laboratories, pharmacies and other legal and natural entities that undertake the activities mentioned in numerals b) and c), to prevent the illicit use of narcotics and other dangerous drugs.

Authorize and register the transportation of said substances within national territory, identifying the means of transportation, owner and driver.

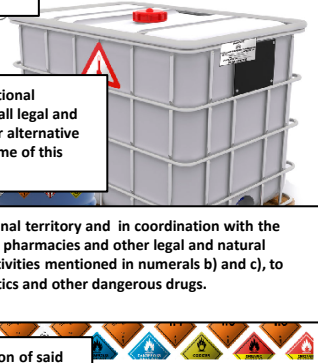


**Medical Cannabis**

The activities undertaken by the research centers will be supervised by the National Directorate of Sanitary Surveillance (DNVS) and the National Antidrug Secretariat (SENAD), which will control that the actions required for research are only and exclusively with medical and scientific purposes, per the control protocols to be established.

**Industrial Hemp**

Validate compliance of the Security Protocol of SENAD, which establishes the general conditions for the production of Industrial Hemp (non-psychoactive cannabis)





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## OPERATION “PSICO” – JULY 2022

Intelligence operations allowed to identify a diversion scheme involving a chemical precursor used in the illicit manufacture of LSD, a synthetic psychedelic drug. Over a two-year period, through front companies, enough of this substance to produce at least 33 million doses was diverted. **Ergotamine** is a chemical substance widely used in the pharmaceutical industry to produce medicines for migraine and other ailments. **On the other hand, in the illicit field, this substance is the main precursor used in the illicit manufacture of LSD (Lysergic Acid Diethylamide), a drug that is available in different presentations, such as small blotter papers and liquid. Due to its psychedelic effects, it is widely consumed by the adolescent and youth age groups.**



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## DEVELOPMENT OF INVESTIGATION

Through investigations based on traceability analysis of these products, SENAD detected that an individual established two front companies in Loreto, through which he purchased at least **4.5 kilograms of Ergotamine between 2020 and 2022**. It is important to understand that **at least 6 million doses of LSD can be produced with a single kilogram of this substance**. A regular pharmaceutical company typically uses a maximum of 500 grams of the substance for their entire annual production of related medicines. Estimations suggest that at least 33 million doses of LSD could be potentially produced with the diverted amount of this substance. Considering that each dose is sold for around 20 dollars, the total value of what could have been potentially produced is estimated to be around **660 million dollars**.

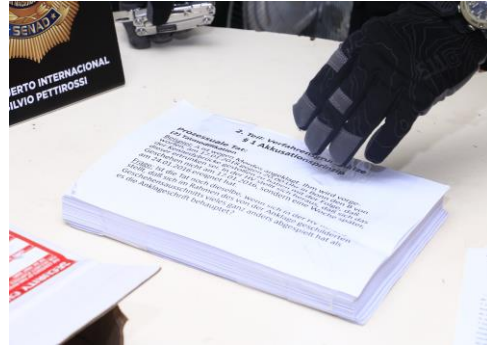


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## Two packages seized at Silvio Pettirossi International Airport

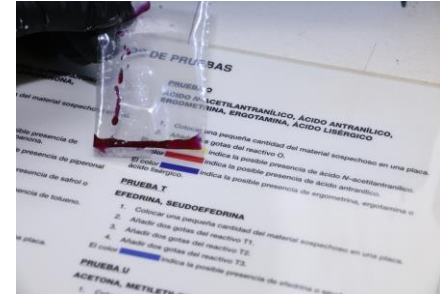


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# THE CONTENT OF BOTH OF THEM WAS ERGOTAMINE OR LYSERGIC ACID





## SEIZURE OF 1.170 KILOGRAMS OF METHYLENEDIOXYPHENYL



After an intelligence operation, a package that had entered the country **from Miami, Florida, on 11-25-2022**, was intercepted.

This package contained food supplements in which the substance was concealed. Upon undergoing preliminary analysis, it was determined that the package contained 1.170 kilograms of **METHYLENEDIOXYPHENYL**, which, according to specialists, is a substance that **can be used in the manufacture of ecstasy**.



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# THANK YOU

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