

Regulatory framework for the control and supervision of precursor chemicals: The CICAD's Model Regulation as a tool to strengthen the control of precursor chemicals in the region.

Workshop for the Exchange of information and Intelligence and Improvement of Management Systems and Disposal of Seized Chemicals

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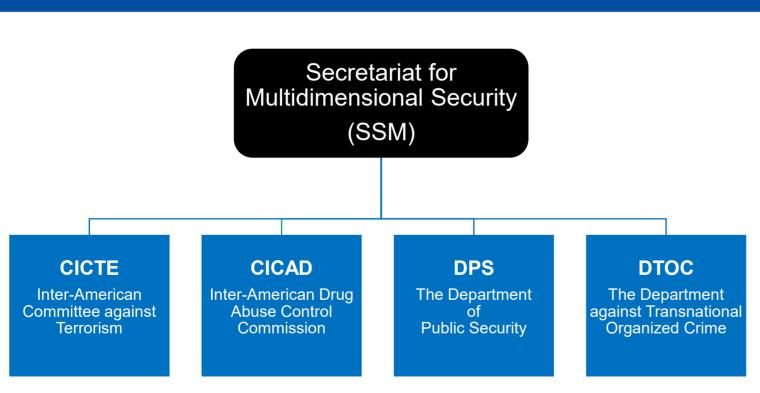


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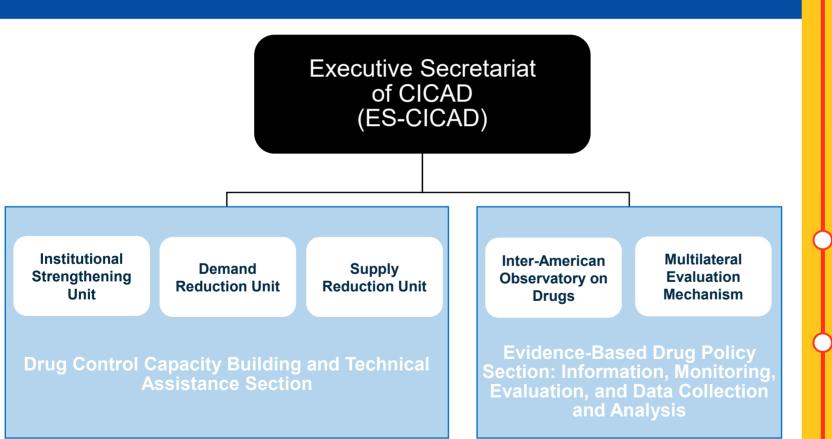
It was established by the OAS General Assembly in 1986.

It is the consultative and advisory body of the OAS on the hemispheric drug issue.

Promotes regional cooperation and coordination on all aspects of drug control among OAS member states

Provides technical assistance to strengthen the capacities of OAS member states to counter the drug problem.

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Supply Reduction Unit (CICAD/SRU)

Support OAS member states to strengthen their capacity to counter the illicit production and trafficking of drugs in the region, as well as the diversion of precursor chemicals used during its manufacture.

- Counterdrug police
 intelligence
- Control of precursor chemicals, synthetic drugs and NPS
- Control of maritime, riverine and port narcotrafficking;
- Control of drug trafficking by air
- Promotion of gender equality in counterdrug agencies.

Control of precursor chemicals, synthetic drugs and NPS

Program to strengthen the capacities of OAS member states to counter the use of precursor chemicals in the illicit production and manufacture of natural and synthetic drugs, including new psychoactive substances (NPS), and other chemical substances.

- Capacity-building activities
- Technical assistance
- Group of Experts on Chemical Substances and Pharmaceutical Products

- Forum at the hemispheric level that brings together representatives of the institutions responsible for the control of precursor chemicals

- Facilitates and promotes the exchange of updated information, best practices and experiences in the matter.

- Promotes inter-institutional and international collaboration





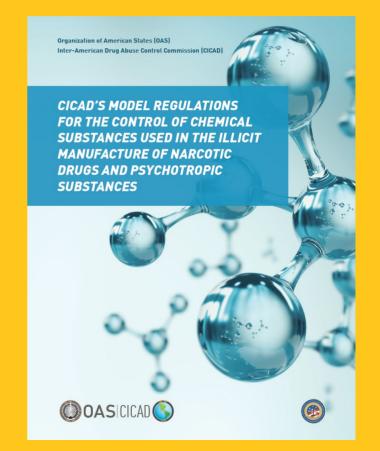
Upcoming meeting: May 23-25, 2023







- Reference tool for OAS member states
- It was created with the intention of providing technical support for the implementation of Article 12 of the 1988 Convention.
- It encompasses general aspects related to the issue of precursor chemicals control.
- It responds to the dynamic nature of the illicit manufacture of drugs.
- Its last update was during the 2019 Group of Experts meeting.
- Available in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese







It consists of 45 articles divided into 16 Parts

- Part I Purpose and Scope of Application
- Part II Definitions
- Part III Tables of Chemical Substances
- Part IV Chemical Substances under Surveillance
- Part V Mixtures
- Part VI Control Measures: Authorizations, Records, Inspections
- Part VII Import, Export, Transit and Transshipment Requirements
- Part VIII Pre-Notification
- Part IX Reports of Irregular Movements
- Part X Offences
- Part XI Investigation and Proof of Offences
- Part XII Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance
- Part XIII Other Civil, Administrative and Criminal Offences
- Part XIV Final Disposition of Seized and/or Forfeited Chemical Substances
- Part XV Competent Authorities for International Cooperation
- Part XVI Cooperation with Operators and with the Private Sector





Terms and definitions

Inclusion of the **broker** concept.

Expansion of the term **manufacture** to also include the production of chemical substances that can be used in the illicit manufacture of drugs.

Redefinition of **chemical substance** in order to contemplate designer precursors and non-controlled chemical substances used to obtain precursors.

Incorporation of the term traffic.

Addition of the definition of **irregular movement** or **suspicious transaction**.





Chemical Substances

The illegitimate manufacture of precursors from **non-controlled chemical substances** and **designer precursors** is considered.

Automatic updating of the chemical substances included in the annexes as Tables I and II of the United Nations Convention of 1988 are modified.

Table III of the Model Regulations must contain at least the substances included in the Limited International Special Surveillance List of INCB.







• Actions aimed at improving control:

Incentivizing **international cooperation** to establish control parameters in the face of new trends.

New requirement for granting authorizations.

Inspections of non-authorized operators and users handling non-controlled chemical substances.

Protocol of action in case of possible crimes.

Designation of **sensitive areas or routes** within the national territory.

Strengthening of customs capacities.





• Actions aimed at improving control:

Pre-notification of foreign trade also linked to the substances included in Tables II and III.

Expansion of the text of the actions considered a **crime**.

Incorporation of investigative tools.

Obligation to develop a protocol for the process of final disposal of seized or confiscated chemical substances.

Extension of the **cooperation with the private sector** beyond the chemical industry.



Recommendations



Expeditious update of the lists of substances

Implementation of evidence-based control policies

Risk profiling

Increased international cooperation

Use of online platforms for the exchange of information

Strengthening control of electronic commerce services



Recommendations



New indications of illicit traffic

Protection for public officials who participate in the processes of reporting or investigating

Control the use of individual tariff codes

Use of adulterants as a felony

Measures for the treatment of information and evidence

Establishment of interagency working groups

Thank you very much for your attention!

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