

## **COMPREHENSIVE SPECIALIZATION COURSE IN THE CONTROL OF DRUG PRECURSORS**

### **1.- Course objectives**

The lack of efficient training of those officials/civil servants dedicated to the suppression of illegal drug trafficking inevitably results in favoring this illicit activity. Adequate control of drug precursors has become one of the main investigative tools in the dismantling of clandestine laboratories and the dismantling of criminal organizations.

Therefore, this course has as its main objective providing an advanced training to professionals dedicated to the fight against drug trafficking, covering all facets derived from the control of drug precursors, under the saying that "if there are no precursors, there is no drug".

### **2.- Who is it intended for?**

The course is aimed at all those professionals whose fundamental mission is related to the maintenance of public security, through the repression of illegal drug trafficking. The training covers police, military or customs officials, as well as the judicial authority or members of the Public Prosecutor's Office.

Obviously, these officials must receive specific training, according to the duties they perform. To this end, comprehensive training is proposed for those units of "first intervention", that is, those assigned to police or military units that carry out investigations on drug trafficking and intervene directly in the discovery of clandestine laboratories and where research techniques on drug precursors can be fundamental to achieve success in their research.

More generally, the training of customs personnel, who have the fundamental task of preventing the illicit access of precursor substances,

which are subsequently diverted for the illegal manufacture of drugs in laboratories, is considered very important.

The Judicial Authority and the Public Prosecutor's Office must have sufficient training to understand all relevant issues that may appear in the investigations they direct and in subsequent judicial processes.

### 3.- EDUCATION SYSTEM

The course will be developed in a totally ONLINE manner, in such a way that it allows the officials/civil servants to reconcile their daily work with the formative aspect. Therefore, it is essential to offer training on e-learning, through virtual classes, through recordings made by teachers.

Furthermore, students will be evaluated to determine their degree of progress in the subject, putting at their permanent disposal the necessary tutorials to guarantee close contact with teachers and solve the doubts that may arise throughout the course.

For the evaluation, the following will be taken into consideration:

- Carrying out the required individual assignments.
- Class participation.
- Passing the exams prepared by each teacher.

### 4.- TEACHERS

The teachers will be specialists of recognized prestige in the field, with extensive experience in the control of drug precursors, which will include public security professionals, jurists or physicians, with the purpose that this multidisciplinary training encompasses all the subjects that achieve the specialization.

### 5.- TRAINING CENTER

The experience and support of a university center with international recognition is considered essential, which also offers an official academic

degree that can be part of the participants' curriculum, to be taken into account for his/her own professional promotion.

## **6.- PROGRAM (400 h.)**

### **Analysis of the situation (30 h.)**

- General information on drug trafficking in the region. (10 h.)
- Types of drugs. (10 h.)
- Evolution and current situation of drug trafficking. (10 h.)

### **Regulations and action plans (75 h.)**

- Regulatory framework for the control of chemical substances. Implementation of article 12, paragraph 8, of the 1988 Convention. (5 h.)
- Model Regulation for the Control of Chemicals Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (OAS) (5 h.)
- Regulation (EU) No 273/2004 on drug precursors. (5 h.)
- Plans in the fight against drug trafficking in the region. (20 h.)
- Plans to combat the illicit diversion of precursors in the region. (15 h.)
- Customs control of precursors. (10 h.)
- International tools for identifying transactions or incidents with precursors. (10 h.)

### **Drug precursors. Types and uses. (60 h.)**

- Influence of precursor research on the dismantling of laboratories. (5 h.)
- Chemical precursors. Types of precursors (15 h.)
- Lawful uses of controlled precursors. (5 h.)
- Illicit uses of controlled precursors. (5 h.)
- Control procedures for chemical substances for the manufacture of drugs of natural origin. (5 h.)

- Control procedures for chemical substances for the production of drugs of synthetic origin. (5 h.)
- Non-controlled substances: (20 h.)

### **Administrative control of precursors (40 h.)**

- Control of operators or distributors of precursor chemicals. (15 h.)
- Identification and study of operators (distributors) of precursor substances. (10 h.)
- Mandatory reports prior to administrative authorization. (5 h.)
- National administrative registers. (10 h.)

### **Operator inspections (75 h.)**

- Inspection plans. (10 h.)
- Methodology in the inspection action. (10 h.)
- Identification of commercial and administrative documentation. (5 h.)
- Preparation of an inspection report. (10 h.)
- Case studies:
  - o Conducting a mock inspection of an operator (marketing of precursors). (15 h.)
  - o Performing simulated inspection of an operator (precursor processing). (15 h.)
- The chemical industry. Collaboration in the diversion of precursors. (10 h.)

### **The Judicial Authority and the Public Prosecutor's Office (20 h.)**

- The judicial investigation. (10 h.)
- Support in the investigations of the Public Ministry. (10 h.)
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### **Management and disposal of precursors (55 h.)**

- Safe handling of seized precursors. (15 h.)



- **Final disposal of seized chemical precursors: (40 h.)**
  - o Open burning
  - o Evaporation
  - o Composting
  - o Burial
  - o Infiltration of harmless or biodegradable liquids
  - o Encapsulation
  - o Inerting
  - o Neutralization

### **Investigación (30 h.)**

- **Influence of precursor research in the dismantling of laboratories. (10 h.)**
- **Operative investigations. Real research experiences initiated by the control of precursors. (5 h.)**
- **Collection and treatment of sources. (10 h.)**
- **Money laundering. (5 h.)**

### **Trends (15 h.)**

- **Trends in drug trafficking (5 h.)**
- **Trends in trafficking and diversion of chemical substances for the manufacture of illicit drugs. (5 h.)**
- **Trends in illicit drug manufacture and the use of designer precursors and uncontrolled substances. (5 h.)**