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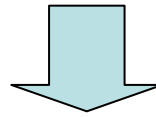
**NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES
A GROWING CHALLENGE IN THE AMERICAS**

New Psychoactive Substances – A Growing Challenge in the Americas

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New Psychoactive Substances

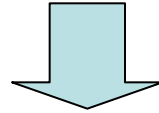


“Abused substances, whether in pure form or final product, which are not controlled by the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961) and the *Convention on Psychotropic Substances* (1971) , but may pose a threat to public health”



The Americas: illicit synthetic drugs, such as amphetamine, methamphetamine , ecstasy and LSD

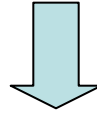
NPS CONTROL



Challenges

- ➡ Rapid spread, scarce resources, difficulties in establishing evaluation priorities
- ➡ Difficulty in obtaining data on potential risks and adverse effects
- ➡ Wide time gap between detection and reporting and its control
- ➡ There are many different interpretations
- ➡ Complex process of data collection

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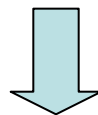
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- Initiatives to update the list of chemicals substances considered narcotic drugs
- Meetings of technical teams from different agencies



A pending initiative that promotes the inclusion of substances by functional groups and / or impact on different receptors in the central nervous system and not by individual names

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Precursor Chemical Control

- Prevention of spread of clandestine laboratories
- Full use of technology to secure reliable information
- Early warning system to detect misuse or diversion



National Tracking System of Precursor Chemicals,
through the National Registry for Precursor Chemicals
(RENPRE)

ADDITIONALLY

→ Control of importing and exporting companies and agencies that use chemical precursors

→ Transportation control and monitoring of precursors using GPS

→ Working with the Judiciary and the Attorney General's Office

→ Partner with various national agencies directly or indirectly responsible

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NPS



Sold mainly in electronic dance music parties

- Awareness policies aimed at harm reduction
- 100 professionals of SEDRONAR have worked in the electronic festival Creamfields
- Harm Reduction



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- The NPS is an emerging situation
- However it is of high priority and concern
- International cooperation is critical
- Working on early warning mechanisms to prevent the illegal entry and abuse of substances

Thank you!