



International Narcotics Control Board

# Trafficking in Pharmaceutical Preparations for the Illicit Manufacture of ATS

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PROJECT PRISM  
Operation Crystal Flow  
(1 January – 30 June 2007)

- 1399 shipments to 119 countries/territories monitored
- 187 queries into legitimacy of transactions
- 35 suspicious transactions or seizures
- 53 tons of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine stopped or seized
- Four cases involving pharmaceutical preparations involving 34160 kilograms of pseudoephedrine

# PROJECT PRISM

## Operation Ice Block

(2 January – 30 September 2008)

- 2057 shipments monitored
- 219 queries into the legitimacy of transactions
- 49 suspicious transactions or seizures
- 49 tons stopped or seized
- Eleven cases involving pharmaceutical preparations (113 million tablets) of pseudoephedrine

## Post Ice Block\*

- 33 cases involving **pseudoephedrine** – all pharmaceutical preparations (69 273 332 tablets and 29158 kilograms)
- Destinations Mexico (11), Guatemala (6), Belize (2), Honduras (5), Australia (2), New Zealand (1), Czech Republic (1), Dominican Republic (2), USA (1), Haiti (1) or unknown
- 22 cases involving **ephedrine**, of which 10 cases of pharmaceutical preparations (713 000 units, 4467 kilograms and “1115 boxes”)
- Destinations of bulk and preps: Mexico (3), Paraguay (1), Jordan (1), USA (1), Chile (1), Argentina (1), Honduras (1), South Africa (2) or unknown

# Seizure of pseudoephedrine tablets in El Salvador in October 2008



# Pharmaceutical preparations seized in Argentina 2008



# Millions of Pseudoephedrine Tablets Seized and Destroyed in Mexico (December 2008)



# Seizure of 5 million pseudoephedrine tablets in Newark (USA), declared destination Haiti, suspected to be Mexico





# EPHEDRINE AND PSEUDOEPHEDRINE

	Crystal Flow	Ice Block	Post Ice Block (Oct. 2008 – March 2009)
Total Cases	35	40	53
Preparations	4	11	43
	11.4 %	27.5 %	81 %

# Licit Needs: Ephedrine

Country / Territory	Ephedrine kg
United Kingdom	350008
United States of America	140260
China	140000
Sweden	54500
Pakistan	22000
South Africa	20000
Republic of Korea	15950
Indonesia	9896
<i>Hong Kong, SAR of China</i>	7525
Germany	4000
Nigeria	3849
Bulgaria	3300
Canada	3000
Brazil	2370
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2300
Egypt	2000
Ghana	2000
Turkey	2000
Russian Federation	1500
Spain	1117
Jordan	1000
Malawi	1000
Syrian Arab Republic	1000
Venezuela	1000
United Republic of Tanzania	950

# Licit Needs: Ephedrine Preparations

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Country / Territory	Ephedrine preparations kg
United Kingdom	1020
Malaysia	400
Romania	130
Belarus	60
Republic of Moldova	60
Cambodia	50
Australia	15
Côte d'Ivoire	15
Czech Republic	10
Malta	10
Canada	5

# Licit Needs: Pseudoephedrine

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<b>Country / Territory</b>	<b>Pseudoephedrine kg</b>
<b>United States of America</b>	<b>516645</b>
<b>China</b>	<b>110000</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>60009</b>
<b>Egypt</b>	<b>58000</b>
<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>	<b>50000</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>48000</b>
<b>Iran (Islamic Republic of)</b>	<b>42000</b>
<b>Thailand</b>	<b>36900</b>
<b>Jordan</b>	<b>35000</b>
<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>32505</b>
<b>Republic of Korea</b>	<b>32500</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>23000</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>21000</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>20000</b>
<b>Germany</b>	<b>20000</b>
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>20000</b>
<b>Venezuela</b>	<b>20000</b>
<b>Algeria</b>	<b>17000</b>
<b>Colombia</b>	<b>16297</b>
<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>15400</b>
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>13875</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>10000</b>

# Licit Needs: Pseudoephedrine Preparations

Country/Territory	Pseudoephedrine Preparations Kg.
United Kingdom	25000
Malaysia	15400
Czech Republic	2671
Egypt	2000
Israel	1905
El Salvador	1500
Australia	1200
Finland	1000
Cambodia	900