

## Precursor Chemicals in Bhutan

- Precursor Chemicals are listed under Schedule V of the Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Substance Abuse Act (NDPSSA) of Bhutan, 2015 (page No. 4)
- The List is taken from International Narcotics Control Board's List of Precursors
- For every import, a one time import permit is required, without which the chemicals will not be allowed inside the country (<http://www.bnca.gov.bt/index.php/download-forms/>)



Sensitization workshop on Precursor Chemicals to the Chemical Industry

- An export or import authorization shall be denied if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the consignment is destined for the illicit manufacture of controlled drugs and substances.
- The beneficiary of the authorization shall enter in a register, which he or she shall keep for five years, the quantities of plants, substances and preparations that he or she imports, acquires, manufactures, uses and destroys
- Manufacturers, Importers, exporters, wholesalers and retailers to maintain a register containing particulars of all acquisition of transfers of substances listed in Schedule V of NDPSSA, 2015.
- He or she shall also enter the dates of the operations and the names of his or her suppliers.
- He or she shall furnish the competent authority with an annual report on the quantities used or destroyed and those held in stock.

### Vision

*A Nation of Gross National Happiness free of drugs and controlled substances abuse.*

### Mission

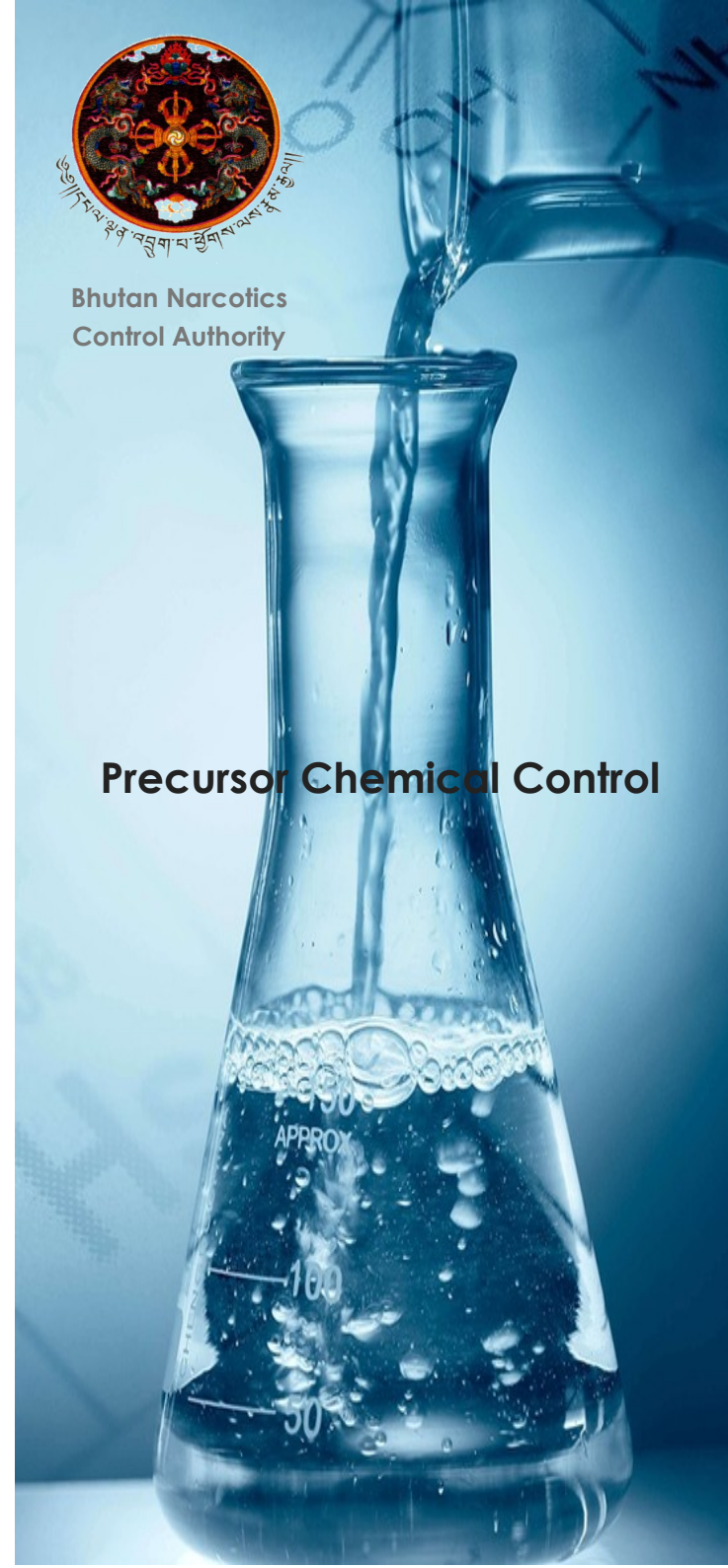
*To establish a premier agency that can effectively coordinate, facilitate and combat the abuse and illicit trafficking*



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## Criminal Offences

- Failure to maintain records of quantity, date, suppliers and recipients and manufactured and quantities held in stock shall be liable to cancellation of the license, and seizure of goods or a fine equivalent to a minimum wage for a maximum of one year.
- A person without license and authorization from the competent authority imports, exports, stores, sells, supplies or transports any substance listed under Schedule V of this Act shall be guilty of the offence of illicit trafficking of precursor chemicals and shall be liable for imprisonment from 3 years to 9 years.
- A person with license who diverts from the authorized use of substance listed under Schedule V of this Act to illicit use shall be liable for illegal diversion of precursor chemicals and shall be liable for imprisonment from 5 years to 15 years.
- A person who possesses or purchases any substance listed under Schedule V of this Act for domestic use shall be guilty of the offence of illegal possession or purchase of precursor chemicals, if the person uses such substances for illicit purpose and shall be liable for imprisonment from 1 year to 5 years.



An example of Good and Safe Storage of Chemicals



## Inspection of Precursors

- Any person, private or public enterprise, government enterprise, medical institution or scientific institution engaging in any activity or operation involving plants, substances or preparations covered by this Act shall be controlled and monitored by the competent authority, to make ordinary inspections of the establishments, premises, stocks and records at least once every two years and extraordinary inspections at any time.
- The authorized officers may enter premises, make seizures and take samples wherever the operations referred to in section 25 of NDPSSA 2015, are carried out in accordance with the Civil and Criminal Procedure Code of Bhutan.



## SUBSTANCES SCHEDULED IN TABLE I AND II OF THE 1988 CONVENTION

### Table I

1. Acetic anhydride
2. N-Acetylanthranilic acid
3. Ephedrine
4. Ergometrine
5. Ergotamine
6. Isosafrole
7. Lysergic acid
8. 3,4-Methylenedioxyphenyl-2-propanone
9. Norephedrine
10. Phenylacetic acid
11. 1-Phenyl-2-propanone
12. alpha-Phenylacetoacetonitrile (APAAN)<sub>2</sub>
13. Piperonal
14. Potassium permanganate
15. Pseudoephedrine
16. Safrole

### Table II

1. Acetone
2. Anthranilic acid
3. Ethyl ether
4. Hydrochloric acid 3
5. Methyl ethyl ketone
6. Piperidine
7. Sulphuric acid 3
8. Toluene