

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
Between
Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), India
and
Indian Chemical Council

For Prevention of diversion of scheduled and non scheduled chemicals

1. Rationale purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to formalize the partnership between the Government of India and Indian Chemical Council (ICC). The signing parties will work in collaboration to ensure, to the best of their abilities and possibilities that chemicals used in the manufacture of illicit drugs are not diverted from licit trade.

2. The Parties

Government: for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, Government of India is represented by the Central Bureau of Narcotics as the principal agency.

Indian Chemical Council: Manufacturers of Chemical Industry under the aegis of Indian Chemical Council.

3. Goals and objectives

The Government seeks to prevent the manufacture and consumption of illicit drugs - and thereby to protect the population from their destructive effects. At the same time, the Government acknowledges that the chemicals used in manufacture of illicit drugs play an important role in numerous licit industrial processes that contribute significantly to the national economy, health and well-being of the population.

Through this partnership, the Government intends to collaborate with the members of Indian Chemical Council whose business involves the manufacture, sale, storage, distribution or consumption of chemicals which have a potential of misuse for manufacture of illicit drugs.

The partnership is voluntary and will be based on an agreed assessment process to be conducted as part of any and all transactions involving chemicals which have a potential of misuse for manufacture of illicit drugs.

The partnership will rely in large part on the market knowledge, the experience and the integrity of Indian Chemical Council in dissemination of relevant information including information provided by CBN in this regard, creating awareness through various means like webinars, publications, workshops, interactive sessions etc., and enabling interaction with the Government.

4. Roles and responsibilities

(a) The Government

The Government recognizes that the members of ICC who cooperate with the Government through this partnership can play an important role in preventing diversion of chemicals for manufacture of illicit drugs.

To facilitate such cooperation, the Government shall in close consultation with ICC, develop a voluntary code of conduct (VCC) that sets out recommended practices to be followed by the chemical industry on chemicals which have a potential of misuse for manufacture of illicit drugs.

The code shall not have any burden on the members of ICC and that the procedures involved do not interfere with normal business operations and practices.

The Government also requests that chemical industry under the aegis of Indian Chemical Council share certain information with the Central Bureau of Narcotics in connection with potential sales to permit further assessment of the sale. Information shared may contain sensitive business details. However, chemical industry under the aegis of Indian Chemical Council can be assured that such material will be kept confidential and will not be made available to any other parties.

Furthermore, the Government will take all measures possible to ensure that chemical industry under the aegis of Indian Chemical Council will experience no disadvantage to its trade through this cooperation. The Government will assess sales information provided by the members of ICC and communicate in a timely manner so as to minimize possible inconvenience to the business operations of chemical industry under the aegis of Indian Chemical Council. The Government would hold periodic workshops and training webinars to sensitize ICC members on the chemicals which have a potential of diversion for manufacture of illicit drugs.

(b) The Association

ICC agrees to cooperate with the Government in publishing the VCC, for the chemicals which have a potential for misuse on its website and also widely circulate the same to all its members.

The chemical industry under the aegis of Indian Chemical Council agrees to provide the Central Bureau of Narcotics with information, to the best of its abilities, whenever appropriate under the provisions of the VCC.

The chemical industry under the aegis of Indian Chemical Council will endeavor to nominate a representative from member companies (on need basis) who will coordinate for all matters associated with the code.

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