



## **SCREENING CHAPTER 29 CUSTOMS UNION**

# **AGENDA ITEM 10: DRUG PRECURSORS**

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# DRUG PRECURSORS

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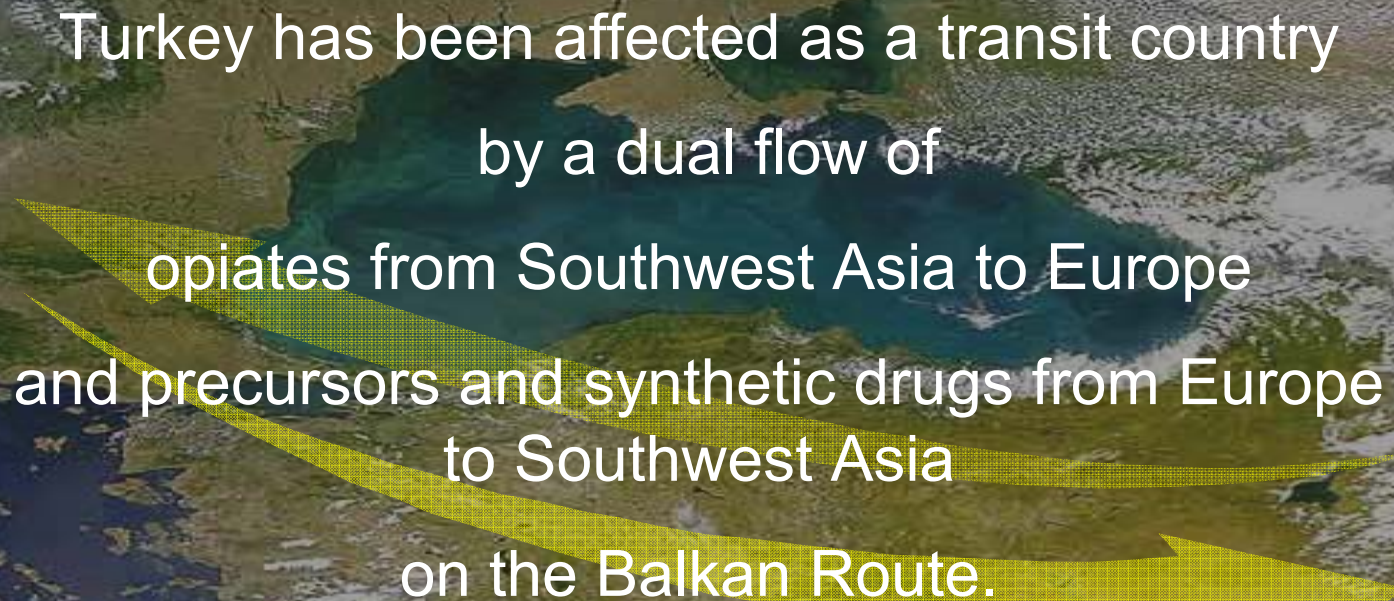
## 1. Background

- UNODC World Drug Report 2005

UNODC's 2004 Afghanistan Opium Survey showed that 77% of all opiates seizures in the sub-regions surrounding Afghanistan (South-West and Central Asia) are already in the form of either morphine or heroin, up from 40% in 1995.

A huge requirement for precursors in Afghanistan

## 1. Background



Turkey has been affected as a transit country  
by a dual flow of  
opiates from Southwest Asia to Europe  
and precursors and synthetic drugs from Europe  
to Southwest Asia  
on the Balkan Route.



## COMPETENT AUTHORITIES FOR THE CONTROL OF PRECURSORS IN TURKEY

- Main Authority  
Ministry of Health
- Law Enforcement Agencies responsible for combating illicit trafficking of precursors
  - Undersecretariat for Customs
  - Ministry of Interior
    - Directorate General of Security (Police)
    - General Command of Gendarmerie
    - Command of Coast Guard



## 2. Legal Framework

### THE TURKISH REGULATION TRANSPOSING THE EU LEGISLATION:

- Implementing Regulation on Chemical Substances Subject to Control (published in the OG No. 25494, dated 16.06.2004)

This Implementing Regulation transposed “The Council Directive No.92/109/EEC on the Production of Certain Materials used in the illegal Production of Narcotic and Psychotropic Materials and putting them on market” and “The Commission Regulation No.1485/96/EC specifying the detailed rules in the application of the Council Directive No. 92/109/EEC on the Special Use of Certain Materials used in the illegal Production of Narcotic and Psychotropic Materials for Customer Notification”.

#### Implementing provisions:

The Circular No. 2005/56, dated 31.03.2005, by the Ministry of Health (MoH)



## **NATIONAL LEGISLATION RELATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS**

- Council of Ministers Decree on the implementation of the provisions of the “1988 UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances” was published in the OG No. 22551, dated 11.02.1996
- Agreement on the Intermediate and Chemical Substances frequently used in the illegal Production of Drugs and Psychotropic Substances between the Republic of Turkey and the European Community” was published in the OG No. 25446, dated 28.04.2004
- Article 16 of Law No.4208 which amends Law No. 2313 on Control of Narcotic Drugs

Manufacturing, importation and exportation, transportation, possession or purchase and sale of the substances stated in Table I and Table II annexed to the 1988 UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, and the substance that may take part in the amendments of these tables are subject to the permission of the MoH



## **BILATERAL AGREEMENTS**

Security cooperation agreements that include provisions regarding narcotics and psychotropic substances have been signed with countries such as;

- Iran
- Bulgaria
- Italy
- Colombia
- USA
- Spain
- Poland
- Pakistan
- Russian Federation



## 3. Controls

### Import and Export (1/2)

Documents required for the importation

- License for the import of substances subject to control (International Import Permit) or
- License to be used at the customs for the actual import of chemical substances/precursors (Domestic Permit)

Arranged  
by the  
Ministry of  
Health

- Approved “Control Certificates” and approved proforma invoice/invoice copies according to the format enclosed in the Foreign Trade Standardization Communiqué (2006/4)

Approved  
by the  
Ministry of  
Health



## 3. Controls

### Import and Export (2/2)

Document required for the exportation

Licence for the export of substances subject to control  
(Export Permit)

} Arranged  
by the  
Ministry of  
Health



## 3. Controls

### CUSTOMER/END USER DECLARATION

Circular No. 2005/56, dated 31.03.2005, by the MoH

- Obtained from customers,
- By operators supplying 23 drug precursors,
- Specifies the use,
- One per substance,
- For 23 drug precursors, a copy accompanies with the substance.



## 3. Controls

### Transit

Certificates are required for the arrival and departure of the substances covered in the transit regime by the relevant customs agency.

Chemical substances/precursors subject to the transit regime can be sent to a third country upon being found suitable under the Implementing Regulation on Chemical Substances Subject to Control. This can be realised by submitting the transit declaration copies and the copies of the letters of authority drawn up by the competent authorities of the destination country.



## 3. Controls

The MoH may survey and inspect the premises, where any kind of activity is carried out regarding chemical substances/precursors subject to control.

### COOPERATION AND COORDINATION:

Turkish competent authorities cooperate with their counterparts in the other countries and international organisations.

Relevant operators should immediately inform the MoH on the amount, packaging, payment terms, transportation means and other details regarding the 23 substances subject to control in order to prevent smuggling and illegal drugs, when they face extraordinary orders; and when necessary, cooperate with other related authorities under the coordination of the MoH.

## 4. Law Enforcement Activities

- active participation in “Operation TOPAZ” since 2001
- training facilities
  - TADOC (Turkish International Academy Against Drugs and Organized Crime)
  - law enforcement agencies
- preparation of informative in-service manuals on drugs and precursors
- joint operations with specialised anti-narcotics units



## PRECURSORS SEIZED IN TURKEY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b><i>Acetic Anhydride</i></b>	9,669 lt	1,488 lt	3,954 lt
<b><i>Acetone</i></b>	295 lt	-	-
<b><i>Sulphuric acid</i></b>	40 lt	-	-
<b><i>Hydrochloric acid</i></b>	270 lt	-	-
<b><i>Ethyl ether</i></b>	4 lt	30 lt	-

## 6,718 LT ACETIC ANHYDRIDE SEIZURE



**SINOP SEAPORT (BLACK SEA) / 12.07.2001  
CONCEALED AMONG TIMBERS IN THE TIR TRUCK  
FROM UKRAINE**





## 6,718 LT ACETIC ANHYDRIDE SEIZURE





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