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EUROPEAN COMMISSION LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON EVALUATION OF DRUG PRECURSORS REGULATIONS

On 23 July 2018, the European Commission launched a public consultation on the evaluation of Regulations 273/2004 and 111/2005 in the area of drug precursors. The objective is to provide the Commission with the necessary information and analysis to support its evaluation of the Drug Precursors Regulations.

Drug precursors are chemicals that are primarily used for the legitimate (legal) production of a wide range of products, e.g. medicine, perfumes, plastics, cosmetics, etc. However, small quantities of precursors may be used for the illicit production of drugs such as methamphetamines, heroin or cocaine.

Taking into account the wide range of legitimate uses of drug precursors, their trade cannot be prohibited. Since the early nineties, specific rules both at international and at the EU level have been put in place to ensure that diversion of drug precursors is prevented through control of their legitimate trade at EU borders and within the EU. The legislation aims to strike a balance between the necessary control to prevent diversion of drug precursors and allowing their legitimate trade without creating unnecessary administrative burdens. In order to assess to which extent the legislation is achieving its aim, the Commission is carrying out an evaluation.

More information on the public consultation can be found [here](#). If ADDE or its members would be interested in participating in this public consultation, a (short) questionnaire can be completed until 2 November 2018.

We inform you about this public consultation since the chemical substances falling under the scope of the drug precursors legislation are very commonly used in the chemical and the pharmaceutical industry and could therefore be interesting to you.

We hope this information is useful. You should not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require further information.

Kind regards,

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