R07: Sales of drugs using the internet and related technologies

Purpose of collecting these data:

Law Enforcement Agencies are increasingly collecting intelligence in the sale and trafficking of drugs over the internet / darknet. Additionally, this phenomenon is global by nature and, hence, the ARQ can provide an excellent platform for painting a global picture and assist national authorities in combatting it.

The module aims at recording the different types of information that authorities may possess in this field to monitor the latest trends in trafficking via the internet / darknet, as well as the related law enforcement activities.

Items	Type	Description	Response options	Definitions / Specific instructions	Disaggregation	Metadata	Justification
Ranking, trends and other information on the market	I	Trends in illicit drugs trafficking via the internet/darknet	Large increase, some increase, stable, some decrease, large decrease, unknown	Glossary	• Drug type: Opioids (heroin, pharmaceutical opioids, other), Cocaine type, Cannabis type, Amphetamines (amphetamine, methamphetamine, others), ecstasy-type, NPS (specify), others (specify).	Information on the procedure used for the qualitative assessment: specify number of experts, affiliation, method (e.g. Delphi). Primary sources used for the qualitative assessment: • national data (specify collection method) • periodic government report (link) • specific study (link) • expert assessment • other (specify)	**UNGASS:** - 5p. counter DRC activities using the Internet - 5q. provide technical assistance and capacity building to counter use of internet and related technologies - 5r. enhance capacity of LEA to preserve and analyse electronic evidence related to Drug trafficking and money-laundering, monitor sales of drugs using the internet **EWG:** Focus on situations where the internet is essential in facilitating the creation of marketplaces (ATR) **PoA:** 36.a
		Ranking of drugs more commonly trafficked via the internet / darknet	1, 2, 3…				
		Relative prices of drugs sold via the internet / darknet as compared to those dealt with on the streets	Higher, similar, lower, unknown				
		Typical size of transactions on the internet / darknet.	Retail, wholesale, unknown				
		Whether domestic trafficking is more common than international over the internet / darknet	- Domestic, International - Notably more common, slightly more common, as common				
		Main location (countries) of sites that sell drugs over the internet / darknet. List countries in order of importance.	Free text				
Information on law enforcement activities	I	Description of activities implemented to combat drug trafficking over the internet / darknet, number of sites dismantled, operations/seizures in association with postal services and customs	Free text	Glossary	*Not applicable*	*Not applicable*	

Availability of information for monitoring drug sales over the internet / darknet	I	Availability of information for monitoring illicit drug sales over the internet / darknet	Yes, no, unknown Institution: free text	If no availability, continue to seizures in collaboration with postal services	*Not applicable*	*Not applicable*	
		Institution in charge of monitoring	Free text				
		Sources of data on which the monitoring is based. Provide details of collection process.	- Undercover agents, web-scraping techniques, transactional information, investigation of seizures, other (specify) - Free text				
Type of indicators monitored	II	Types of indicators / data related to drug trafficking over the internet / darknet that are monitored	Number of sites operating, price, quantity, location of sites, information on sellers / buyers, others (specify)	Glossary	*Not applicable*	*Not applicable*	
Number of sites	II	Total number of internet / darknet sites monitored by the country	Statistical data	Glossary	*Not applicable*	*Not applicable*	
		Estimated number of sites operating	Statistical data			Description of estimation method	
Price of drugs sold over the internet / darknet	III	Typical, minimum, and maximum price of drugs sold over the internet / darknet, for a specified quantity and purity	Statistical data	Glossary	• Drug type (as specified above)	Source of these data: intelligence, transactional data, expert assessment (specify number of experts, affiliation, method), other (specify)	
Main countries of departure / destination of illicit drugs via mail	III	Top 3 countries of departure of drugs seized entering the country via mail	Free text	Glossary	• Drug type (as specified above)	Source of these data: seizures data, expert assessment (specify number of experts, affiliation, method), other (specify)	
		Top 3 countries of destination of drugs seized departing the country via mail	Free text				
Availability of studies / research / surveys	III	Link to any studies on trafficking of illicit drugs over the internet / darknet that have been done in your country in the last 5 years	Provide link		*Not applicable*	*Not applicable*	