

# R12: New Psychoactive Substances identified

## Purpose of collecting these data:

Marketed as 'legal highs', new psychoactive substances (NPS) are proliferating at an unprecedented rate, posing a significant risk to public health and a challenge to drug policy.

The aim of this module is to report on types of known and unknown NPS identified in the country in order to facilitate monitoring, information sharing and risk awareness to counter this drug problem.

Items	Type	Description	Response options	Definitions / Specific instructions	Disaggregation	Metadata	Justification
<b>New developments in NPS</b>	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major changes in NPS trafficking, including information about new substances emerging in supply market and use</li> <li>Major changes in the origin, transit or destination countries of NPS trafficked</li> <li>Other new developments and major changes in terms of NPS trafficking and use</li> </ul>	Free text	Not applicable	Not applicable	Information on the procedure used for the qualitative assessment: specify number of experts, affiliation, method (e.g. Delphi).	<b>UNGASS:</b> 5.d
<b>Trends</b>	I	Trends in trafficking of NPS	Large increase, Some increase, Stable, Some decrease, Large decrease, Unknown	<i>Not applicable</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPS groups: Aminoindanes, Phencyclidine-type, Phenethylamines, Plant-based NPS, Piperazines, Synthetic cannabinoids, Synthetic cathinones, tryptamines, other</li> </ul>	Primary sources used for the qualitative assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>national data (specify collection method)</li> <li>periodic government report (link)</li> <li>specific study (link)</li> <li>expert assessment</li> <li>other (specify)</li> </ul>	
<b>NPS identified</b>	II	NPS identified from existing NPS list	Checkbox	see NPS.xlsx file for existing NPS list	<i>Not applicable</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time frame used (preferred time frame "Reporting period")</li> <li>All LEA involved in data collection and recording drug seizures in the country.</li> <li>Only those LEA whose data are included in the reported seizures</li> </ul>	
	III	Psychoactive substances identified not from existing NPS list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substance name</li> <li>Abbreviation</li> <li>Alternative names</li> <li>IUPAC name</li> <li>Form of substance: salt, liquid, tablet, other</li> </ul>	Free text	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>		
<b>Availability of studies / research / surveys</b>	III	Link to any studies, reports, surveys or other research on NPS in the country in the last 5 years	Provide link	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>		

