

# **PRECURSOR CONTROL**

Central Narcotics Bureau  
Singapore

# Objectives of Precursor Control

- » CNB - Competent Authority
- » Part of international strategy to reduce the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
- » Deny drug syndicates from coming into contact with legitimate business entities to procure their precursors/chemicals



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- » Prevent diversion of precursor chemicals from legitimate business to illicit drug manufacturers
- » Laws, regulations and procedures to regulate precursor chemicals to cut supply to illicit drug manufacturers

\* Chemical industry is a legitimate industry and we will not interfere with legitimate commerce



# List of Controlled Precursors & Chemicals

Table 1

- » Ephedrine,
- » Ergometrine
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- » Lysergic acid
- » 1-pheny-2-propanone
- » 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl=2=propanone
- » Pseudoephedrine
- » N-acetylanthranilic acid
- » Safrole
- » Isosafrole
- » Piperonal
- » Norephedrine & Norpseudoephedrine
- » Acetic Anhydride
- » Potassium permanganate

Table 2

- » Acetone
- » Anthranilic acid
- » Ethyl ether
- » Phenylacetic acid
- » Piperidine
- » Methyl ethyl ketone
- » Toluene
- » Sulphuric acid
- » Hydrochloric acid



Please refer to Tradenet for chemicals' HS codes



# Legislation

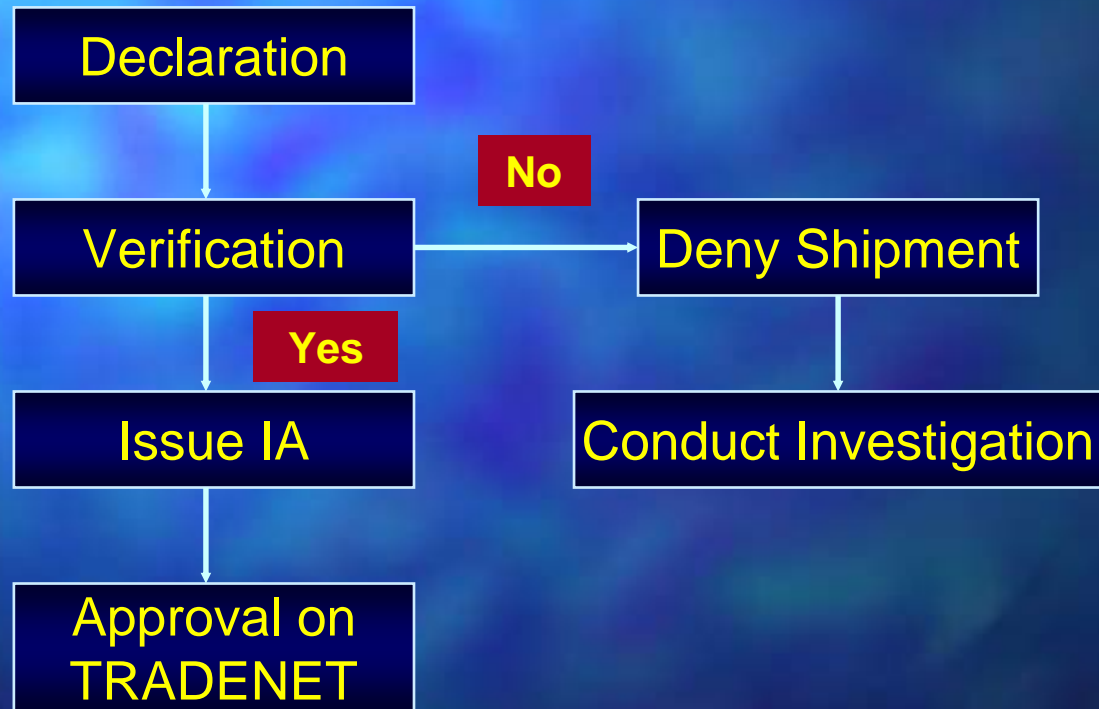
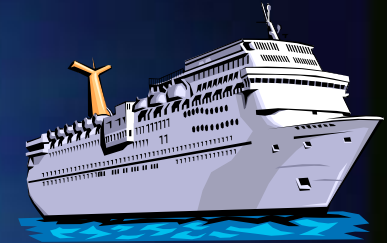
- » Misuse of Drugs Act (MDA)
  - Precursor Control
  - Diversion of precursor chemicals
  
- » Section 10 (A) MDA
  - Manufacture, distribution and possession
  - Max 20 years imprisonment or \$200,000 fine or both
  
- » Section 10 (B) MDA
  - Licensing, registration of premises, documentation of transactions, record inspection, labeling
  - Max 3 years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine or both



# Operating Procedure

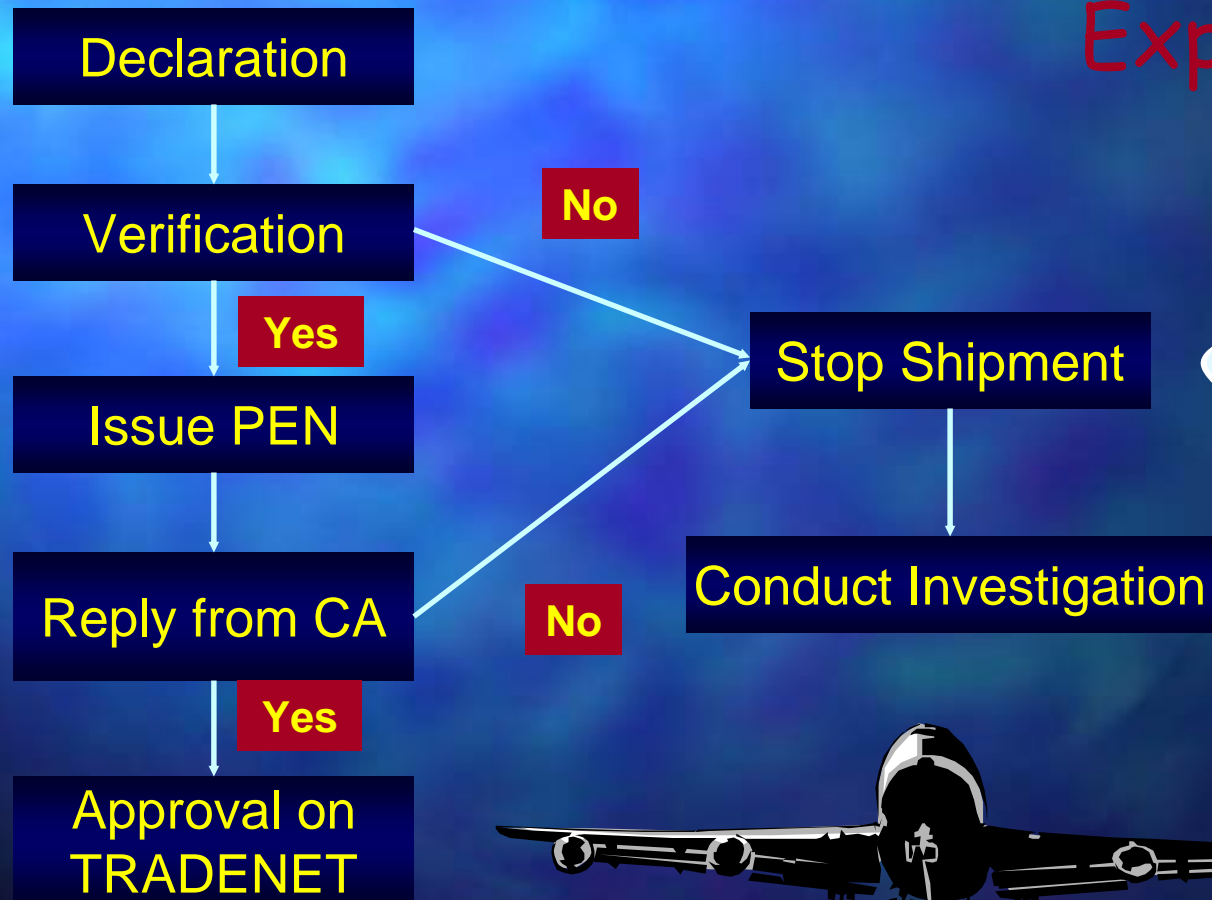
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# PERMIT APPLICATION

- » Declaration Form can be found at CNB Website at <http://www.cnb.gov.sg/precursorControl/index.asp> or at Tradenet
- » One permit for one shipment ONLY
- » Submit 14 working days before date of shipment
- » Applicants to fill it all details correctly
- » Fax to PCU at 62249087 with supporting documents

Outcome will be notified via fax



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- » Via TradeNet
- » To fax in supporting documents
- » For assistance or in doubt please call 65573229 during office hours



# Industrial Awareness

Tell-tale signs of possible diversion

» Point of sale

- Know your customer
- Cash purchases or over counter transactions should be discouraged

» Transportation - Import / Export

- Circuitous transportation routes
- Change ownership before, during or after shipment
- Pilferage, leakages



# FAQS

- » Can I email the declaration form instead of faxing in?

We have started to study into converting to web-based application for permit. In the meantime, please continue to use fax.

- » Can the permit be amended?

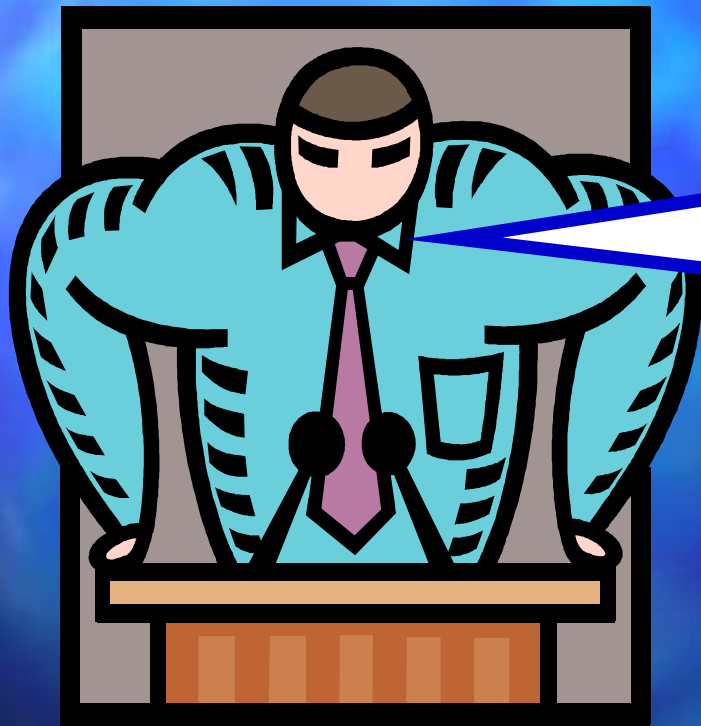
No, unless you have very good reasons. There are fields that we do not allow for amendment, such as type of chemical.



# FAQS

- » Import permit can last for how long?  
We issue IA that covers a period of up to 3 months
- » Any other questions ?





**THANK YOU!**

