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Scheduled Substances

The requirement for Domestic Licensing & Registration only applies to scheduled substances as defined by Article 2(a) of EU Regulation 273/2004, and includes all 24 precursor chemicals listed and all mixtures & natural products containing them.

It excludes

- (a) medicinal products as defined by Directive 2001/83/EC; & veterinary medicinal products as defined by Directive 2001/82/EC
- (b) pharmaceutical preparations, mixtures, natural products & other preparations containing scheduled substances that are compounded in such a way that they cannot be easily used or extracted by readily applicable or economically viable means.

For information covering import/exports of precursor chemicals please see the "Precursor Chemical import and export authorisation wallchart"

Article 12 United Nations (Vienna) Convention 1988; Sect. 13 Criminal Justice International Cooperation Act 1990 & Modification Order 1992

When do I need a domestic precursor Licence or Registration?

		I am using PCs in the UK (Articles 3(2), 3(6) & Article 6 of EU Regulation 273/2004)	I am trading in PCs within the EU (Articles 3(2), 3(6) & Article 6 of EU Regulation 273/2004)	I am trading in PCs outside the EU (Articles 6(1) & 7(1) of EU Regulation 111/2005 & Article 14(1) of EU Regulation 1277/2005)											
				Exporting to non EU countries	Importing for any purpose from non EU countries										
	Chemical	CN Code													
Table 1 of the 1988 Convention	CATEGORY 1	Ephedrine	2939 4100	<p align="center">Domestic License required to undertake any activity with Cat 1 Scheduled Substances</p> <p align="center">including</p> <p>possession, supply (whether for payment or free of charge), storage, manufacture, production, processing, trade, distribution or brokering of these substances for the purpose of supply within the UK and/or within the EU and/or outside of the EU.</p>											
		Ergometrine	2939 6100												
		Ergotamine	2939 6200												
		Lysergic Acid	2939 6300												
		1-phenyl-2-propanone (BMK)	2914 3100												
		Pseudoephedrine	2939 4200												
		N-acetylthranilic acid	2924 2300												
		3-4 Methyleneoxy-Phenylpropan-2-one (PMK)	2932 9200												
		Isosafrole	2932 9100												
		Piperonal	2932 9300												
		Safrole	2932 9400												
Norephedrine	2939 4400														
Table 2 of the 1988 Convention	CATEGORY 2A	Acetic Anhydride	2915 2400	<p align="center">Domestic Registration required to undertake any activities</p> <p align="center">including</p> <p>possession, supply (whether for payment or free of charge), storage, manufacture, production, processing, trade, distribution or brokering of these substances for the purpose of supply both outside of the EU.</p>											
		Potassium Permanganate Phenylacetic Acid	2841 6100 2916 3400	<p align="center">Domestic Registration required to undertake any activities with Category 2 Scheduled Substances, except for: 1) End Users (anyone who possess or stores Cat 2 PCs that are not subsequently supplied to others either as PCs or in products fitting the definition of scheduled substances - see above) and/or 2) Lower volume suppliers (who place on the market, either in the UK or EU, Cat 2 Scheduled Substances whose amounts in a year do not exceed the following)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><i>Potassium Permanganate</i></td> <td><i>100Kg</i></td> <td><i>Phenylacetic Acid</i></td> <td><i>1kg</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Anthranilic Acid</i></td> <td><i>1Kg</i></td> <td><i>Piperidine</i></td> <td><i>0.5Kg</i></td> </tr> </table>		<i>Potassium Permanganate</i>	<i>100Kg</i>	<i>Phenylacetic Acid</i>	<i>1kg</i>	<i>Anthranilic Acid</i>	<i>1Kg</i>	<i>Piperidine</i>	<i>0.5Kg</i>		
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		Acetone Ethyl Ether Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) Toluene Sulphuric Acid Hydrochloric Acid	2914 1100 2909 1100 2914 1200 2902 3000 2807 0000 2806 1000	<p align="center">No Domestic Registration required</p>											
	CATEGORY 3			<p align="center">Domestic Registration required unless:</p> <p>The quantity of Cat 3 Scheduled Substances you export in a calendar year does not exceed these amounts</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><i>Acetone</i></td> <td><i>50kg</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Ethyl Ether</i></td> <td><i>20kg</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK)</i></td> <td><i>50kg</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Toluene</i></td> <td><i>50kg</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Sulphuric Acid</i></td> <td><i>100kg</i></td> </tr> </table>	<i>Acetone</i>	<i>50kg</i>	<i>Ethyl Ether</i>	<i>20kg</i>	<i>Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK)</i>	<i>50kg</i>	<i>Toluene</i>	<i>50kg</i>	<i>Sulphuric Acid</i>	<i>100kg</i>	<p>Domestic Registration not required</p>
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