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With reference to Circular Letter 047/2026 of 26 May 2026, concerning the release of the second edition of the International Monitoring List of Equipment used in the illicit manufacture of drugs (IMLE), the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to a [recommendation issued by the World Customs Organization \(WCO\)](#) on 25 June 2026.

Specifically, WCO recommends the creation of national subheadings beyond the six-digit Harmonized System (HS) level under the current 2022 edition of the HS nomenclature. The creation of these subheadings would serve as interim measure to enhance the monitoring of global trade in certain precursor chemicals and equipment that may be used in the illicit manufacture of drugs, before the amendments to the Harmonized System will formally enter into force on 1 January 2028

Further information is also available at the [WCO web site](#).

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