System requirements

The system requires an internet connection and is optimized for newer web browsers, such as Internet Explorer (8.0 or higher), Firefox (3.6 or higher), or Google Chrome (6.0 or higher). The platform currently operates in the English language and is continuously being enhanced with new features and functionality.

Need more information?

Launched in March 2012, all Governments have been invited to nominate users. If your agency would like to be granted access to PICS, please contact your competent national authority to initiate the rapid approval process or email us your first and last name, your organization’s name, your email address, and telephone number to: incb.pics@un.org
The Precursors Incident Communication System (PICS) is the INCB’s secure online tool to enhance real-time communication and information sharing between national authorities on precursor incidents. PICS users have access to real-time data to assist with investigations of incidents related to precursors chemicals and will be able to quickly identify emerging diversion patterns of these chemicals.

For whom is PICS designed?

Regulatory and law enforcement authorities, at the national level and worldwide, involved in preventing diversion of precursors chemicals used in the illicit manufacture of drugs. Different security levels in the system allows for access to varying levels of incident details.

What can PICS do?

With easy-to-use queries, accessing precursor incident data and information communicated by governments, international and regional organizations, obtained via INCB-led initiatives Project PRISM and Project COHESION, or the media, is fast and simple.

How can PICS help you work?

- Provides users with detailed real-time information on precursor incidents worldwide, at no charge to governments;
- Provides contact details of the information owner to facilitate direct contact and the launching of bilateral/ regional investigations into seizures and identified cases of diversion;
- Allows for both structured reports and “Google”-type searches enabling instant access to individual incidents and aggregated statistics;
- Allows for the sharing of additional information such as photographs, shipping documents and other files that can be useful during an investigation.

Automated alerts!

Using a fully customizable messaging system, PICS automatically alerts you via email about new incidents such as seizures, shipments stopped in transit, diversions and diversion attempts, illicit laboratories and associated equipment, that are of interest to you.