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NOTE

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General

Please indicate whether Estonia has a current national Drugs Strategy and/or Action Plan.

The National Drug Abuse Prevention Strategy up to 2012 and Action Plan 2004, approved on 22 April 2004 by decision, recorded in the minutes, of the session of the Government of the Republic.

Please indicate the number of personnel in the Estonian police involved in combating drug production and trafficking and please give a brief indication of how they are deployed, e.g., national drugs unit, regional drug units, mobile units, and surveillance units.

The numbers are 16 for the Central Criminal Police, 17 for the Ida Police Prefecture, 19 for the Lõuna Police Prefecture, 7 for the Lääne Police Prefecture, 33 for the Põhja Police Prefecture—a total of 92.

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Following reform in 2004, investigators and surveillance officers work together in specialized narcotics police units in each prefecture (the internal specialization is in investigation, surveillance and analysis).

Question 125 (f)

Please indicate when the work on the electronic forwarding of flight lists to the TCB will be completed and please indicate whether supplemental agreements have been signed with airline companies with the goal of guaranteeing the transmission of information to TCB information and investigative structures.

Information on regular scheduled flights is to this point not available electronically, but there is a certain amount of cooperation. Airline companies have been contacted with propositions to conclude contracts but no responses have been forthcoming. To plan further activity, we will have to await for implementation of directive 2004/82.

Question 126 (a)

Please provide brief details of any joint working teams or joint operations to combat drug production and trafficking established between the police and customs administration of Estonia since 2003.

Please provide brief details of any joint investigations and operations in relation to combating drug production and trafficking between law enforcement agencies of Estonia and foreign law enforcement agencies since 2003.

International controlled deliveries 2003-2005:

On 2004 controlled delivery from Germany to Estonia. Law enforcement agencies from Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia were involved.

On 2005 controlled delivery from Peru to Estonia. Law enforcement agencies from Israel, Peru, the US (DEA), Germany, Sweden and Estonia were involved. 43.6 kg of cocaine was seized.

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Question 126 (c)

Please indicate whether the Estonian police have a liaison officer based in Europol as well as the Estonian customs service.

Estonian police has a liaison officer at Europol since June 2002. Our Tax and Customs Board joined the Liaison Bureau in summer 2005.

Question 126 (f)

Please indicate the number of controlled deliveries between 2003-2005 and which were national and which were international. Please indicate the national and foreign law enforcement agencies involved in these deliveries.

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Question 127 (f)

Please indicate whether a police officer is in the hospital with a suspect and provide a brief description of the role of this officer in the event of a detection of drugs.

Police officers escort suspects to a medical institution for medical examinations and to establish intoxication from drugs. At the medical facility, the police officer fills out a referral form. On the basis of the referral, the physician performs an examination and urinalysis or blood tests to establish drug intoxication or absence thereof.

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Question 129

Please indicate whether any illicit laboratories producing amphetamine, methamphetamine or other amphetamine type stimulants have been dismantled in Estonia since 2003. If so, please indicate the number of illicit laboratories dismantled in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Number of drug labs detected

Year

2005: 4 (producing MDMA, amphetamine, methamphetamine and ecstasy).

2004: 3 (MDMA, amphetamine and ecstasy)

2003: 4 (2 of them producing amphetamine and 2 ecstasy)

For the years 2003-2004 please provide brief details of all drug cases listed i.e. drug quantity seized in each case.

In 2004 there were 1,099 drug related criminal cases. Seized (grams): Amphetamine 53,744; Bensodiazepines 1197.8; Fentanyles 127.8; GHB 8121.4; Cannabis products 94,053; Marijuana 1046.1; Heroin 163,4; Opium poppy products 118,148.6; Cocaine 5,221; MDMA 80,669.8; Precursors-1 38.2; Precursors-2 97,797.

2003 saw the confiscation of 100 kg of amphetamines, over 11,000 ecstasy tablets and over 150 liters of illegal precursors from which an additional 3 million ecstasy tablets could have been produced. There is a lack of more detailed data.