

## **Scope of the Member State mechanism**

### **Mapping document: report by the Secretariat**

1. This document has been compiled at the request of Member States with the aim of establishing which international organizations are currently active in the field of substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products.
2. The document does not include national initiatives or those undertaken by private sector or nongovernmental organizations, of which there are many. It is restricted to those international and regional economic organizations that are currently active or that have been active within the last two years.
3. The content is drawn from publicly available material. Where they were available, references to the source of the information are included.
4. Many meetings, conferences, workshops and initiatives are held in all regions. WHO is engaged in some of these initiatives, but not all. It is anticipated that the SSFFC Member State mechanism will need to undertake a more detailed mapping in order to avoid duplication of effort and overlap between initiatives.



No.	Organization	Focus	Membership	Function	SSFFC-related activity
<b>United Nations and its specialized agencies</b>					
1.	UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) <sup>1</sup>	International crime	—	Mandated to assist intergovernmental, governmental and nongovernmental organizations in formulating and implementing improved policies in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently conducting analysis of the strategies of criminal organizations engaged in counterfeiting medicine and the improvement of communication between the public and private sector</li> </ul>
2.	UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) <sup>2</sup>	International crime	—	Mandated to assist governments with issues relating to drugs, crime and terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently drafting a strategy to tackle “fraudulent medicine” expected to be published in 2013</li> </ul>
3.	World Health Organization (WHO) <sup>3</sup>	Health	194 Member States	The directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSFFC Global Surveillance and Monitoring Project</li> <li>Capacity building within national medicines regulatory authorities</li> <li>Capacity building within quality assurance laboratories</li> <li>Pharmacovigilance research</li> <li>Norms and standards for medical products</li> <li>Terminology and classifications</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> <http://counterfeiting.unicri.it/>.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.unodc.org/documents/commissions/CCPCJ\\_session21/CRP2/ECN152012\\_CRP4\\_e\\_V12525921.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/documents/commissions/CCPCJ_session21/CRP2/ECN152012_CRP4_e_V12525921.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs275/en/>.

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4.	• AMRO/PAHO Pan American Network for Drug Regulatory Harmonization (PANDRH) <sup>1</sup>		35 Member States	An initiative of the national regulatory authorities within the region and PAHO, that supports the processes of regulatory harmonization in the Americas; it has established a working group for the Prevention and Combatting of Medicines Counterfeiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote, facilitate and motivate implementation of proactive strategies for preventing and fighting medicines counterfeiting</li> <li>• Review and modernization of legislation</li> <li>• Exchange of information</li> <li>• The development of integrated control systems with related areas</li> </ul>
5.	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	IPR	185 Member States	Promotes innovation and creativity for the economic, social and cultural development of all countries through a balanced and effective international intellectual property system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holds conferences and round tables bringing together international organizations and nongovernmental organizations seeking to address counterfeit medicine</li> </ul>
<b>Intergovernmental organizations including United Nations related organizations</b>					
6.	Council of Europe, European Directorate for the quality of medicine and healthcare (EDQM) <sup>2</sup>	Human rights, health	47 Member States + observers	EDQM is a directorate within the Council of Europe that protects public health by enabling the development, supporting the implementation, and monitoring the application of quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption and opening for signature of the Medicrime Convention</li> <li>• Single points of contact network</li> <li>• Delivery of training to police, customs and regulators</li> <li>• Research into harm caused by counterfeit medicine</li> <li>• Coordination of laboratory network</li> <li>• Development of track and trace management system</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> [http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?cx=014283770845240200164%3Aprvkaxcnku0&searchword=counterfeit+medicine&q=counterfeit+medicine&sa=Search...&cof=FORID%3A0&searchphrase=all&ie=iso-8859-1&scope=on&option=com\\_search&Itemid=1#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=counterfeit%20medicine&gsc.page=1](http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?cx=014283770845240200164%3Aprvkaxcnku0&searchword=counterfeit+medicine&q=counterfeit+medicine&sa=Search...&cof=FORID%3A0&searchphrase=all&ie=iso-8859-1&scope=on&option=com_search&Itemid=1#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=counterfeit%20medicine&gsc.page=1).

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.edqm.eu/en/minimising-risks-posed-by-counterfeiting-1189.html>.

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7.	World Trade Organization (WTO) <sup>1</sup>	International Trade	155 Members	Administers WTO trade agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deals with “counterfeit” pharmaceuticals in relation to TRIPS Agreement</li> </ul>
8.	ICPO INTERPOL <sup>2</sup>	International law enforcement	190 Member States	International police organization facilitating cross-border cooperation to prevent or combat international crime, with a dedicated Medical Product Counterfeiting and Pharmaceutical Crime Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordination of international operational activity</li> <li>Delivery of training to police, customs and regulatory authorities</li> <li>Awareness raising amongst consumers and other stakeholders</li> <li>Analysis of criminal networks</li> </ul>
<b>Regional, including regional economic integration organizations</b>					
9.	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation(APEC) <sup>3</sup>	Economic and social development	21 Member States	To support sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region; the APEC Life Sciences Innovation Forum have published a Counterfeit Medicines Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of a drug safety detection technologies guidance document</li> <li>Public awareness campaigns</li> <li>Strategies to prevent the illegal internet supply of counterfeit medicines</li> <li>The dissemination of drug safety good distribution practices</li> </ul>
10.	Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)	Economic and social development	10 Member States	To foster economic growth, social progress and cultural development throughout south-east Asian countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement of pharmaceutical management</li> <li>Delivery of training</li> <li>Information sharing</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.wto.org/english/thewto\\_e/whatis\\_e/what\\_we\\_do\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/what_we_do_e.htm).

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.interpol.int/Crime-areas/Pharmaceutical-crime/Pharmaceutical-crime>.

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.apec.org/Groups/Committee-on-Trade-and-Investment/Life-Sciences-Innovation-Forum.aspx>.

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11.	European Union (EU) <sup>1</sup>	Economic and social development	27 Member States	A regional and economic integration organization between 27 European countries; it has recently passed the Falsified Medicines Directive that will come into force in January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the supply chain through new legislation</li> <li>• The EU also supports a number of training and research initiatives involving regulators, police and customs</li> </ul>
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Heads of Medicines Agencies Working Group of Enforcement Officers (WGEO)</li> </ul>	Health	27 Member States + observers and stakeholders	The working group focuses on human and veterinary medicine at a technical level, and comprises national drug regulatory authorities and law enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Falsified medicines research</li> <li>• Illegal Internet supply strategies</li> <li>• Delivery of specialist training</li> <li>• Supply chain integrity</li> <li>• Falsified active pharmaceutical ingredients</li> </ul>
13.	Permanent Forum on International Pharmaceutical Crime (PFIPC) <sup>2</sup>	Health	15 Member States + stakeholders	An international enforcement forum aimed at protecting public health, comprising of technical experts from national medicines regulatory agencies and law enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational activity</li> <li>• Information sharing</li> <li>• Delivery of training</li> <li>• Development of investigative tools</li> </ul>
14.	West African Health Organization (WAHO) <sup>3</sup>	Health	15 Member States	As a specialist agency under the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), WAHO undertakes a wide range of health-related activities including a medicines and vaccines programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted the Ouagadougou round table meeting in September 2011 and developed the comprehensive Joint Action Plan against Fake Medicine in West Africa</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/health/human-use/falsified\\_medicines/index\\_en.htm#geninf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/human-use/falsified_medicines/index_en.htm#geninf).

<sup>2</sup> <http://pfipc.org/>.

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/IMG/pdf/General\\_Report\\_Ouagadougou\\_Round\\_Table-En\\_cle4746d9.pdf](http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/IMG/pdf/General_Report_Ouagadougou_Round_Table-En_cle4746d9.pdf)