



U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Private Sector Advisory

Are you an online retailer of Precursor Chemicals?

Products available for online purchase can contain chemicals that in high concentration or when blended with other chemicals may become hazardous and unstable. Be advised when processing such orders these products have been used for illicit and terrorist purposes.

What Are Common Examples?

Chemical

Common Usage

Ammonium Nitrate.....	Fertilizer
Hydrogen Peroxide.....	Hair Developer, Pool Sanitizers
Acetone.....	Solvents, Nail Polish Remover
Nitromethane.....	Fuel, stabilizer
Sodium Nitrate.....	Fertilizer, precursor to gunpowder
Potassium Nitrate.....	Fertilizer, rocket propellant, fireworks
Urea.....	Fertilizer
Potassium Chlorate.....	Disinfectant, safety matches, fireworks
Sodium Chlorate.....	Herbicide
Potassium Perchlorate..	Fireworks, propellants
Nitric Acid.....	Fertilizer
Aluminum Powder.....	Fireworks, carpentry



Suspicious Orders?

- ☒ Item does not correspond with customer's line of business
- ☒ Final consignee has no apparent connection to the purchaser
- ☒ Customer declines follow-up services
- ☒ A freight forwarding firm or other third party is listed as final destination

How Can You Help?

- ☒ Recognize hazardous chemicals in your product inventory
- ☒ Categorize chemicals into risk categories based on potential for illicit use
- ☒ Report suspicious or unusual purchases to management and authorities



Concerned? Contact local authorities for more information:

Local Police: _____

Local FBI Office: _____