

FinCEN Issued Advisory on Illegal Fentanyl Production



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SUMMARY

- FinCEN issued an advisory on trends in the illicit fentanyl supply chain, focusing on chemicals and equipment used.
- The advisory lists procurement typologies and red flags for reporting suspicious transactions.

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KEY RED FLAGS

- Low-value payments to chemical/pharmaceutical beneficiaries in the PRC or Hong Kong without a legitimate purpose.
- Chemical/pharmaceutical companies in the PRC or Hong Kong with residential addresses, shared addresses, or signs of being shell companies.
- Vendors on e-commerce or the Darknet selling fentanyl precursor chemicals and equipment.

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