

Miaow Miaow
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TITLES can sometimes be misleading, and this is very true about this Article. The author is helpless, it was not his choice, to name a Narcotic drug, after the innocent sound made by cats.

Originally, cat's meow meant someone or something excellent, first rate or remarkable. Introduced in the early 1900's this was among the most popular fad expression of the Roaring 20's. It is rarely used now.

The Chinese have chosen this sound-byte, as the name of a synthetic drug, manufactured by them.

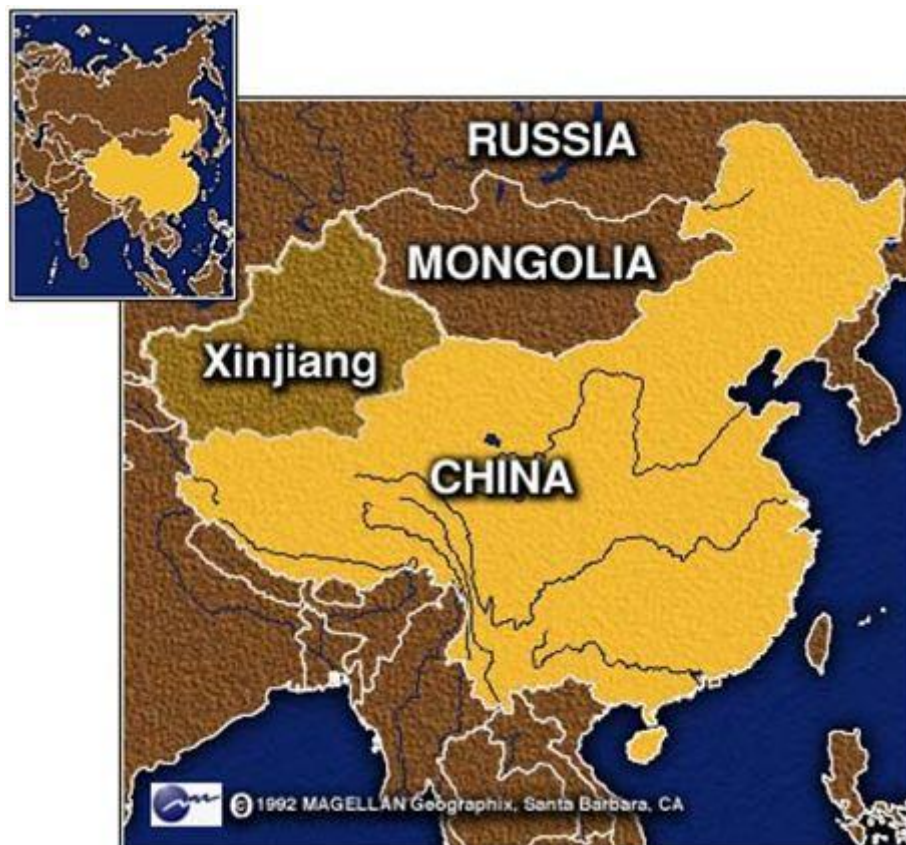


Miaow Miaow is a synthetic stimulant and the slang name for Mephedrone, also known as 4-methylmethcathinone (4-MMC) or 4-methylephedrone, a synthetic stimulant and entactogen drug of the amphetamine and cathinone classes. Mephedrone was first synthesized in 1929 but did not become widely known until it was rediscovered in 2003. By 2007 mephedrone was reported to be available for sale on the internet, by 2008 law enforcement agencies had become aware of the compound, and by 2010 it was widely known in most of Europe, becoming particularly prevalent in the United Kingdom. Mephedrone was first made illegal in Israel in 2008, followed by Sweden later that year. In 2010 it was made illegal in many European countries and in December 2010, the EU ruled it illegal across Europe. In Australia, New Zealand, and the USA it is considered an analog of other illegal drugs and can be controlled by laws similar to the Federal Analog Act. In the USA, this only applies if the drug is sold for human consumption, allowing it to be sold legally if labeled as 'plant food' or 'bath salts'. Hence, it is marketed as a plant fertilizer, in U.S.A.

Miaow-Miaow is similar to other stimulants – such as cocaine, amphetamine and MDMA – and generates a feeling of heightened alertness and euphoria when taken. But, its unpleasant side effects include anxiety, paranoia and a risk of seizures. Doctors have reported that patients who have taken the drug, develop with high blood pressure and an unnaturally fast heart rate. It has also been said to cause nose bleeds, vomiting, hallucinations and blood circulation problems.

A drug known as 'ivory wave' seems to be replacing mephedrone or 'miaow miaow'. The new drug also known as 'purple wave', 'ivory coast' or 'vanilla sky', is growing in popularity and had already been implicated in deaths and illness across the UK. It is usually sold online as "bath salts" in packets between 200 and 500 mg. It can be snorted or swallowed. 'Ivory wave' contains stimulant methylenedioxypropylamphetamine (MDPV) and the anaesthetic lignocaine.

The manufacture of Miaow-Miaow by the Chinese should be a cause of grave concern. Though, China has an anti-drug force of approximately 17,000 members, the trafficking from Central Asia, Afghanistan, Pakistan into China is escalating. Most of the drugs smuggled from Middle Asia pass through Xinjiang on their way to the underground markets in Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Beijing. Xinjiang's border stretches for a few thousand kilometers, covering 8 countries, and guarded by only 17 Land Customs points.



The Golden Crescent adjoins the Xinjiang border, where Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran meet. China, is a major source of Precursor chemicals and also a leading exporter of bulk Ephedrine. It also has a significant MDMA production trafficking and consumption problem. China, also, is the second largest producer of Potassium Permanganate in the world.

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