

## DEFINITIONS

**Table 1A: Illegal entries between border crossing points**

The number of third-country nationals detected by Member State authorities when entering or attempting to enter illegally the territory **between border crossing points (BCPs)** at external borders. Detections during hot pursuits at the immediate vicinity of the border have to be included. Where possible, detections should be reported by purpose of the illegal border-crossing: irregular migration, smuggling and other. If this information is not available, the relevant cell should be left blank.

The purpose of "**irregular migration**" should be chosen when it is believed that the detected person entered or attempted to enter illegally with the intention of irregularly migrating towards the EU.

The purpose of "**smuggling**" should be chosen when it is believed that the detected person entered or attempted to enter illegally with the intention of smuggling excise goods (cigarettes, alcohol, luxury goods, fuel, etc.), contraband (drugs, weapons, explosives, etc.) or smuggling of other illegal items such as stolen vehicles. Cases are reported under "smuggling" only if the persons detected did not intend to irregularly migrate towards the EU.

The purpose of "**others**" should be chosen when it is believed that the detected person entered or attempted to enter illegally without either of the intentions above. This would include such activities as fishing, visiting relatives, scavenging, wanderings and other unintentional border crossing. Cases are reported under "others" only if the persons detected were not "smuggling" and did not intend to irregularly migrate towards the EU.