

II. TRENDS IN FIREARMS SMUGGLING

Japan Customs has been conducting Customs controls at the border, together with relevant regulatory bodies, in order to prevent firearms from entering Japan. Seizures of smuggled firearms by Customs have been as indicated in the following table.

Seizures of smuggled firearms during the past 5 years

Type \ Year		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Guns	cases	7	8	—	3	1
	guns	19	10	—	3	1
Parts of firearms	cases	3	1	—	—	1
	pieces	4	1	—	—	1

(Note) Figures for 2021 are provisional.

< Major seizures of smuggled firearms >

In January 2017, Osaka Customs found and seized one gun concealed in international mail arrived from Germany.



In February 2018, Okinawa Regional Customs found and seized one gun concealed within a yacht.



In June 2021, Yokohama Customs found and seized one firearms part concealed in international mail from the United States.

