

II. SIGNIFICANT INTERDICTIONS IN 2008

1. Interdiction Cases by Substance Type

(1) Stimulants

[Interdiction of a large amount of stimulants concealed in a ship by crew members]

In November 2008, Moji, Tokyo, Kobe, Yokohama, Osaka and Nagoya customs interdicted about 300 kg of stimulants from a Sierra Leone-flagged cargo ship arriving in Moji Port, Kitakyushu City, in a joint search with the police, the Japan Coast Guard and the Narcotics Control Department.



[Interdiction of stimulants concealed in air passenger's personal effects]

In April 2008, Osaka Customs interdicted about 7 kg of stimulants hidden in the false top and bottom of a suitcase carried by a female Canadian passenger arriving at Kansai International Airport from Canada when inspecting her personal effects brought into Japan.



[Interdiction of stimulants concealed in air passenger's body]

In October 2008, Osaka Customs interdicted about 250 g of stimulants concealed in the body of a female South African passenger arriving at Kansai International Airport from South Africa via Qatar when inspecting her personal effects brought into Japan.



(2) Cannabis

[Interdiction of herbal cannabis concealed in air passengers' accompanied personal effects]

In February 2008, Osaka Customs interdicted about 13 kg of herbal cannabis hidden in a suitcase carried by a male Australian passenger arriving at Kansai International Airport from South Africa via UAE when inspecting his personal effects brought into Japan.



[Interdiction of cannabis resin concealed in air cargoes]

In July 2008, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 13 kg of cannabis resin hidden in import cargoes (silk lama hats) arriving at Narita International Airport from Nepal when conducting an import inspection of SP cargoes.



(For reference) [First interdiction of cannabis seeds concealed around air passenger's body]

In February 2008, Nagoya Customs interdicted about 1,000 cannabis seeds concealed around the body of a female Japanese passenger arriving at Chubu International Airport from the Netherlands when inspecting her personal effects brought into Japan, and charged her with a violation of the Customs Law (the offense of import without permission) for the first time.



(3) MDMA

[Interdiction of MDMA concealed in air passengers' accompanied personal effects]

In April 2008, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 90,000 MDMA tablets hidden in the false top and bottom of suitcases carried by three male Israeli passengers arriving at Narita International Airport from the Netherlands when inspecting their personal effects brought into Japan.



[Interdiction of MDMA swallowed by an air passenger]

In May 2008, Nagoya Customs interdicted about 1,500 MDMA tablets swallowed by a male Nigerian passenger arriving at Chubu International Airport from the Netherlands when inspecting his personal effects brought into Japan.



(4) Cocaine

[Interdiction of cocaine swallowed by an air passenger]

In May 2008, Nagoya Customs interdicted about 700 g of cocaine swallowed by a male Nigerian passenger arriving at Chubu International Airport from UAE when inspecting his personal effects brought into Japan.



(5) Firearms

[Interdiction of a gun hidden in military mail]

In August 2008, Okinawa Customs interdicted one gun hidden in a mail package when conducting an import inspection of nonpublic military mail arriving from the United States.



2. Interdiction Cases at Local Port

In 2008, Customs interdicted the smuggling cases of stimulants and other contraband goods one after another in their efforts to control the crew members and foreign cargoes of cargo ships arriving in local ports and passengers arriving at local airports.

[First interdiction of stimulants at Takamatsu Port, Kagawa]

In March 2008, Kobe Customs interdicted about 1 kg of stimulants concealed in a wearing cloth by a Chinese crew member of a Chinese-flagged ship arriving in Takamatsu Port, Kagawa from China.



[First interdiction of raw materials for stimulants at Matsuyama Airport, Ehime]

In December 2008, Kobe Customs interdicted about 3 kg of raw materials for stimulants hidden in the false top and bottom of a suitcase carried by a female Singaporean passenger arriving at Matsuyama Airport, Ehime from Cambodia via South Korea when inspecting her personal effects brought into Japan.

