

II. SIGNIFICANT INTERDICTIONS IN 2009

1. Interdiction Cases by Substance Type

(1) Stimulants

[Formal charges brought in a case in which a fishing boat was used to smuggle a massive quantity of stimulants]

In March 2009, Kobe, Tokyo, and Osaka Customs, in cooperation with the relevant authorities, brought charges of stimulant smuggling against nine Chinese nationals who used a fishing boat to discharge about 120 kg of stimulants to the fishing port of Shiina in Muroto City, Kochi Prefecture.



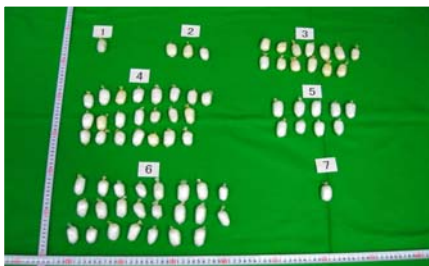
[Interdiction of stimulants concealed in EMS mail]

In November 2009, Osaka Customs interdicted about 8 kg of stimulants concealed in tea bags while inspecting EMS mail arriving from Hong Kong.



[Interdiction of stimulants concealed in and on air passengers' bodies]

In July 2009, Moji Customs interdicted about 1.2 kg of stimulants concealed in the shoe soles and bodies of four Japanese men arriving at Fukuoka Airport from Thailand via Taiwan when inspecting their personal effects.



[Interdiction of stimulants disguised by an air passenger as souvenirs]

In February 2009, Osaka Customs interdicted about 1 kg of stimulants disguised as chocolates when inspecting the personal effects of an Austrian woman arriving at Kansai International Airport from Thailand.



(2) Cannabis

[Interdiction of herbal cannabis concealed in an air passenger's personal effects]

In February 2009, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 4 kg of herbal cannabis concealed in the false top and bottom of a suitcase carried by a Lesothian woman arriving at Narita International Airport from South Africa via Egypt when inspecting her personal effects.



[Interdiction of cannabis resin concealed in EMS mail]

In July 2009, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 1.2 kg of cannabis resin concealed in the top panel of a wooden table when conducting an import inspection of EMS mail arriving from India



(3) MDMA

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

In October 2009, Osaka Customs interdicted about 24,000 MDMA tablets concealed in the false top and bottom of a carry-on bag brought by a Canadian man arriving at Kansai International Airport from Canada when inspecting his personal effects



(4) Cocaine

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

In July 2009, Osaka Customs interdicted about 2.5 kg of cocaine concealed in a shoulder bag carried by a French man arriving at Kansai International Airport from Brazil via the UAE when inspecting his personal effects



2. Interdiction Cases of Newly Designated Narcotics

In 2009, there were many smuggling cases involving the interdiction of newly designated narcotics, such as 3CPP (designated on October 13, 2006), TFMPP (designated on October 18, 2003) and methylone (designated on February 3, 2007). These smuggling cases contributed to the increase in interdicted narcotics smuggling cases to 93 (double the previous year), a significant increase.

[Interdiction of narcotic tablets concealed in an air passenger's personal effects]

In March 2009, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 20,000 3CPP tablets concealed in the false top and bottom of a suitcase carried by a Dutch woman arriving at Narita International Airport from Belgium via Switzerland when inspecting her personal effects.



[Interdiction of narcotic tablets concealed in an air passenger's personal effects]

In November 2009, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 5,000 TFMPP tablets concealed in tea bags in a suitcase carried by a Chinese man arriving at Narita International Airport from Hong Kong when inspecting his personal effects.



[Interdiction of narcotic tablets concealed in international mail]

In April 2009, Tokyo Customs interdicted 34 methylone and other narcotic tablets concealed in mail when conducting an import inspection of international mail arriving from the U.K.



3. Interdiction Cases at Local Ports

In 2009, through efforts to control the crewmembers of cargo ships arriving in local ports and passengers arriving at local airports, Customs interdicted stimulants in smuggling cases one after another.

[First interdiction of stimulants at Fukushima Airport]

In February 2009, Yokohama Customs interdicted about 1 kg of stimulants concealed in the false top and bottom of a suitcase carried by a Japanese man arriving at Fukushima Airport from Singapore via South Korea when inspecting his personal effects.



[First interdiction of stimulants at Fushiki Port, Toyama]

In February 2009, Osaka Customs interdicted about 3 kg of stimulants concealed in the false top and bottom of a suitcase carried by a Russian man arriving at Fushiki Port, Toyama from Russia when inspecting his personal effects.



[First interdiction of stimulants at Otaru Port, Hokkaido]

In November 2009, Hakodate Customs, in cooperation with the relevant authorities, interdicted stimulants from a Russian crewmember of a Russian-registered cargo ship arriving in Otaru Port, Hokkaido from Russia. He had concealed about 1.1 kg of stimulants around his body and about 1.9 kg of stimulants in his cabin.



[Interdiction of stimulants at Naha Airport]

In December 2009, Okinawa Customs interdicted about 700 g of stimulants wrapped around the body of a Japanese man arriving at Naha Airport from Taiwan when inspecting his personal effects.

