

II. SIGNIFICANT INTERDICTIONS IN 2010

1. Interdiction Cases by Substance Type

(1) Stimulants

[Interdiction of stimulants disguised as bean-paste filling of Chinese dumplings]

In January 2010, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 2 kg of stimulants concealed inside Chinese dumplings while inspecting the personal effects of a Taiwanese woman arriving at Narita International Airport from Taiwan.



[Interdiction of attempted smuggling by an elderly woman]

In October 2010, Osaka Customs interdicted about 4 kg of stimulants concealed inside a suitcase while inspecting the personal effects of a Japanese woman (aged 71 years) returning to Kansai International Airport from Egypt via Qatar.



[Interdiction of a record amount of stimulants concealed inside the body]

In May 2010, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 1.3 kg of stimulants bodypacked while inspecting the personal effects of a Nigerian man residing in Japan who arrived at Narita International Airport from Nigeria via Egypt.



[Interdiction of stimulants hidden inside air cargo from Benin]

In October 2010, Tokyo Customs interdicted a total of about 20 kg of stimulants concealed inside 399 dumplings while inspecting air cargo arriving from Benin.



[Interdiction of attempted smuggling of stimulants by an air passenger from Nigeria]

In October 2010, Osaka Customs interdicted about 6.6 kg of stimulants concealed inside metal machinery parts while inspecting the personal effects of a Nigerian man, who was residing in Japan and arrived at Kansai International Airport from Nigeria via France.



[First interdiction of stimulants at Hiroshima Airport]

In September 2010, Kobe Customs interdicted about 2 kg of stimulants concealed inside a suitcase while inspecting the personal effects of a German man arriving at Hiroshima Airport from UAE via South Korea.



[First interdiction of stimulants at Toyama Airport]

In April 2010, Osaka Customs interdicted about 500 g of stimulants wrapped around the body of a Taiwanese man while inspecting the personal effects of a Taiwanese couple arriving at Toyama Airport from Taiwan.



[First interdiction of stimulants at the Port of Muroran]

In November 2010, Hakodate Customs interdicted about 5 kg of stimulants concealed about the person of a Chinese crewmember arriving at the Port of Muroran from China on board a Singaporean cargo vessel.



(2) Cannabis

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

In January 2010, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 500 g of herbal cannabis concealed in a box of sweets while inspecting the personal effects of a Japanese man returning to Narita International Airport from Germany.



[Interdiction of cannabis resin concealed inside a small express-air package]

In March 2010, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 3 kg of cannabis resin concealed inside the outer four sides of the cardboard packaging while conducting an import inspection of a small express-air package arriving from Nepal.



(3) Other Illicit Drugs

- Cocaine

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

In January 2010, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 1 kg of cocaine concealed inside a false compartment of a suitcase while inspecting the personal effects of a Mexican man arriving at Narita International Airport from Mexico.



- Opium/LSD

[Interdiction of opium and LSD concealed in an air passenger's personal effects]

In June 2010, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 3 kg of opium and 10,000 doses of LSD concealed inside a false compartment of a suitcase while inspecting the personal effects of a Latvian woman arriving at Narita International Airport from Germany.



- Ketamine

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

In September 2010, Tokyo Customs interdicted about 3 kg of ketamine concealed inside a cardboard package of powdered-drink mix while inspecting the personal effects of a Japanese man returning to Narita International Airport from Malaysia.

