

REFERENCE DATA

1. Major Interdiction Cases of Illicit Drugs and Firearms (Top Three Cases)

Illegal item	Date of interdiction	Customs	Quantity	Source	Case overview
Stimulants	October 3, 1999	Moji Nagasaki Tokyo	564.6 kg	North Korea	Interdicted stimulants in cooperation with the police and the Japan Coast Guard when a fishing boat of Taiwanese registry transhipped stimulants on the ocean and unloaded them onto the coast in Kagoshima Prefecture.
	July 11, 1996 July 16, 1996	Yokohama	527.7 kg (249.0kg seized on July 11) (278.7kg seized on July 16)	China	Interdicted about 249 kg of stimulants hidden in 23 cans among 3,360 cans of boiled bamboo shoots that had been imported via sea container, as well as about 279 kg of stimulants found at the residence of a Chinese suspect.
	August 19, 1998	Tokyo	301.5 kg	Hong Kong	Interdicted stimulants hidden in the props and arms of 35 large machine tools that were handled as commercial cargo.
	April 15, 1993 June 8, 1999 February 2, 2001	Osaka Nagoya Yokohama	426.5 kg 420.7 kg 393.7 kg	Cambodia Philippines Philippines	Interdicted herbal cannabis hidden inside pillars connecting the upper and lower portions of 80 wooden palettes that had been handled as sea container cargo. Interdicted herbal cannabis hidden in the guise of round stones made of inorganic cement inside 126 bags of round stones that were part of 800 bags of round stones handled as sea container cargo. Interdicted herbal cannabis hidden in 103 cases of canned beer, part of 800 cases shipped as sea container cargo.
Cannabis resin	December 11, 2002 December 14, 2002	Tokyo	147.3 kg (51.6 kg seized on Dec. 11) (95.7 kg seized on Dec. 14)	Nepal	Interdicted cannabis resin hidden between false pages of calendars (1,650 pages) sent as air cargo. Further interdicted a greater volume of cannabis resin through the subsequent search into the house of the suspect.
	October 9, 1998	Yokohama	96.7 kg	Indonesia	Interdicted cannabis resin scattered and hidden in 31 pieces of wooden furniture that were part of 127 pieces of furniture handled as commercial cargo.
	July 16, 2004	Tokyo	59.5 kg	Hong Kong	Interdicted cannabis resin packed in suitcases and then concealed in a freezer, sent in a sea container as an industrial freezer.
	February 4, 1989 December 21, 2002 August 11, 1988	Tokyo Tokyo Tokyo	20.6 kg 16.7 kg 8.0 kg	Thailand Laos Pakistan	Interdicted heroin hidden in the double bottom of a large carry-on bag that was carried by an air passenger. Interdicted heroin concealed in tea cans in the baggage of an airline passenger (transit passenger to Australia). Interdicted heroin concealed in the false bottom of the suitcases carried by two air passengers.
Cocaine	August 25, 2004	Nagoya	44.0 kg	Columbia	Interdicted cocaine concealed in empty gas cylinders on inspecting a ship officer's consignment on a freezer cargo ship.
	May 15, 1990	Tokyo Yokohama	33.4 kg	Columbia	Interdicted cocaine hidden in a duct in the engine room of a cargo boat.
	October 24, 2004	Tokyo	28.0 kg	Mexico	Interdicted cocaine concealed inside a coil of rope on inspecting an SP cargo.
Opium	September 19, 2006	Tokyo	14.9 kg	Turkey	Interdicted opium concealed in the false top and bottom of a suitcase carried by an air passenger.
	February 4, 1998	Osaka	8.8 kg	Unknown	Interdicted opium hidden in Boston bags that were unloaded by a ship of Russian registry.
	August 10, 1992 August 18, 1992	Tokyo	8.7 kg (2.7 kg seized on Aug. 10) (6.0 kg seized on Aug. 18)	Indonesia	Interdicted opium hidden in the double bottom of a suitcase carried by an air passenger. Also interdicted opium hidden in a coin locker for which the same passenger held the key.
	August 1, 2007 October 20, 2007 April 3, 2008	Osaka Moji Tokyo	688,000 Tablets 146,760 Tablets 90,537 Tablets	Canada Netherlands Netherlands	Interdicted MDMA concealed in lumber as sea container cargo. Interdicted MDMA hidden in the spiral mixer (spiral agitator) that was handled as air cargo. Interdicted MDMA hidden in the double bottom of suitcases that were carried by three air passengers.
Psychotropics	September 12, 1994	Tokyo	41,795 Tablets	Thailand	Interdicted psychotropics hidden in the double bottom of a carry-on bag held by an air passenger. (Ingredient: triazolam)
	December 23, 1994	Tokyo	22,402 Tablets	Thailand	Interdicted psychotropics hidden in the double bottom of a carry-on bag held by an air passenger. (Ingredient: triazolam, flunitrazepam)
	May 16, 1997	Moji	20,003 Tablets	China	Interdicted psychotropics hidden in an air parcel post. (Ingredient: amphetamine)
Firearms	April 11, 1984	Tokyo	301 Guns (5,564 live cartridges)	Philippines	Interdicted guns hidden in a hollow section made by welding steel plates to the left and right corners deep inside a container that was used to store peacock-shaped cane chairs.
	December 4, 1985	Nagoya	104 Guns (1,787 live cartridges)	Philippines	Interdicted guns hidden behind a plywood panel attached to the front wall of a container that was used to hold cane goods.
	September 22, 2000	Okinawa	86 Guns (1,107 live cartridges)	Philippines	Interdicted guns thrown into the sea from a boat sailing off the coast of the Island of Ishigaki.

(Note) This table shows the top three largest cases, in terms of the quantity seized, among those which Customs interdicted, as well as other cases involving interdiction by the police and other law enforcement agencies and in which Customs was involved in the investigation.

2.Latest Interdiction Cases of Illicit Drugs and Other Smuggling

(1) Illicit Drugs

①Numbers of interdicted cases of smuggling of major illicit drugs by mode of transport

(Case)

Mode \ Year	Year					Compared to 2010	Percentage
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
Air passengers	180	147	173	152	175	115%	54%
International mail	154	126	185	110	102	93%	31%
Commercial cargo	36	23	32	27	41	152%	13%
Air cargo	25	18	24	20	37	185%	11%
Marine cargo	11	5	8	7	4	57%	1%
Ship's crews	25	17	12	7	8	114%	2%
Total	395	313	402	296	326	110%	100%

(Note 1) "Major illicit drugs" here are stimulants, cannabis, opium, narcotic, and psychotropics.

(Note 2) "Air passengers" include airline crews and "ship's crews" include ship passengers.

(Note 3) "Commercial cargo" includes unaccompanied baggage, and "air cargo and marine cargo" include unaccompanied baggage by air and that by sea, respectively.

②Stimulants

a. Numbers of interdicted cases of smuggling by mode of transport

(Case,kg)

Mode \ Year	Year					Compared to 2010	Percentage
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
Air passengers	48	72	117	119	141	118%	76%
	85	90	152	235	232	99%	58%
International mail	17	33	29	19	18	95%	10%
	13	2	25	20	30	153%	8%
Commercial cargo	7	3	13	11	22	200%	12%
	188	16	25	59	128	217%	32%
Ship's crews	-	2	5	3	4	133%	2%
	-	300	131	8	11	136%	3%
Total	72	110	164	152	185	122%	100%
	287	408	333	322	402	125%	100%

(Note 1)"Air passengers" include airline crews and "ship's crews" include ship passengers."Commercial cargo"include Unaccompanied Articles.

(Note 2)Some figures may not be accurate due to rounding.

(Note 3)"0" means 500 g or less, while "-" means nil.

b. Major smuggling channels (numbers of interdicted cases of smuggling by source country) (Case.kg)

Source	Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Compared	Total
China(including Hong Kong and Macao)		47	51	62	23	30	16%	213
		88	53	88	30	44	11%	304
China		31	39	35	14	10	5%	129
		35	38	36	12	15	4%	136
Hong kong		16	8	26	9	20	11%	79
		53	13	51	18	30	7%	165
Taiwan		3	3	13	27	4	2%	50
		3	1	18	39	5	1%	67
Asia		11	33	40	21	22	12%	127
		1	24	31	31	45	11%	131
Thailand		3	4	12	7	8	4%	34
		0	0	6	8	31	8%	45
Malaysia		-	16	13	9	6	3%	44
		-	17	15	18	7	2%	57
Cambodia		-	2	-	1	3	2%	6
		-	3	-	2	2	1%	7
Philippine		5	9	10	2	3	2%	29
		0	0	0	0	4	1%	4
India		1	-	-	-	1	1%	2
		0	-	-	-	0	0%	0
Middle East		2	4	11	16	12	6%	45
		13	6	12	26	80	20%	136
United Arab Emirates		1	-	2	8	7	4%	18
		9	-	1	14	72	18%	96
Turkey		1	3	4	5	5	3%	18
		4	4	8	11	8	2%	35
Africa		-	8	15	43	44	24%	110
		-	8	25	144	84	21%	261
South Africa		-	8	6	5	8	4%	27
		-	8	10	32	15	4%	65
Nigeria		-	-	4	15	7	4%	26
		-	-	8	31	8	2%	47
Benin		-	-	-	9	5	3%	14
		-	-	-	44	11	3%	55
Ghana		-	-	-	3	4	2%	7
		-	-	-	6	3	1%	9
Mali		-	-	-	-	3	2%	3
		-	-	-	-	5	1%	5
Europe		-	2	5	6	39	21%	52
		-	0	11	6	82	20%	99
France		-	-	-	-	10	5%	10
		-	-	-	-	18	4%	18
United Kingdom		-	-	-	4	9	5%	13
		-	-	-	4	18	5%	23
Netherlands		-	-	1	-	5	3%	6
		-	-	0	-	8	2%	8
Germany		-	-	-	-	5	3%	5
		-	-	-	-	10	3%	10
Belgium		-	2	-	-	4	2%	6
		-	0	-	-	9	2%	9
North America		6	7	7	5	12	6%	37
		179	14	14	12	40	10%	258
Canada		4	4	3	4	6	3%	21
		179	13	12	12	24	6%	239
United States		2	3	4	1	6	3%	16
		0	1	2	0	16	4%	19
Central and South America		1	1	10	11	22	12%	45
		3	3	15	34	22	5%	76
Mexico		1	1	10	7	20	11%	39
		3	3	15	22	19	5%	61
Bolivia		-	-	-	4	2	1%	6
		-	-	-	12	3	1%	15
Other		2	1	1	-	-	-	4
		0	299	120	-	-	-	419
Total		72	110	164	152	185	100%	683
		287	408	333	322	402	100%	1,751

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③Cannabis

a. Numbers of interdicted cases of smuggling by mode of transport

(Case,kg)

Mode	Year					Compared to 2010	Percentage
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
Air passengers	84 108	52 49	30 20	16 5	19 0	119% 4%	27% 0%
International mail	41 8	45 9	65 27	28 2	35 9	125% 436%	49% 16%
Commercial cargo	19 345	11 29	9 5	11 19	14 47	127% 244%	20% 83%
Ship's crews	24 30	15 0	7 0	4 0	3 0	75% 2%	4% 0%
Total	168 491	123 87	111 52	59 27	71 57	120% 213%	100% 100%

(Note 1)“Air passengers” include airline crews and “ship’s crews” include ship passengers. “Commercial cargo” include Unaccompanied Articles.

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b. Smuggling channels of Herbal cannabis (numbers of interdicted cases of smuggling by source country)

(Case,kg)

Source	Year					Compared to 2010	Total
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
China	5	4	4	2	1	2%	16
(including Hong Kong and Macao)	10	0	0	0	1	17%	11
Asia	15 9	23 7	10 2	8 0	11 1	19% 13%	67 19
Thailand	5 3	9 4	4 2	4 2	8 1	14% 12%	30 10
Africa	13 67	10 38	5 10	2 0	1 0	2% 0%	31 116
Europe	32 43	21 11	10 4	10 1	16 1	28% 22%	89 59
Netherland	17 43	9 7	2 0	3 0	6 0	11% 4%	37 50
South America	42 322	16 7	46 23	19 1	25 3	44% 48%	148 356
United states	36 38	13 7	20 5	18 1	24 3	42% 48%	111 54
Central and South America	4 0	11 0	3 0	1 0	- -	- -	19 0
Other	15 0	11 0	9 0	3 0	3 0	5% 0%	41 0
Total	126 450	96 63	87 40	45 2	57 6	100% 100%	411 561

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c. Smuggling channels of Cannabis resin (numbers of interdicted cases of smuggling by source country)

(Case,kg)

Mode	Year					Compared to 2010	Total
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
China(including Hong Kong and Macao)	1 0	1 0	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 0
Asia	10 2	9 17	13 12	5 8	9 51	64% 100%	46 90
India	6 2	4 4	7 3	- -	7 43	50% 85%	24 52
Middle East	-	-	-	1 12	- -	- -	1 12
Africa	-	-	-	-	1 0	7% 0%	1 0
Europe	27 9	13 6	8 0	7 5	1 0	7% 0%	56 20
North America	-	1	2	1	3	21%	7
United States	-	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Central and South America	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Other	4 29	2 0	1 0	- -	- -	- -	7 29
Total	42 41	27 24	24 12	14 25	14 51	100% 100%	121 152

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④MDMA etc

a. Numbers of interdicted cases of smuggling by mode of transport

(Case,g,1000tablets)

Mode \ Year	Year					2011	Compared to 2010	Percentage
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011			
Air passengers	22	9	3	-	2	Total increase	50%	
	-	-	0	-	2,453	Total increase	100%	
	366	133	31	-	0	Total increase	100%	
International mail	37	5	-	2	1	50%	25%	
	-	-	-	-	1	Total increase	0%	
	64	6	-	0	-	Total reduction	Total reduction	
Commercial cargo	5	1	1	-	1	Total increase	25%	
	-	-	-	-	3	Total increase	0%	
	885	0	0	-	-	-	-	
Ship's crews	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	64	15	4	2	4	200%	100%	
	-	-	0	-	2,457	Total increase	100%	
	1,315	139	31	0	0	7%	100%	

(Note 1) "Air passengers" include airline crews and "ship's crews" include ship passengers. "Commercial cargo" include Unaccompanied Articles.

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b. Major smuggling channels (numbers of interdicted cases of smuggling by source country)

(Case,g,1000tablets)

Source \ Year	Year					2011	Compared to 2010	Total
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011			
China(including Hong Kong and Macao)	19	4	-	-	1	25%	24	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Taiwan	60	5	-	-	0	100%	65	
	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Asia	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	
	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	
Europe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	0	0	-	-	-	-	0	
Belgium	38	9	1	-	3	75%	51	
	-	-	-	-	2,457	100%	2,457	
North America	540	134	7	-	-	-	681	
	12	1	-	-	1	25%	14	
Other	93	1	-	-	2,453	100%	2,453	
	3	-	3	2	-	-	8	
Total	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	
	708	-	24	0	-	-	733	
Other	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	0	-	-	-	-	0	
	64	15	4	2	4	100%	89	
Total	-	-	0	-	2,457	100%	2,457	
	1,315	139	31	0	0	100%	1,485	

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(2) Firearms

a. Numbers of interdicted cases of smuggling by mode of transport

(Case, guns)

Mode	Year					Compared to 2010	Percentage
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
Air passengers	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
International mail	5	1	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial cargo	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ship's crew	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	6	1	2	0	0	-	-
	10	1	2	0	0	-	-

(Note 1) "Air passengers" include airline crews and "ship's crews" include ship passengers. "Commercial cargo" include Unaccompanied Articles.

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b. Major smuggling channels (numbers of interdicted cases of smuggling by source country)

(Case, guns)

Source	Year					Compared to 2010	Total
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
Europe	6	0	0	-	-	-	6
United Kingdom	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Germany	4	-	-	-	-	-	0
Belgium	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
North America	0	1	2	-	-	-	3
United States	0	1	2	-	-	-	0
Total	6	1	2	-	-	-	9
	10	1	2	-	-	-	0

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