II. SIGNIFICANT INTERDICTIONS IN 2013

1. Stimulants

Stimulants discovered hidden inside a flour mill

In March 2013, Yokohama Customs, inspecting marine cargo containers shipped from Mexico to Yokohama Port, discovered and seized approximately 240 kg of stimulants concealed inside the rollers of flour mills.





Stimulants discovered hidden inside imitation pieces of iron ore

In May 2013, Kobe Customs, inspecting marine cargo containers shipped from Mexico to Kobe Port, discovered and seized approximately 194 kg of stimulants concealed inside imitation pieces of iron ore.



Discovery of stimulants smuggling by ship crew etc.

In July 2013, Nagoya Customs detected and arrested smugglers including South Korean men, carrying approximately 10 kg of stimulants on a foreign trading vessel berthed in Nagoya Port.





Stimulants discovered hidden inside ornamental wooden birds

In March 2013, Tokyo Customs, inspecting belongings carried by a German woman arriving at Narita Airport from Germany, discovered and seized approximately 4 kg of stimulants concealed inside ornamental wooden birds



Stimulants discovered hidden inside a double-bottomed suitcase

In November 2013, Tokyo Customs, inspecting belongings carried by a German man arriving at Narita Airport from Bangladesh, discovered and seized approximately 4 kg of stimulants concealed inside a double-bottomed suitcase.



Stimulants discovered hidden inside reels of thread

In July 2013, Tokyo Customs, inspecting belongings carried by a Taiwanese man arriving at Narita Airport from India, discovered and seized approximately 9 kg of stimulants concealed inside reels of thread in a suitcase.





Stimulant discovered hidden inside paper cartons of powdered milk

In November 2013, Moji Customs, inspecting belongings carried by a German man arriving at Fukuoka Airport from China, discovered and seized approximately 5 kg of stimulant concealed inside paper cartons of powdered milk.



2. Cannabis

Cannabis discovered hidden inside boxes labeled as low-fat powdered milk

In February 2013, Tokyo Customs, inspecting a parcel arriving from the USA, discovered and seized approximately 1 kg of cannabis compressed in plastic bags inside boxes labeled as low-fat powdered milk.





3. Other Illicit Drugs

• Cocaine

Cocaine discovered hidden by soaking into clothes etc.

In April 2013, Nagoya Customs, inspecting an EMS package and a parcel arriving from Brazil, discovered and seized approximately 2 kg of cocaine which had been soaked into clothes etc.





• Heroin

Heroin discovered hidden inside a double-bottomed suitcase

In April 2013, Osaka Customs, inspecting belongings carried by a Tanzanian man arriving at Kansai International Airport from Tanzania, discovered and seized approximately 3 kg of heroin concealed inside a double-bottomed suitcase.





• α-PVP

a-PVP discovered hidden inside regular mail

In May 2013, Osaka Customs, inspecting regular mail arriving from the USA, discovered and seized approximately 5 g of plant fragments containing α -PVP.



