

REFERENCE DATA

1. Major seizures of illicit drugs and firearms (Top Three Cases)

Illegal item	Date of seizure	Customs	Quantity	Source	Case overview
Methamphetamine	October 3, 1999	Moji Nagasaki Tokyo	564.6 kg	North Korea	Seized methemphetamines in cooperation with the police and the Japan Coast Guard when a fishing boat of Taiwanese registry transhipped methamphetamines 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	Seized about 249 kg of methamphetamine 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 methamphetamines found at the residence of a Chinese suspect.
	August 19, 1998	Tokyo	301.5 kg	Hong Kong	Seized methamphetamines 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	Seized herbal cannabis hidden inside pillars connecting the upper and lower portions of 80 wooden palettes that had been handled as sea container cargo. Seized 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. Seized 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	Seized 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	Seized 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	Seized 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	Seized heroin hidden in the double bottom of a large carry-on bag that was carried by an air passenger. Seized heroin concealed in tea cans in the baggage of an airline passenger (transit passenger to Australia) by questioning. Seized heroin concealed in the false bottom of the suitcases carried by three air passengers.
Cocaine	November 19, 2013 November 21, 2013	Yokohama	Approx. 118 kg	Unknown	Washed ashore in Yokosuka City and Hayama Town, Kanagawa prefecture.
	August 25, 2004	Nagoya	44.0 kg	Columbia	Seized 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	Seized cocaine hidden in a duct in the engine room of a cargo boat.
Opium	September 19, 2006	Tokyo	14.9 kg	Turkey	Seized opium concealed in the false top and bottom of a suitcase carried by an air passenger.
	February 4, 1998	Osaka	8.8 kg	Unknown	Seized 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)	India	Seized 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	Seized MDMA concealed in lumber as sea container cargo. Seized MDMA hidden in the spiral mixer (spiral agitator) that was handled as air cargo. Seized MDMA hidden in the double bottom of suitcases that were carried by three air passengers.
Psychotropics	September 12, 1994	Tokyo	41,795 Tablets	Thailand	Seized 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	Seized 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	Seized psychotropics hidden in an air parcel post. (Ingredient: amfepramone)
Firearms	April 11, 1984	Tokyo	301 Guns (5,564 live cartridges)	Philippines	Seized 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	Seized 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	Seized 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 seized, as well as other cases involving seizure by the police and other law enforcement agencies and in which Customs was involved in the investigation.

2. Seizures of major illicit drugs and firearms

Year Type		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Compared to 2014
Methamphetamine	Cases	185	141	154	174	83	48%
	kg	402	482	859	549	422	77%
Cannabis	Cases	71	82	66	99	122	123%
	kg	57	132	13	74	34	45%
Herbal cannabis	Cases	57	58	52	52	58	112%
	kg	6	104	12	35	28	80%
Cannabis resin	Cases	14	24	14	47	64	136%
	kg	51	29	1	40	6	15%
Opium	Cases	2	-	1	-	-	-
	kg	4	-	0	-	-	-
Narcotic	Cases	37	46	128	91	213	234%
	kg	44	11	135	6	26	402%
	Thousand	5	4	17	2	1	57%
Heroin	Cases	6	3	3	2	2	100%
	Thousand	3	1	4	0	2	3984.2 times
Cocaine	Cases	9	7	10	10	8	80%
	kg	38	9	127	2	18	935%
MDMA, etc	Cases	4	5	6	5	23	460%
	kg	2	0	3	0	0	33.6 times
	Thousand	0	0	0	0	0	142%
Ketamin	Cases	1	8	5	7	12	171%
	kg	0	0	0	1	4	379%
Other	Cases	17	23	104	67	168	251%
	kg	1	0	1	3	2	45%
	Thousand	5	4	17	2	1	55%
Psychotropics	Cases	31	39	33	26	16	62%
	kg	2	-	0	-	0	Total increase
	Thousand	13	12	10	9	7	79%
Designated substances	Cases	-	-	-	-	1,462	Total increase
	kg	-	-	-	-	37	Total increase
Total	Cases	326	308	382	390	1,896	486%
	kg	509	626	1,007	630	519	82%
	Thousand	18	16	27	11	8	74%
Reference(number of use)	10,000times	1,550	1,701	3,331	1,885	1,498	80%
Firearms	Cases	-	3	4	3	5	167%
	Guns	-	4	6	4	5	125%
Pistols	Cases	-	3	4	3	5	167%
	Guns	-	4	6	4	5	125%
Firearmsparts	Cases	1	3	-	2	-	Total decrease
	Items	1	3	-	2	-	Total decrease

(Note) 1 The figures include quantities seized not only in smuggling cases seized by Japan Customs but also in smuggling cases seized by the police and other law enforcement agencies in collaboration with Customs.

2 Methamphetamine includes methamphetamine and their raw materials.

3 "MDMA, etc." represents the total amount of MDMA, MDA and MDE.

4 Ketamine was designated as a narcotic under the Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act in March 2006. The designation took effect in January 1 of the following

5 Methylone was designated as a narcotic under the Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act in January 2007. The designation took effect in February 3 of the same year .

6 "Reference (number of use)" represents the total use of the following illicit drugs, calculated from the average amount an abuser uses at one time.

(stimulant: 0.03 g; herbal cannabis: 0.5 g; cannabis resin: 0.1 g; heroin: 0.01 g; cocaine: 0.03 g; opium: 0.3 g; MDMA and psychotropic: 1 tablet)

7 Some figures may not be accurate due to rounding.

8 "0" means 500 g or less, while "-" means nil.

3. Number of seizures of major illicit drugs by mode of transport

(Cases)

Type \ Year	Year					2015	Compared to 2014	Breakdown
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015			
Air passengers	175	130	135	171	107	63%	6%	
International mail	102	130	204	166	1,734	10 times	91%	
Commercial cargo	41	33	30	39	45	115%	2%	
Air cargo	37	25	26	27	34	126%	2%	
Marine cargo	4	8	4	12	11	92%	1%	
Ship's crews	8	15	13	14	10	71%	1%	
Total	326	308	382	390	1,896	486%	100%	

(Note 1) "Air passengers" include airline crews and "ship's crews" include ship passengers.

(Note 2) "Commercial cargo" includes unaccompanied baggage.

4. Number of seizures of methamphetamine by mode of transport

(Upper:Cases, lower:kg)

Type \ Year	Year					2015	Compared to 2014	Breakdown
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015			
Air passengers	141	84	104	126	37	29%	45%	
	232	204	304	246	84	34%	20%	
International mail	18	31	21	22	21	95%	25%	
	30	35	7	16	3	19%	1%	
Commercial cargo	22	18	19	16	18	113%	22%	
	128	236	539	261	328	126%	78%	
Ship's crews	4	8	10	10	7	70%	8%	
	11	8	10	27	6	22%	1%	
Total	185	141	154	174	83	48%	100%	
	402	482	859	549	422	77%	100%	

(Note 1) "Air passengers" include airline crews and "ship's crews" include ship passengers.

"Commercial cargo" include Unaccompanied Articles.

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5. Number of seizures of methamphetamine by source

(Upper:Cases, lower:kg)

Type	Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Compared to 2014	Total
China (including Hong Kong and Macao)		30	28	38	79	28	34%	203
		44	73	62	200	104	25%	484
	China	10	14	26	32	15	18%	97
		15	10	43	72	76	18%	215
	Hong Kong	20	12	11	42	12	14%	97
	30	63	16	119	27	6%	254	
	-	2	1	5	1	1%	9	
	-	0	3	10	1	0%	15	
Taiwan		4	2	1	3	4	5%	14
		5	0	1	0	45	11%	51
Asia		22	12	28	39	19	23%	120
		45	14	129	35	12	3%	234
	Thailand	8	3	2	26	12	14%	51
		31	3	1	28	6	1%	68
	India	1	3	19	-	2	2%	25
		0	10	114	-	4	1%	128
	South Korea	-	1	-	1	1	1%	3
	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	
Philippine	3	4	1	9	4	5%	21	
	4	1	0	3	1	0%	9	
Middle East		12	6	6	2	2	2%	28
		80	48	12	4	3	1%	147
	Iran	-	2	-	-	1	1%	3
		-	44	-	-	0	0%	44
	5	2	5	2	1	1%	15	
	8	1	10	4	3	1%	26	
Africa		44	31	21	14	2	2%	112
		84	89	90	17	20	5%	301
	Uganda	-	2	5	5	1	1%	13
		-	10	44	6	20	5%	80
	South Africa	8	3	5	3	1	1%	20
		15	16	20	4	1	0%	55
	2	14	4	5	-	-	25	
	4	47	8	6	-	-	64	
Europe		39	23	9	17	5	6%	93
		82	157	13	65	4	1%	321
	Germany	5	5	3	1	1	1%	15
		10	15	6	6	0	0%	37
	United Kingdom	9	3	2	1	1	1%	16
		18	1	2	2	4	1%	27
	Netherlands	5	5	2	1	-	-	13
		8	121	2	2	-	-	133
	-	1	-	3	3	4%	7	
	-	4	-	10	0	0%	14	
	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	
	1	-	-	27	-	-	28	
North America		12	10	17	6	8	10%	53
		40	30	36	20	3	1%	129
	United States	6	8	12	5	8	10%	39
		16	22	12	17	3	1%	70
	6	2	5	1	-	-	14	
	24	8	23	4	-	-	59	
Central and South America		22	26	26	9	7	8%	90
		22	72	516	208	225	53%	1,042
	Mexico	20	24	26	8	7	8%	85
	19	69	516	207	225	53%	1,036	
Oceania		-	-	-	-	1	1%	1
		-	-	-	-	0	0%	0
	Australia	-	-	-	-	1	1%	1
	-	-	-	-	0	0%	0	
Others		-	3	8	5	7	8%	23
	-	0	1	0	6	1%	7	
Total		185	141	154	174	83	100%	737
		402	482	859	549	422	100%	2,714

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6. Number of seizures of cannabis by mode of transport

(Upper:Cases, lower:kg)

Type	Year					2015	Compared to 2014	Breakdown
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015			
Air passengers	19 0	31 63	19 1	32 28	28 1	88% 5%	23% 4%	
International mail	35 9	34 12	40 10	47 4	83 22	177% 552%	68% 66%	
Commercial cargo	14 47	11 58	5 2	16 41	8 10	50% 24%	7% 30%	
Ship's crews	3 0	6 0	2 0	4 1	3 0	75% 1%	2% 0%	
合計	71 57	82 132	66 13	99 74	122 34	123% 45%	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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7. Number of seizures of herbal cannabis by source

(Upper:Cases, lower:kg)

Type	Year					2015	Compared to 2014	Total
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015			
China (including Hong Kong and Macao)	1 1	3 0	1 0	4 1	3 1	5% 4%	12 3	
Tiwan	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 0	2% 0%	1 0	
Asia	11 1	6 0	10 0	6 0	4 3	7% 12%	37 5	
Africa	1 0	2 0	1 0	1 0	2 0	3% 0%	7 0	
Europe	16 1	13 0	11 0	11 0	16 0	28% 1%	67 2	
North America	25 3	29 103	22 12	24 33	29 23	50% 83%	129 174	
United States	24 3	22 103	22 12	20 33	24 22	41% 78%	112 172	
Central and South America	- -	2 0	4 0	2 0	3 0	5% 0%	11 0	
Oceania	1 0	2 0	1 -	- -	- -	- -	4 0	
Others	2 0	1 0	2 0	4 0	- -	- -	9 0	
Total	57 6	58 104	52 12	52 35	58 28	100% 100%	277 184	

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8. Number of seizures of cannabis resin by source

(Upper:Cases, lower:kg)

Type	Year					2015	Compared to 2014	Total
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015			
China (including Hong Kong and Macao)	- -	4 1	1 0	2 0	1 0	2% 0%	8 1	
Asia	9 51	9 28	3 0	11 37	6 0	9% 4%	38 115	
India	7 43	7 26	3 0	9 32	2 0	3% 0%	28 102	
Africa	1 0	1 0	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 0	
Euproe	1 0	10 0	7 0	11 0	20 0	31% 3%	49 1	
France	- -	2 0	1 0	1 0	5 0	8% 1%	9 0	
North America	3 0	- -	3 0	22 3	36 6	56% 93%	64 9	
United States	3 0	- -	3 0	22 3	33 5	52% 91%	61 8	
Others	- -	- -	- -	1 0	1 0	2% 0%	2 0	
Total	14 51	24 29	14 1	47 40	64 6	100% 100%	163 126	

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