

REFERENCE DATA

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

Illegal item	Date of seizure	Customs	Quantity	Source	Case overview
Methamphetamine	May 11, 2016	Okinawa	597.0 kg	China	Seized methamphetamines concealed at the bottom and under the floor of the passenger's cabin in the investigation conducted into the yacht entered into the Naha Port.
	October 3, 1999	Moji Nagasaki	564.6 kg	North Korea	Seized methamphetamines in cooperation with the police and the Japan Coast Guard when a fishing boat of Taiwanese registry transshipped methamphetamines on the ocean and
	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.
Cannabis	April 15, 1993	Osaka	426.5 kg	Cambodia	Seized herbal cannabis hidden inside pillars connecting the upper and lower portions of 80 wooden palettes that had been handled as sea container cargo.
	June 8, 1999	Nagoya	420.7 kg	Philippines	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.
	February 2, 2001	Yokohama	393.7 kg	Philippines	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.
Heroin	February 4, 1989	Tokyo	20.6 kg	Thailand	Seized heroin hidden in the double bottom of a large carry-on bag that was carried by an air passenger.
	December 21, 2002	Tokyo	16.7 kg	Laos	Seized heroin concealed in tea cans in the baggage of an airline passenger (transit passenger to Australia) by questioning.
	August 11, 1988	Tokyo	8.0 kg	Pakistan	Seized heroin concealed in the false bottom of the suitcases carried by three air passengers.
Cocaine	November 28, 2013	Yokohama	Approx. 118 kg	Unknown	Washed ashore in Yokosuka City and Hayama Town, Kanagawa prefecture.
	September 6, 2016	Yokohama	94.8 kg	Ecuador	Seized cocaine concealed near the entrance of the marine containers.
	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.
MDMA	August 1, 2007	Osaka	688,000 Tablets	Canada	Seized MDMA concealed in lumber as sea container cargo.
	October 20, 2007	Moji	146,760 Tablets	Netherlands	Seized MDMA hidden in the spiral mixer (spiral agitator) that was handled as air cargo.
	April 3, 2008	Tokyo	90,537 Tablets	Netherlands	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

Type		Year					YOY
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Methamphetamine		141	154	174	83	104	125%
	kg	482	859	549	422	1,501	356%
Cannabis	Cases	82	66	99	122	118	97%
	kg	132	13	74	34	9	25%
Herbal Cannabis	Cases	58	52	52	58	81	140%
	kg	104	12	35	29	6	21%
Cannabis Resin	Cases	24	14	47	64	37	58%
	kg	29	1	40	6	3	48%
Opium	Cases	-	1	-	-	-	-
	kg	-	0	-	-	-	-
Narcotics	Cases	46	128	91	213	182	85%
	kg	11	135	6	26	121	465%
	Thousand Tabs	4	17	2	1	1	56%
Heroin	Cases	3	3	2	2	6	300%
	kg	1	4	0	2	0	0%
Cocaine	Cases	7	10	10	8	12	150%
	kg	9	127	2	18	119	657%
MDMA etc.	Cases	5	6	5	23	27	117%
	kg	0	3	0	0	1	351%
	Thousand Tabs	0	0	0	0	1	701%
Ketamine	Cases	8	5	7	12	20	167%
	kg	0	0	1	4	1	18%
Other	Cases	23	104	67	168	117	70%
	kg	0	1	3	2	1	31%
	Thousand Tabs	4	17	2	1	0	14%
Psychotropic Substances	Cases	39	33	26	16	11	69%
	kg	-	0	-	0	0	95%
	Thousand Tabs	12	10	9	7	2	32%
Designated Substances	Cases	-	-	-	1,462	477	33%
	kg	-	-	-	40	19	47%
Total	Cases	308	382	390	1,896	892	47%
	kg	626	1,007	630	522	1,649	316%
	Thousand Tabs	16	27	11	8	3	36%
Estimated number of Dose	10,000 Times	1,701	3,331	1,885	1,499	5,405	361%
Firearms	Cases	3	4	3	5	4	80%
	Guns	4	6	4	5	4	80%
Pistols	Cases	3	4	3	5	4	80%
	Guns	4	6	4	5	4	80%
Parts of Firearms	Cases	3	-	2	-	-	-
	Items	3	-	2	-	-	-

- Note
1. The figures include seizures not only by Japan Customs but also by the police and other law enforcement agencies in collaboration with Japan Customs.
 2. "Methamphetamine" includes methamphetamine and raw materials for the drug.
 3. "Cannabis resin" includes cannabis resin and other cannabis products.
 4. "MDMA etc." includes MDMA, MDA and MDE.
 5. "Estimated Numbers of Dose" is calculated based on a average dose of abusers as follows.
(methamphetamine 0.03g; herbal cannabis 0.5g; cannabis resin 0.1g; opium 0.3g; heroin 0.01g; cocaine 0.03g ; MDMA and psychotropic substances 1 tablet)
 6. Some figures may not be accurate due to rounding.
 7. "0" means 500g or 500tablets or less, while "-" means nil.
 8. The figures of the year 2015 is provisional.

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

(case)

Mode	Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YOY	Percentage
	Air passenger		130	135	171	107	176	164%
International mail		130	204	166	1,734	640	37%	72%
Commercial cargoes		33	30	39	45	60	133%	7%
	Air cargoes	25	26	27	34	49	144%	5%
	Sea cargoes	8	4	12	11	11	100%	1%
Ship's crews		15	13	14	10	16	160%	2%
Total		308	382	390	1,896	892	47%	100%

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

(Note 2) "Commercial cargoes" include unaccompanied baggage.

4. Number of seizures of methamphetamine by mode of transport

(upper:case, lower:kg)

Mode	Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YOY	Percentage
	Air passenger		84	104	126	37	53	143%
		204	304	246	84	79	94%	5%
International mail		31	21	22	21	20	95%	19%
		35	7	16	3	53	17times	4%
Commercial cargoes		18	19	16	18	21	117%	20%
		236	539	261	328	653	199%	44%
	Air cargoes	15	17	12	13	15	115%	14%
		83	105	71	80	72	90%	5%
	Sea cargoes	3	2	4	5	6	120%	6%
		152	434	189	248	581	234%	39%
Ship's crews		8	10	10	7	10	143%	10%
		8	10	27	6	715	120times	48%
Total		141	154	174	83	104	125%	100%
		482	859	549	422	1,501	356%	100%

(Note1) "Air passengers" include airline crews and "Ship's crews" include ship passengers

(Note2) "Commercial cargoes" include unaccompanied baggage.

(Note3) Some figures may not be accurate due to rounding.

(Note4) "0" means 500g or less, while "-" means nil.

5.Number of seizures of methamphetamine by source

(upper:case, lower:kg)

Source	Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Percentage	Total
China (including Hong Kong and Macao)		28	38	79	28	34	33%	207
		73	62	200	104	1,049	70%	1,489
	China	14	26	32	15	19	18%	106
	Hong Kong	10	43	72	76	1,025	68%	1,225
	Macao	2	1	5	1	-	-	9
		0	3	10	1	-	-	15
Taiwan		2	1	3	4	16	15%	26
		0	1	0	45	104	7%	150
Asia		12	28	39	19	18	17%	116
		14	129	35	12	15	1%	204
Thailand		3	2	26	12	6	6%	49
		3	1	28	6	3	0%	40
South Korea		1	-	1	1	4	4%	7
		1	-	1	-	2	0%	4
Malaysia		-	2	-	-	2	2%	4
		-	4	-	-	7	0%	11
Vietnam		-	-	1	-	2	2%	3
		-	-	3	-	0	0%	3
Phillipines		4	1	9	4	2	2%	20
		1	0	3	1	0	0%	5
India		3	19	-	2	1	1%	25
		10	114	-	4	2	0%	130
Indonesia		-	-	2	-	1	1%	3
		-	-	0	-	-	-	0
Middle East		6	6	2	2	1	1%	17
		48	12	4	3	0	0%	67
Iran		2	-	-	1	1	1%	4
		44	-	-	0	0	0%	44
Turkey		2	5	2	1	-	-	10
		1	10	4	3	-	-	17
Africa		31	21	14	2	5	5%	73
		89	90	17	20	38	3%	254
Uganda		2	5	5	1	4	4%	17
		10	44	6	20	36	2%	115
South Africa		3	5	3	1	1	1%	13
		16	20	4	1	2	0%	43
Kenya		14	4	5	-	-	-	23
		47	8	6	-	-	-	60
Europe		23	9	17	5	6	6%	60
		157	13	65	4	8	1%	247
Netherland		5	2	1	-	2	2%	10
		121	2	2	-	0	0%	125
Spain		1	-	3	3	1	1%	8
		4	-	10	0	3	0%	17
UK		3	2	1	1	1	1%	8
		1	2	2	4	3	0%	11
Austria		-	-	-	-	1	1%	1
		-	-	-	-	2	0%	2
France		2	1	-	-	1	1%	4
		3	2	-	-	1	0%	6
Russia		-	-	1	-	-	-	1
		-	-	27	-	-	-	27
Belgium		6	-	-	-	-	-	6
		9	-	-	-	-	-	9
North America		10	17	6	8	13	13%	54
		30	36	20	3	16	1%	104
USA		8	12	5	8	12	12%	45
		22	12	17	3	11	1%	64

	Canada	2	5	1	-	1	1%	9
		8	23	4	-	5	0%	40
Latin America		26	26	9	7	6	6%	74
		72	516	208	225	260	17%	1,280
	Mexico	24	26	8	7	6	6%	71
		69	516	207	225	260	17%	1,278
Oceania		-	-	-	1	-	-	1
		-	-	-	0	-	-	0
Other		3	8	5	7	5	5%	28
		0	1	0	6	11	1%	17
Total		141	154	174	83	104	100%	656
		482	859	549	422	1,501	100%	3,813

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6. Number of seizures of cannabis by mode of transport

(upper:case,lower:kg)

Mode	Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
							YOY	Percentage
Air passenger		31	19	32	28	49	175%	42%
		63	1	28	1	1	40%	7%
International mail		34	40	47	83	59	71%	50%
		12	10	4	23	4	18%	49%
Commercial cargoes		11	5	16	8	9	113%	8%
		58	2	41	10	4	39%	45%
Air cargoes		9	4	11	6	7	117%	6%
		58	2	36	2	4	203%	45%
Sea cargoes		2	1	5	2	2	100%	2%
		0	0	5	8	0	0%	0%
Ship's crews		6	2	4	3	1	33%	1%
		0	0	1	0	0	46%	0%
Total		82	66	99	122	118	97%	100%
		132	13	74	34	9	25%	100%

(Note1) "Air passengers" include airline crews and "Ship's crews" include ship passengers

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7. Number of seizures of herbal cannabis by source

(upper:case, lower:kg)

Source	Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
							percentage	Total
China (including Hong Kong and Macao)		3	1	4	3	3	4%	14
		0	0	1	1	0	0%	2
Taiwan		-	-	-	1	1	1%	2
		-	-	-	0	0	0%	0
Asia		6	10	6	4	15	19%	41
		0	0	0	3	3	57%	8
Thailand		1	4	1	3	8	10%	17
		0	0	0	2	3	51%	5
Africa		2	1	1	2	-	-	6
		0	0	0	0	-	-	0
Europe		13	11	11	16	14	17%	65
		0	0	0	0	0	2%	1

North America	29	22	24	29	41	51%	145
	103	12	33	24	2	40%	174
USA	22	22	20	24	28	35%	116
	103	12	33	22	2	33%	172
Latin America	2	4	2	3	2	2%	13
	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
Oceania	2	1	-	-	2	2%	5
	0	-	-	-	0	0%	0
Other	1	2	4	-	3	4%	10
	0	0	0	-	0	0%	0
Total	58	52	52	58	81	100%	301
	104	12	35	29	6	100%	185

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8. Number of seizures of cannabis resin by source

(upper:case, lower:kg)

Source	Year						Percentage	Total
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016			
China (including Hong Kong and Macao)	4	1	2	1	2	5%	10	
	1	0	0	0	0	0%	1	
Taiwan	-	-	-	-	1	3%	1	
	-	-	-	-	0	0%	0	
Asia	9	3	11	6	3	8%	32	
	28	0	37	0	0	0%	65	
India	7	3	9	2	-	-	21	
	26	0	32	0	-	-	58	
Africa	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Europe	10	7	11	20	9	24%	57	
	0	0	0	0	0	8%	1	
Netherland	2	4	2	4	3	8%	15	
	0	0	0	0	0	7%	0	
North America	-	3	22	36	17	46%	78	
	-	0	3	6	3	91%	11	
USA	-	3	22	33	16	43%	74	
	-	0	3	5	3	90%	11	
Latin America	-	-	-	-	1	3%	1	
	-	-	-	-	0	0%	0	
Other	-	-	1	1	4	11%	6	
	-	-	0	0	0	0%	0	
Total	24	14	47	64	37	100%	186	
	29	1	40	6	3	100%	78	

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