

II. TRENDS IN FIREARMS SMUGGLING

Japan Customs has been conducting Customs controls at the border, together with relevant regulatory bodies, in order to prevent firearms from entering Japan. Seizures of smuggled firearms by Customs have been as indicated in the following table.

Seizures of smuggled firearms during the past 5 years

Type		Year				
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Guns	cases	4	7	8	–	3
	guns	4	19	10	–	3
Parts of firearms	cases	–	3	1	–	–
	pieces	–	4	1	–	–

< Major seizures of smuggled firearms >

In January 2017, Osaka Customs found and seized one gun concealed in international mail arrived from Germany.



In February 2018, Okinawa Regional Customs found and seized one gun concealed within a yacht.

