

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

Year		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Type						
Guns	cases	—	3	1	6	1
	guns	—	3	1	7	1
Parts of firearms	cases	—	—	1	2	1
	pieces	—	—	1	4	1

(Note) Figures for 2023 are provisional.

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[Case 1] In June 2021, Yokohama Customs found and seized one firearm part concealed in international mail from the United States.



[Case 2] In December 2022, Kobe Customs found and seized one gun concealed in sea cargo arrived from the United States.

