

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Guns	cases	3	1	6	1
	guns	3	1	7	27
Parts of firearms	cases	—	1	2	1
	pieces	—	1	4	1

(Note) Figures for 2024 are provisional.

<Major seizures of smuggled firearms >

[Case 1] In December 2022, Kobe Customs found and seized one gun concealed in sea cargo that arrived from the United States.



[Case 2] In November 2023, Yokohama Customs found and seized one firearm slide concealed in international mail that arrived from the United States.

