

CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY

(based on mass media reports)

11.02-17.02.2019**№ 7****CARICC MEMBER STATES****THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

11.02.2019 Officers of GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia together with colleagues from the Moscow region detained a 26-year-old man and a 27-year-old woman who in a private house in the Kotelniki urban district organized an amphetamine laboratory. A search of the house revealed 2 plastic containers with a light-colored substance as well as laboratory equipment and various chemicals necessary for synthesis of the drug. The total **mass of amphetamine seized exceeded 15 kg**. A criminal case was instituted. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15785836>

11.02.2019 Officers of the UNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Voronezh region in Borisoglebsk detained 5 local residents aged 18 to 22 years old who were suspected of selling drugs in the Voronezh region through equipment of hiding places. In a private household, about **1 kg of synthetic drugs** prepared for marketing as well as electronic scales, packaging materials, bank cards and SIM cards were found and seized. Figures sold so-called "salt" through caches in Borisoglebsk, Rossosh, Lisok, Pavlovsk, Buturlinovka and other major administrative centers. The detainees traveled by public transport, or by finding ads on websites for searching for travel companions. On this fact, a criminal case was instituted. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15786297>

11.02.2019 Officers of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Moscow detained a 24-year-old visitor from a neighboring country, who illegally stored about **4.45 kg of heroin** prepared for distribution at place of temporary residence. Investigation is underway. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15786881>

11.02.2019 Officers of UKON UMVD of Russia in the Tula region investigated and stopped activities of creators of an online store who have established sales of narcotic drugs. Perpetrators, using postal services and transport companies, obtained ingredients for manufacture of synthetic hashish. Parcels were delivered from various regions of Russia and from abroad. After receiving ingredients, the suspects organized manufacture of the drug at the place of residence, and then sent the drug to addressees by mail. Mailings were found and seized in eight regions of the country, and consumers who received narcotic mailings were detained. In the course of investigative actions and operational-search measures, more than **1 kg of synthetic hashish** was collected. In addition, narcotic concentrate obtained from abroad was found and seized from wrongdoers. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15789353>

12.02.2019 Police officers at a stationary traffic police station in the Bogucharsky district of the Voronezh region at the 741th kilometer of the M-4 DON highway stopped a Chevrolet-Cobalt car driven by a 28-year-old resident of the Ryazan region. During inspection in the

trunk of the car, more than **1.2 kg of a drug of synthetic origin** were found and seized. On this fact, a criminal case was instituted. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15803247>

12.02.2019 Officers of UKON UMVD of the Tambov region detained a 29-year-old woman who was selling drugs through a network of caches in Tambov. When detained, 54 g of heroin were found. Via the Internet from an anonymous source in the metropolitan area she acquired a bulk of heroin and arrived in Tambov to distribute it. During searches of the hotel the suspect was staying in, another 93 grams of heroin were discovered. In total, **147 g of heroin** were seized. On this fact, a criminal case was initiated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15802943>

12.02.2019 Officers of OKON of the Interior Affairs Directorate of Russia for the city of Prokopyevsk in the Kemerovo region detained a group of local residents who were distributing synthetic cannabinoids "spice" in a contactless manner in the city. During searches in places of residence of the defendants, a chemical reagent was confiscated, which would be enough for criminals to produce **750 g of the "mix"** as well as packaging material, mobile phones, bank cards and other items used in criminal activities. A 32-year-old man living in Prokopyevsk created an online store and attracted two accomplices 21 and 28 years old to distribute a synthetic drug. Members of the criminal group packed up single-dose drugs and distributed them through stashes in Prokopyevsk. Consumers of smoking mixtures paid the sellers using cryptocurrency. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15806993>

13.02.2019 Officers of UKON GU Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kemerovo region detained a 52-year-old citizen suspected of distributing drugs. The detainee intended to sell **300 g of heroin** on the territory of Kemerovo. Drug was seized, investigation is underway. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15816361>

13.02.2019 Officers of UKON GU MVD of Russia in Moscow detained a 40-year-old resident of the Moscow region on suspicion of attempted sale of heroin on a large scale. The man moved on a car "Kia Rio" and distributed drugs through caches. The drug dealer was detained at the moment of equipping a cache with drug, during a personal search a buckwheat cardboard package containing a **heroin weighing about 500 g**. A criminal case was initiated on this fact. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15816604>

13.02.2019 Officers of the UKON GU of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the Novosibirsk region together with the FSB of Russia in the region stopped activities of an international group whose members organized a synthetic narcotic drugs laboratory, which were sold through an online store. Despite the fact that the location of the Internet resource and its functioning were deeply disguised, and the connection of drug dealers with customers was via messengers, a possible circle of people with access to the site administration as well as "operators of stashes" and other accomplices was established. Every day, criminals sold over a thousand doses of drugs. The monthly income from illegal activities exceeded 25 million rubles. Sale of drugs was carried out on the territory of the Novosibirsk, Tomsk, Kemerovo regions and the Altai territory as well as a neighboring country. During searches, officers seized **synthetic drugs with a total weight of over 15 kg** as well as equipment for their production. Currently, 18 defendants were charged crimes in illicit drug trafficking. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15822272>

14.02.2019 Officers of UKON UMVD of Russia in the Ivanovo region in Ivanovo detained a 22-year-old resident of Yaroslavl, and during personal inspection found pre-packaged cocaine **weighing over 20 g** prepared for marketing. The suspect stored bulk of cocaine at his place of residence in Yaroslavl. During searches, about **80 g of cocaine** were found and seized. Also, the police seized 18 convolutions with drugs that the man managed to put in caches on the territory of Ivanovo. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15829772>

14.02.2019 Officers of UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Rostov region together with colleagues from GUNK of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia during a search at the place of residence of a 28-year-old woman suspected of illegal possession of drugs for the purpose of marketing found and seized about **1.5 kg of heroin**. On this fact, a criminal case was instituted. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15838734>

14.02.2019 On the 777th km of the federal highway M-7 "Volga" on the territory of the Verkhneuslonsky district of the Republic of Tatarstan, traffic police officers at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of Kazan stopped a Renault Logan car without license plates. During inspection of the vehicle and property of the citizens who were in it, a bundle with **4 kg of mephedrone** was found in a passenger's bag. The driver explained that he bought the car in Moscow and drove it to Ufa for subsequent registration. He found the passenger through a search service for fellow travelers. A 26-year-old resident of Novosibirsk was arrested; he was carrying a narcotic drug from Moscow to Ufa, where he was supposed to transfer it to unknown persons through caches. The accused should have likewise received another shipment of drugs. Officers of UKON of the Ministry of Interior in the Republic of Tatarstan in a cache equipped in one of the districts of St. Petersburg found and seized a bag with **10 kg of synthetic narcotic drugs**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15829562>

15.02.2019 Officers of UKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the Udmurt Republic in the village of Novaya Chultem detained a 26-year-old resident of the Zavyalovsky district while trying to sell a synthetic drug weighing 250 g. During searches at the place of residence of the suspect, more than 370 g of various narcotic drugs prepared for sale were found and seized. Total seized were **520 g of "synthetics"**. The detainee was actually in charge of a regional warehouse of an online drug store. On this fact, a criminal case was initiated. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15845833>

15.02.2019 Officers of OKON of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in Petrozavodsk of the Republic of Karelia established involvement of a 46-year-old woman in illegal sale of drugs in a contactless way in interests of an online store. For the purpose of sales, she arranged caches with wholesale quantities of drugs in the capital of Karelia, which, in turn, were used by three other drug dealers. A search of the suspect revealed substances with a total weight of more than **270 g of a substance derived from synthetic drugs**. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15848869>

15.02.2019 Officers of UKON GU Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the Kemerovo region detained two 23-year-old residents of Novokuznetsk, who in a rented apartment equipped a drug lab, where they made synthetic drugs from the group of cathinones. During searches, a large number of precursors, more than 40 liters of various substances for the

synthesis of the drug, **1.5 kg of a prohibited substance - an intermediate product of synthesis** as well as **1 kg of mephedrone** already prepared for distribution were found in premises of the drug lab. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15849281>

15.02.2019 Officers of UKON UMVD in the Tula region and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia in the city of Tula stopped activity of an online store specializing in sale of drugs in the regional capital. Eight active participants in criminal activities were arrested — men and women aged from 25 to 40 years old, from organizers to stash equippers and manufacturers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. During searches conducted in more than 10 addresses located in Tula and in other localities of the region, at least **10 kg of marijuana and 1 kg of amphetamine** prepared for further sale were seized. Equipment and various devices for manufacture of psychotropic substances and home-grown cannabis, cannabis bushes in pots, packaging material, scales, communication equipment and computer equipment were also confiscated. Activity of the online store was completely discontinued. Investigation is underway. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/15847527>

THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

12.02.2019 Law enforcement officers in the Kuvasay city of the Fergana region found **1.032 kg of marijuana** in the attic of a local resident's house. Criminal case is under investigation.

<http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/5841>

14.02.2019 Police officers in the Mirzachulsky district of the Jizzakh region, in the village of Uzbekistan, detained two local residents while trying to sell **1.165 kg of marijuana**. Criminal case is under investigation. <http://www.mvd.uz/ru/lists/view/5841>

OTHER COUNTRIES

ARGENTINA

14.02.2019 Federal police agents have identified a batch of skateboards used by smugglers putting cocaine inside their wheels. Skateboards were intended to be sent to Barcelona (Spain) via Cologne (Germany). In Buenos Aires, arrested were three men and one woman suspected of involvement in the crime. Skateboards belonged to an international organized group that smuggled drug consignment. Investigation began after German customs authorities found **6 kg of cocaine** in wheels of skateboards in a parcel of courier service in Cologne. Consignment of skateboards was on its way from Buenos Aires to Barcelona. Spanish consignee was arrested.

<https://www.welt.de/regionales/nrw/article188836241/Drogenring-schmuggelte-Kokain-in-Skateboard-Raedern-ueber-Koeln.html>

AFGHANISTAN

12.02.2019 Counter narcotics police officers in the region of Mabar Garbi, the city of Talukan, the capital of the province of Takhar, found and seized **18 kg of heroin**. The drug was in a vehicle loaded in the province of Badakhshan, and it was assumed that it would be delivered to the province of Kunduz. Two people were arrested on charges of this crime.

<http://www.bakhtarnews.com.af/eng/security/item/36868-18-kg-heroin-discovered-in-takhar.html>

THE BAHAMAS

12.02.2019 Police in the North Andros as a result of a joint operation with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and officers of the North Andros region and the involvement of aviation for air patrols discovered four fields with cannabis plants. A total of **94.7 thousand cannabis bushes** were found and destroyed.

<https://ewnews.com/more-than-94-thousand-marijuana-plants-discovered-in-andros-destroyed>

BRAZIL

12.02.2019 Agents of the State Department of Criminal Investigations (DEIC) in the port of Santos on the coast of São Paulo found **142 kg of high-purity cocaine** in bags of coffee beans. One person was arrested. This product was intended for export to France. According to the information received by DEIC, a criminal organization would attempt to bring weapons and drugs into the state of São Paulo, for which they will use export scheme of a container with a load of coffee. As a result of further activities, the truck criminal organization used to transport a shipment of cocaine coffee was identified. The vehicle followed from Varginha to Minas Gerais and was loaded with jute bags of coffee. A 29-year-old trucker, a Brazilian citizen, was detained after discovery of 126 packs of cocaine in three of the 320 bags.

<https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2019/02/12/cocaina-pura-e-achada-dentro-de-sacos-de-cafe-que-seriam-exportados-para-a-franca.ghtml>

12.02.2019 As part of the special operation “Cactus” conducted by the Federal Traffic Police (PRF), the Federal Police (PF) and the Federal Revenue Inspectorate in Natal (IRF/Natal), Rio Grande do Norte, containers used to transport smuggled goods of drugs were identified. After unloading, 998 **cocaine** packages with a total weight of **1 ton 275 kg** were found inside containers. The drug was in boxes of mango bound for export to the Netherlands.

<http://receita.economia.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2019/fevereiro/inspetoria-da-receita-federal-em-natal-apreende-1-2-tonelada-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-natal-rn>

13.02.2019 Federal Police Agents (PF) in a joint operation with the Federal Revenue Service in the Port of Natal (IRF/Natal), Rio Grande do Norte State, seized **2.07 tons of cocaine**. A consignment of narcotic contained in 1,832 packages was found among a cargo of melons inside a container that was shipped to Europe (the Netherlands). Investigation is being conducted on this fact to identify persons involved in smuggling.

<http://www.pf.gov.br/agencia/noticias/2019/02/pf-realiza-apreensao-recorde-de-cocaina-no-porto-de-natal>

VIETNAM

11.02.2019 Police officers and border guards who conducted a drug trafficking operation in Thanh Hoa County, which borders Laos, detained a 47-year-old resident of Thanh Hoa Province in an attempt to smuggle **10 kg of methamphetamine** in a jute bag in Vietnam from Laos. The suspect explained that he was hired by an unknown Laotian man to smuggle drugs from Laos to Vietnam through border for a fee of 200 million dong (US \$8,600).

<https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/vietnamese-man-nabbed-with-10-kilos-of-meth-from-laos-3879784.html>

GREECE

14.02.2019 Police at the Athens International Airport detained a 27-year-old Brazilian in an attempt to import **1.7 kg of cocaine** intracavitarily, packaged in 95 sealed containers. Drug trafficker flew to Athens from Sao Paulo (Brazil) via Zurich (Switzerland).

<http://www.ekathimerini.com/237707/article/ekathimerini/news/cocaine-smuggler-arrested-at-athens-airport>

EGYPT

17.02.2019 Police in the international airport of Cairo arrested a citizen of Germany and a citizen of Turkey on charges of drug smuggling. Drug couriers arrived on an Emirates flight from Dubai (UAE). When inspecting their baggage, **11 kg of cocaine** were found. At the end of January, the Egyptian Cabinet of Ministers approved a legislative amendment providing for tougher penalties for drug smuggling, including the death penalty.

<https://www.channelstv.com/2019/02/17/egypt-detains-two-foreigners-for-cocaine-smuggling/>

INDIA

17.02.2019 Narcotics and Affairs of Border (NAB) Police agents at Imphal International Airport have arrested a drug trafficker for attempting to smuggle drugs. **7.75 kg of opium** were found and seized in a baggage of a resident of Madhya Pradesh departing on a flight of the airline "IndiGo" to New Delhi. <https://www.thehansindia.com/posts/index/National/2019-02-17/2-arrested-at-Imphal-airport-for-smuggling-drugs/496550>

IRAN

13.02.2019 Border police in the Gonbad-i-Cavus area on the road connecting northern Golestan with the province of Semnan found **90 kg of opium** in a truck's fuel tank. Two people were arrested. <http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83208389>

13.02.2019 As a result of a special operation in Nakhbandan district of South Khorasan province about 300 km north of Zahedan - the capital of Sistan province and Balochistan, police stopped a truck carrying **98 kg of opium**. Truck driver was arrested. In addition, the Caen district police officers in South Khorasan province as a result of stop and inspection of a passenger bus found and seized **8.6 thousand tramadol tablets**.

<http://www.irna.ir/en/News/83208410>

COLOMBIA

14.02.2019 The National Police through the Drug Enforcement Administration in the seaport of Buenaventura confiscated **598 kg of cocaine**. The first consignment of cocaine weighing 97 kg was found in four bags hidden on board a vessel which followed the route to the shores of Panama and then to Spain. A second consignment of cocaine weighing 501 kg was found in a container intended for export to the Netherlands. 497 packages were hidden in 10 black bags among bags of coffee beans. In addition, as a result of anti-drug operations, police have dismantled 13 cocaine processing laboratories.

<https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/policia-antinarcoticos-evito-que-598-kilos-cocaina-invadieran-europa>

LITHUANIA

13.02.2019 During a joint operation of the Criminal Police of Lithuania and the Prosecutor's Office near the border of Lithuania and Latvia conducted as a result of an investigation into an international network of illicit drug trafficking, about **1.5 tons of hashish** worth about 20 million Euros were seized. Hashish was found in special hiding compartment equipped in a truck trailer floor. The drug of Moroccan origin was imported from Spain and was intended for smuggling to Russia. During the operation, Lithuanian police arrested two Lithuanian citizens and one immigrant from Belarus aged 40 to 50 who were suspected of being involved in smuggling supply. One of the suspects is owner of a Lithuanian cargo company. Lithuania is an important logistics link between western countries and Eastern Europe and remains a transit country in international drug supply channels from Morocco, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands to Russia, mainly to Moscow and St. Petersburg.

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-02/13/c_137818976.htm

MONGOLIA

12.02.2019 Officers of UBN of the Criminal Police of Mongolia detained two men and a woman aged between 19 and 32 and during a search seized **methamphetamine** weighing about **430 g**. Detainees purchased synthetic substances through international mail from America. <https://ikon.mn/n/1i0k>

THE NETHERLANDS

13.02.2019 The National Criminal Investigation Directorate led by the Public Prosecutor's Office is conducting a criminal investigation against a 37-year-old customs officer from Rotterdam. The customs officer was arrested on suspicion of involvement in smuggling of **1.5 tons of cocaine** found in the port of Rotterdam. The consignment was found in a container with a load of mangoes from Brazil. Customs information revealed that the mango container was related to the investigation and that the suspect customs officer could be involved in import of this container. Suspect was arrested. The seizure of 1.5 tons of cocaine and the arrest of a customs officer occurred in cooperation with the customs, the NARC group, the police, the National Investigation Department and the State Prosecutor's Office. Drugs were destroyed.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuwsberichten/@105169/1500-kilo-cocaine/>

USA

11.02.2019 Dodge Ram pickup truck with Mexican license plates going to San Antonio, Texas, was stopped by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on the basis of intelligence. In the car in addition to the driver was a citizen of Mexico. The agents searched the vehicle and found 14 packages of **methamphetamine with a total weight of 9.07 kg**. As a result of further activities, the drug recipient was identified and detained.

<https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/crime/article/Two-arrested-after-BCSO-traffic-stop-yields-20-13613706.php>

11.02.2019 The Webb Sheriff's office in Laredo, Texas, found 10 packs of **cocaine weighing 11.34 kg** as a result of stopping a Ford Ranger vehicle driven by a 37-year-old driver and inspecting it. Worth of the consignment is estimated at 250 thousand US dollars.

<https://www.kgns.tv/content/news/Webb-County-Sheriffs-Office-seize-25-pounds-of-cocaine-505777101.html>

11.02.2019 US border patrol agents prevented three separate attempts to smuggle methamphetamine at the Falfuris checkpoint in Texas. In the first case, a US citizen was arrested transporting 6 packs of **methamphetamine with a total weight of 24.95 kg** in his car. Similarly, the smuggling of **methamphetamine weighing about 45.36 kg** was prevented.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/rio-grande-valley-border-patrol-checkpoint-seizes-48m-worth-meth>

11.02.2019 The US Customs and Border Protection in San Juan, Puerto Rico inside a parcel sent by courier from the Dominican Republic destined for Connecticut and Rhode Island found **2.34 kg of cocaine, 1.03 kg of oxycodone and 3.28 kg of tablets "Endocet" (active substances oxycodone and acetaminophen)**. The officers of the CBP selected for inspection several packages at the air cargo facility at the Luis Munoz Marin International Airport, where K-9 service dogs warned of presence of drugs. Cocaine was found in one package inside speakers. Oxycodone and endocet tablets were found in other packages inside cardboard rolls. US Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) took control of smuggling for further investigation.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-san-juan-intercepts-concealed-narcotics-inside-parcels-destined>

13.02.2019 Blythe Station agents in Yuma, Arizona, who work at Immigration Checkpoint 78, arrested two US citizens on charges of carrying about **7.93 kg of fentanyl**. As a result of inspection activities on a vehicle "Dodge Journey", agents discovered 7 packs of fentanyl in a cache equipped in the floor of the vehicle. The driver, a 29-year-old US citizen from Tolleson, Arizona, had previously been convicted of transporting 9.98 kg of cocaine. In addition to the driver in the vehicle was a passenger - 32-year-old US citizen.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/suspected-fentanyl-confiscated-yuma-sector-border-patrol>

15.02.2019 As a result of joint efforts of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), **100.6 kg of cocaine** were found on cargo ships arriving in Port Jaenem, located in Ventura, California, from Ecuador and Guatemala. During inspection of a refrigerator vessel arriving from Ecuador on January 22, 80 packs of cocaine with a total weight of 92.64 kg were found. Drugs were hidden under floorboards of a cargo ship. A week later, on January 28, CBP officers found seven packages of cocaine, weighing 7.96 kg under the floor in another freighter arriving from Guatemala.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-collaboration-hsi-intercepts-largest-cocaine-contraband-port>

TURKEY

12.02.2019 2 tons of marijuana were seized as a result of an anti-drug operation conducted by the Istanbul police. In the western province of Bursa, about 200 drug dealers were detained during the operation. The anti-drug operation involved police agents, special forces, and service dogs.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/todays-headlines/turkish-police-seize-2-tons-of-marijuana/1390205>

12.02.2019 During an operation in the eastern province of Van, anti-drug police officers detained a truck transporting 58 packages of **heroin with a total weight of 30.34 kg**. Two suspects were detained.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/more-than-30-kg-of-heroin-seized-in-eastern-turkey/1389963>

14.02.2019 Officers of anti-drug police groups in the port of Istanbul on a ship inside six containers loaded with bananas from Ecuador found 70 packs of **cocaine with a total weight of about 80 kg**. Investigation was launched into this case.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/80-kg-of-cocaine-seized-in-ship-carrying-bananas-from-ecuador-to-turkey-141236>

THE CZECH REPUBLIC

12.02.2019 Customs officers of Prague in cooperation with the Customs Drug Department of the General Administration of Customs and the Customs Office of Prague-Ruzyně detained two consignments of **drug precursors with a total weight of 3 tons**. In December last year, China via a Czech shipping company sent two batches of goods declared as cellulose. As a result of checking and examination of control samples in the Customs Technical Laboratory, it turned out that the first batch weighing **1.5 tons** is a chemical substance **3,4-MDP-2-P, that is, methyl glycide or glycate PMK**. This is a so-called precursor used for illicit manufacture of a category 1 precursor drug of relevant European regulations used for illicit manufacture of amphetamines. The examination confirmed that the second batch weighing 1.5 tons also does not contain the declared cellulose, but is a chemical substance **methyl 2-phenylacetate or MAPA**. The substance is also a precursor used for illicit manufacture of BMK, a category 1 precursor of relevant European regulations used for illicit manufacture of amphetamines. Customs officers began administrative proceedings and continued further investigations.

<https://www.celnisprava.cz/cz/celni-urad-pro-hlavni-mesto-prahu/tiskove-zpravy/2019/Stranky/tri-tuny-chemikalii-byly-deklarovany-jako-dovoz-celulozy.aspx>

UKRAINE

14.02.2019 Officers of the Security Service of Ukraine in Kiev detained a national of an African country in Ukraine in refugee status for drug smuggling. The man organized delivery of drugs that contain psychotropic substance cathinone into Ukraine. Criminal received goods from his acquaintances who visited African countries. Nearly **20 kg of synthetic drugs**, several passports of foreign citizens, seals and stamps used to legalize the stay in Ukraine of foreign citizens and stateless persons were confiscated. A pre-trial investigation is being conducted in the framework of the criminal case under the article on smuggling of narcotic substances, illegal production and sale of drugs. <https://sud.ua/ru/news/ukraine/135447-v-kieve-zaderzhali-bezhentsya-za-kontrabandu-narkotikov-kopy-izyali-20-kg-psikhotropov>

16.02.2019 The National Police officers detained a 38-year-old resident of the Lviv region, who organized smuggling of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances from Europe to Ukraine. The person involved, under the guise of entrepreneurial activity in the field of international freight traffic, has established criminal ties with representatives of drug business in Western Europe. From there, he supplied heroin, cocaine and ecstasy, and sold them in large quantities in the Lviv region. The malefactor smuggled into the territory of the region narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances on an especially large scale. In total,



330 g of heroin, 250 g of cocaine and 100 g of MDMA intended for further sale were seized. Market value of seized drugs is estimated at 2 million hryvnia. In addition, 2 carbines, a pistol and ammunition for them were collected from the suspect. <https://www.npu.gov.ua/news/narkozlochyni/na-lvivshhini-polycziya-likvidovala-mizhnarodnij-kanal-postachannya-elitnix-narkotikiv/>

JAMAICA

13.02.2019 Narcotics police agents at the Norman Manley International Airport in Kingston found **24 kg of cocaine** worth \$ 26 million in an export warehouse in a consignment of foodstuffs at an export warehouse. Four people were detained. Destination was Miami, Florida, USA.

<http://jrnewsline.com/local/cocaine-seized-at-norman-manley-international-airport>