

*Unofficial translation***CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

**10-16.08.2020****№ 33****CARICC MEMBER STATES****REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

**10.08.2020** Officers of Barda district police department detained a resident of Otuzikilyar village as a result of operative search actions. During inspection of the site in the yard of his house they found and seized **16 cannabis bushes** and more than **13 kg of dried marijuana**. <https://media.az/society/1067786771/zhitelya-bardinskogo-rayona-zaderzhali-za-vyraschivanie-konopli/>

**12.08.2020** Employees of the State Customs Committee detained a railway platform registered in Iran, which was on its way to Poland, processing of previously received operational information at the customs post "Astara Railway". The platform was inspected with the help of a service dog, and the service dog reacted to two pallets when inspecting a cargo declared as "Clay", packed in 720 standard bags of 20 pallets in a container. They were found to contain **200.8 kg of heroin**, packed in 14 bags, seven in each pallet. During preliminary investigation it was found out that a manufacturer from Oguz region of Azerbaijan was indicated on the bags with drugs intended for transit through the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Europe. Then it was found out that the cargo of clay packed in these bags was earlier transported from Azerbaijan to Iran by an individual entrepreneur from Oguz, after which the bags were used by members of a criminal group operating in IRI. <https://az.sputniknews.ru/incidents/20200812/424668299/Na-azerbaydzhanskoy-granitse-zaderzhany-dva-tsentnera-tranzitnogo-geroina.html>

**13.08.2020** Employees of the Central Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Azerbaijan conducted an operation in the territory of Absheron district, during which four citizens were detained. **5 grams of heroin** were found and seized from one of them, and more than **10 kg of heroin** in his car. Heroin was also found and seized from other passengers in the car. In continuation of the operational measures, **495 grams of psychotropic substances and 501 grams of heroin** were found and seized in the house of a detainee in Bakikhanov settlement. As a result of the operation, employees of the department also detained a Baku resident, from whom **4.210 kg of heroin, 2.020 kg of opium and 11 g of methamphetamine** were found during a search. <https://haqqin.az/news/186374>

**13.08.2020** Employees of the State Customs Committee stopped a Volvo truck transporting sultanas from the Islamic Republic of Iran to Ukraine at the Astara customs post, based on information received earlier. The vehicle was being driven by a Ukrainian citizen. During search of the vehicle, **5.2 kg of opium** were found and seized using a dog from canine service. <https://media.az/society/1067787132/gtk-v-gruzovike-ehavshem-iz-irana-v-ukrainu-obnaruzheno-bole-5-kg-opiuma/>

**14.08.2020** A MAN truck coming from Iran and driven by a Georgian citizen was detained at the "Astara" customs post of the Southern Territorial Customs Directorate. During inspection of the vehicle together with the State Border Service, five cellophane bags with **marijuana** weighing **1.115 kg** were found in the driver's backpack.

<https://www.salamnews.org/ru/news/read/392785>

**15.08.2020** Employees of Mingechevir city police department detained a resident of Mingechevir city as a result of operational measures taken. A search of his house and farmhouse revealed **8 cannabis bushes and over 4 kg of marijuana**.

<https://zerkalo.az/politsiya-provela-spetsoperatsiyu-v-mingyachevire/>

## REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

**10.08.2020** As a result of operative-search actions taken by a specially formed unit to combat drug trafficking, criminal activity of a 28-year-old resident of Rudny, suspected of illegal sale of "synthetics" on a particularly large scale, was intercepted: the man was carrying **97 zip-packages with drugs**. The suspect also kept drugs in his apartment. In addition, police officers seized psychotropic substances of "methyl ether of butane acid" from stashes. On the "black market" value of the seizure is about 1 million tenge. The detainee was planning to sell the psychotropic substances through social networks.

<https://www.zakon.kz/5035424-kurera-zakladchika-narkotikov-na.html>

**11.08.2020** Kazakh border guards at the Karakoga checkpoint detained a Russian citizen leaving Kazakhstan to go to Russia who attempted to transport about **400 g of hashish** in his car.

<https://www.zakon.kz/5035579-rossiyanina-zaderzhali-na-granitse.html>

**11.08.2020** A Volkswagen Passat car was stopped in Karatau in the course of the OPM "Karasora", where employees of the DP UPN of Zhambyl region found and seized more than **40 kg of dried marijuana**. The driver and two passengers, residents of Zhambyl region, were detained.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-40-kg-marihuany-iz-yali-politsejskie-u-treh-zhambyltsev/>

**12.08.2020** State Revenue Department officials in Turkestan region detained an Uzbek citizen traveling from Kazakhstan to his home country on August 10 at the B. Konysbaev customs checkpoint, where **cannabis cones** were found and seized in his pants belt. A day later, a driver was detained at the same post on his way from Tajikistan to Lithuania. During his personal search, about **3 grams of hashish** were found and seized.

<https://rus.azattyq-ruhy.kz/incidents/13315-dvoe-inostrantsev-pytalis-provezti-narkotiki-cherez-granitsu-kazahstana>

**13.08.2020** Wild cannabis was mowed in the territory of the Shu district by the staff of the UPN DP of Zhambyl region together with the staff of the Shu inter-district prosecutor's office, the State Institution for Protection of Forests and Wildlife and the National Guard soldiers of the unit № 5518 during the Republican OPM "Karasora-2020". **1560 kg of mowed cannabis** was destroyed by burning.

<https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-1-5-tonny-konopli-skosheno-i-sozhzheno-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

**13.08.2020** Employees of the criminal police department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs together with police officers of the capital department stopped a group of three residents of Kyzylorda region at the age of 25-35 years. Members of the criminal group were transporting drugs from the southern regions of the republic and selling them through

existing intermediaries in Nur-Sultan. More than **4 kg of marijuana** were seized from them during arrest. [https://www.inform.kz/ru/zanimavshayasya-sbytom-narkotikov-prestupnaya-gruppa-zaderzhana-v-stolice\\_a3683119](https://www.inform.kz/ru/zanimavshayasya-sbytom-narkotikov-prestupnaya-gruppa-zaderzhana-v-stolice_a3683119)

**13.08.2020** Police officers of the Zhambyl region police department UPN together with a battalion of patrol police of the Zhambyl region police department stopped a Daewoo Nexia car on the Western Europe-Western China highway during the OPM Karasora. During inspection of the car with the help of a service dog, more than **1 kg of hashish** and more than **21.5 kg of dried marijuana** were found in the possession of 31-year-old driver and 33-year-old passenger - residents of Ust-Kamenogorsk city. <https://polisia.kz/ru/bolee-22-kg-narkotikov-obnaruzhenov-avto-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

**14.08.2020** As part of the "Koknar-2020" preventive measure on the "Kelte-Mashat" highway in Tulkubas district, officers of the Drug Crime Prevention Department and patrol police battalion of the Turkestan region DP stopped and checked a "VAZ-21099" vehicle. During search in the car interior, operatives seized plastic bags of **1.5 g of alpha PVP** and a bag of **2 kg of dried marijuana** from the trunk of the car. Another citizen was also detained in the Sairam district while attempting to sell four bags of **3 g of alpha PVP**. Drugs were found to have been brought from Shymkent. The suspects in two cases mentioned above are residents of Shymkent, one of whom was previously convicted. <https://polisia.kz/ru/narkoticheskie-sredstva-iz-yali-u-zhitelej-shymkenta-politsejskie-turkestanskoj-oblasti/>

**15.08.2020** In the course of operational and preventive measure "Karasora", officers of the Drug Control Department of the Police Department of Zhambyl region detained two 29-year-old residents of Taraz city, who went to Baizak district on horses with four bags containing **36.860 kg of marijuana**. <https://polisia.kz/ru/perevozili-narkotiki-na-loshadyah-dvuh-muzhchin-zaderzhali-v-zhambylskoj-oblasti/>

**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**14.08.2020** Police officers in Bishkek detained a 29-year-old suspect in the sale of marijuana and hashish. A total of **791 grams of plant substances** with a specific odour were found and seized from him. [https://24.kg/proisshestvija/162519\\_vbishkeke\\_zaderjali\\_podozrevaemogo\\_vhraneni\\_narkotikov\\_vkrupnom\\_razmere/](https://24.kg/proisshestvija/162519_vbishkeke_zaderjali_podozrevaemogo_vhraneni_narkotikov_vkrupnom_razmere/)

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**10.08.2020** Police officers of the "Balashikhinskoye" MU MVD in front of a house on Sportivnaya Street stopped a car driven by a 22-year-old resident of Noginsky district, suspected of attempted sale of drugs. During search of the vehicle, 2 packages containing about **400 g of amphetamine** were found in armrest and seized. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20819755>

**10.08.2020** Employees of drug control unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia's Maikop district department of the Republic of Adygeya together with colleagues from the service of district police commissioners detained a 49-year-old local resident suspected of involvement in illegal operations with narcotic substances. Police officers inspected his home

and garden and found and seized **4 kg of poppy plants containing narcotic substances** in a cache. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20822008>

**11.08.2020** Officers of the Kalmykia MVD UKON detained a 32-year-old resident of Elista, suspected of selling drugs through caches. During search of the vehicle in which the suspect was moving, police found and seized 40 polymeric bundles of plant-based drugs, as well as more than 500 thousand rubles. At the place of residence of the suspect police found 47 bushes of narcotic plants, while a room was equipped with automatic microclimate regulators. In addition to drugs, electronic scales, packaging material and other items used to pack narcotic drugs were found at this address. Police found that the suspect was packaging small items, constructing stashes of drugs for further sale through an online store. Over **2 kg of narcotics** were seized in total. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20832983>

**11.08.2020** Employees of the Drug Control Department of the Russian OMVD in the Elabuga district of the Republic of Tatarstan together with soldiers of special unit of MVD detained a 48-year-old resident of Zainsk when attempting to sell drugs. During a personal search, law enforcement officers found a bundle of **41.27 grams of marijuana** in the suspect's possession. Later, while searching place of residence, 45 cannabis bushes were found and seized. The weight of the **dried substance was over 25 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20832143>

**12.08.2020** Employees of the UKON GU MVD of Russia in the Stavropol krai detained two residents of the regional center in one of which about **1 kg of mephedrone** was found and seized in the car, and during searches at the place of their residence - another 14 convolutions with **drugs** prepared for sale with a total weight of more than **30 grams**, as well as scales and packaging materials. During preliminary investigation, it was established that the young people had purchased drug for further sale through "stashes" in the region. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20840867>

**12.08.2020** Five Moscow region residents suspected of attempted illegal sale of so-called designer drugs have been detained by officers of the Interior Ministry's Kostroma District Department UKON. In the course of special operation, two accomplices were detained on the highway near Neya, Kostroma region. During inspection of their car in a cache under the door panelling they found and seized 150 bundles of **drugs** with a total weight of **54 grams**. Another three accomplices were detained by police in the early morning at a country house in the town of Shchelkovo near Moscow. The cottage was specially rented for the purpose of storing illegal substances. A search resulted in the seizure of more than **1.5 kg of drug salts**, as well as equipment for packaging. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20837095>

**12.08.2020** Employees of the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) in the Ivanovo region discontinued operation of a major drug laboratory. Mephedrone was produced using the labour of migrants who did not receive a penny for their work - their documents were taken away and they threatened to be physically killed. They produced up to 200 kg of amphetamine per month. During a search **34.8 kg of mephedrone were found, more than 1.2 tons of drug-containing liquid and more than 7.2 tons of chemical reagents and precursors**. In addition, 10 firearms, 3 silencers and 1,200 cartridges of various calibres were seized from alleged criminal curators. <https://www.vesti.ru/article/2440128>

**12.08.2020** As part of Operation Mak, officers of the Mari-El Ministry of Internal Affairs UKON, together with colleagues from the Medvedevsky Ministry of Internal Affairs MO, detained a 52-year-old resident of Medvedevsky district on suspicion of illegal cultivation of narcotic plants. During an inspection of her house and adjacent territory, police found and seized **451 poppy bushes**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20841511>

**12.08.2020** In the course of operative-search actions carried out in May 2020, employees of the UNK GU MVD of the Russian Federation for Samara region together with employees of ONK OP MVD of the Russian Federation for the city of Samara in an apartment on Moscow highway detained a suspect in attempt on sale of illegal substances. During inspection of the apartment, police officers found and seized electronic scales, a hand grinder with the remains of a substance, rolls of foil and food film, bags and plastic containers, rubber gloves and over **2 kg of synthetic drugs**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20841089>

**13.08.2020** Employees of OKON OMVD of Russia in the Temryuk district of Krasnodar krai, together with representatives of municipal authorities on the southern outskirts of the village Golubitskaya, conducted raids aimed at identifying and destroying drug-containing plant growth areas. As a result of the raid, **570 bushes of wild crops containing drugs** were mowed and burned. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20853751>

**13.08.2020** Employees of the St. Petersburg Linear Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs detained a local resident who was selling illegal substances through stash in the region. During inspection of his car, 18 briquettes containing about **22 kg of methylephedrone** were found in the cabin and under the boot lining. In addition, during search of the detainee's place of residence, electronic scales, packaging material, a device for sealing vacuum bags and computer equipment were seized, as well as narcotic substances: **MDMA, methadone, mephedrone and hashish** with a total weight of **2.5 kg**. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20851480>

**13.08.2020** Employees of the Rzhevsky police department of the Russian MVD MO ONK, Tver region, detained a 28-year-old local resident, from whom **94 g of amphetamine** was found and seized in his house. The detainee may be involved in distribution of narcotic drugs by contactless means in the city of Rzhev. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20857532>

**14.08.2020** As a result of implementation of operational information received by Belgian law enforcement agencies to the National Central Bureau of Interpol of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, officers of the Main Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of St. Petersburg and Leningrad region, together with the FSB and FTS of Russia seized a large cocaine consignment. According to materials provided by Belgian colleagues, narcotic drug was brought into the Russian Federation from Belgium on a large-capacity vessel carrying freight transport. During inspection of 50 heavy-duty vehicles, more than **25 kg of cocaine** were found in the cab of one of them. <https://мвд.пф/news/item/20869406>

**REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

**10.08.2020** State Security Service (SGB) operatives detained several drug couriers and dealers during a number of special events:

SGB Border Troops found **892.5 grams of hashish** thrown from the Tajik side across the Uzbek-Tajik state border, passing through the territory of the Mahalla citizens' gathering "Saihun" of Bekabad city in Tashkent province.

Officers of the Khorezm region State Security Service Department, at the "Sarimoi" DSS post in Tuprokkala district, inspected a Malibu vehicle driven by a native of Khorezm who was moving in the direction of "Samarkand Urgench". As a result of inspection of the car, 3 cellophane bags with **336 g of opium** wrapped with duct tape were found in the hatch. It turned out that the man bought these drugs in Samarkand region for 2300 dollars and 35.5 million soums for further sale.

Also, at the Sarimoi post, an Isuzu truck was stopped and checked on its way to Tashkent Urgench. As a result of the inspection, **185.49 grams of opium** were found in the possession of a Khorezm-born passenger. As it turned out, the man, having conspired with his acquaintance, bought 600 grams of opium for \$6,800. He left about 400 grams of it with the seller, and was transporting the rest to Khorezm for sale.

Another case was recorded at the Sarimoi post. During inspection of a car under the control of a native of Khorezm, moving in the direction of "Tashkent Urgench", **133.35 grams of opium** were found in a bag with a laptop in the trunk of the car. The detainee said he bought 150 grams of opium from a friend in the Farhod dehkan market in Tashkent for 19.5 million soums, consumed a small part of the opium himself and transported the rest to Khorezm region for sale.

In the course of operational measure carried out by staff of the State Security Service Department of Bukhara region, **173.15 grams of hashish** were found and seized while examining a leather bag of a native of Andijan region, who came from Tashkent. In addition, **220 grams of hashish** were found and seized in the pocket of jacket during a search carried out at the place of temporary residence in Tashkent.

State Security Service employees in Chilanzar district of Tashkent arrested a seller - a native of Surkhandarya region - and a buyer at the time of purchase and sale of **100 grams of hashish**. In addition, 1,550 dollars and 2 million soums were seized from them as material evidence. During search of the seller's apartment in Chilanzar district, **195 grams of hashish** were found and seized from two natives of Surkhandarya. Criminal proceedings have been initiated under relevant articles of the Criminal Code and investigative measures are currently being taken.

<https://podrobno.uz/cat/proisshestviya/sgb-zaderzhala-neskolko-narkokurerov-i-dilerov/>

**OTHER COUNTRIES**

**ARMENIA**

**13.08.2020** Staff of the State Revenue Committee together with the Armenian police detained the recipient of a parcel with **46.5 MDMA tablets**. The parcel was sent to Armenia from the United Kingdom. Besides, **19 more such pills** were found in another postal shipment from the UK. [https://arminfo.info/full\\_news.php?id=54361&lang=2](https://arminfo.info/full_news.php?id=54361&lang=2)

## BELGIUM

**13.08.2020** Police officers are looking for three suspects who fled during a container inspection at the VanMarcke Sanitary Company distribution centre in Olbek. A container of legal cargo was loaded in Egypt. During inspection of the container, it was found that, in addition to the legal cargo, it contained 41 packages, each holding approximately 30 packages of 1 kg of cocaine. In total, more than **1,200 kg of cocaine** were seized. The driver was questioned and then released.

[https://www.pzvas.be/index.php?id=173&tx\\_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=39&tx\\_ttnews%5Btt\\_news%5D=4874&cHash=b4084b6201e077bb4ec559bbdcc13967](https://www.pzvas.be/index.php?id=173&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=39&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=4874&cHash=b4084b6201e077bb4ec559bbdcc13967)

## BRAZIL

**14.08.2020** Members of the Federal Tax Service and police in the port of El Salvador in the Comercio area seized about **915 kg of cocaine** destined for shipment to the port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

<https://g1.globo.com/ba/bahia/noticia/2020/08/14/quase-uma-tonelada-de-cocaina-e-apreendida-no-porto-de-salvador-droga-seria-levada-para-europa.ghtml>

**16.08.2020** In a joint operation carried out by the Brazilian Federal Police and the United States Revenue Service at Port Natal, **703.95 kg of cocaine** were found and seized in a mango container destined for shipment to the Netherlands. <https://g1.globo.com/rn/rio-grande-do-norte/noticia/2020/08/16/pf-e-receita-federal-apreendem-70395-kg-de-cocaina-em-meio-a-carga-de-mangas-no-porto-de-natal.ghtml>

## UNITED KINGDOM

**16.08.2020** British police have detained on suspicion of drug trafficking a man who among several types of drugs was found to have orange ecstasy tablets shaped like the head of the U.S. president. On one side of the pill is a cartoon image of Donald Trump's face, and on the other - the inscription "Trump" with five stars. The alleged drug dealer lives in Luton.

<https://www.kp.kg/online/news/3979590/>

## GERMANY

**10.08.2020** Police officers, upon receiving intelligence, seized **1.5 tons of cocaine** in a container with bags of rice that had arrived from Guyana. The container arrived at the port of Hamburg at the end of June in a CMA CGM Jean Gabriel container ship. The container was then to be loaded on a feeder vessel along with 11 other transport containers and then delivered to Poland. Drugs were packed in 47 large bags hidden between bags of rice. Inside these bags, there were a total of 1277 small cocaine packets. All packets contained various symbols, including a cat's face, the Gaul rooster and Ampelmännchen (red and green traffic light symbols shown on pedestrian signals in Germany). Several hundred packs were marked with the same logo. Authorities suggest that cocaine should have been distributed from Poland to wholesale buyers across Europe, who would then sell drugs to street vendors. <https://www.dw.com/en/german-police-seize-15-tons-of-cocaine-at-hamburg-port/a-54510023>

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**10.08.2020** Agents of the National Narcotics Control Directorate found and seized 208 packets of cocaine in 2 of 34 refrigerated containers that came empty from Santa Marta Columbia and were unloaded on a pier of the port of Muelle de Manzanillo. The stash was equipped in the front inside containers, specifically at the location where air conditioning console was located. The total weight of the seized **cocaine** was **245 kg**. <https://laveganews.net/dncd-decomisa-208-paquetes-presumiblemente-cocaina-durante-inspeccion-en-muelle-de-manzanillo/>

## COLOMBIA

**10.08.2020** Drug control officials in the port of Santa Marta have prevented smuggling of **1.1 tons of cocaine**. A total of 1,100 packages glued with black and brown plastic ribbons bearing the symbol "Annuit Coeptis" were found. The stash was hidden in 59 cardboard boxes among bananas destined for Central America and Europe. <https://defrente.co/cayo-cargamento-de-mas-de-una-tonelada-de-cocaina-en-el-puerto-de-santa-marta/>

## COSTA RICA

**10.08.2020** Drug control officers found and seized 918 packages containing more than **1 ton of cocaine** in a fruit container bound for the Netherlands. <https://amprensa.com/2020/08/en-contenedor-frutas-decomisan-cargamento-de-cocaina-que-salia-de-costa-rica-a-holanda/>

## THE NETHERLANDS

**16.08.2020** Customs officials at the port of Rotterdam intercepted a shipment of **cocaine** weighing **1,100 kg**. The drugs were hidden in a container of bananas coming from Ecuador. The container arrived by sea from Antwerp. The container was for a company in The Hague that probably had nothing to do with smuggling. <https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2020/08/16/douane-onderschept-1100-kilo-cocaine-tussen-bananen>

## PAKISTAN

**13.08.2020** Members of the Khyber Anti-Narcotics Force seized **30 kg of heroin** in two operations, which were transported in vehicles. <https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/anf-recovers-30-kilogram-heroin-arrests-two-1000995.html>

**15.08.2020** Rawalpindi police officers detained a known smuggler who intended to smuggle **10 kg of heroin** into another province. <https://nation.com.pk/15-Aug-2020/smuggling-bid-foiled>

## PANAMA

**13.08.2020** Intelligence units of the National Police have seized **350 packages of drugs**. The shipment is believed to have been destined for a European country. Drug was hidden in 10 bags, 35 packs each. <http://www.policia.gob.pa/18905-interceptan-cargamento-de-droga-hacia-europa.html>



## PORTUGAL

**10.08.2020** Police officers, together with tax and customs officials, carried out an operation that resulted in the seizure of **375 kg of cocaine** at a logistics centre north of Lisbon, hidden in a container that was carrying bananas and had recently arrived in Portugal by sea. Four of the country's citizens, aged 33 to 56, were apprehended at the scene on suspicion of involvement in a transnational criminal organization engaged in supplying large quantities of cocaine from Latin America to the European continent. In addition, three vehicles were arrested and various items and documents of evidentiary interest were seized. <https://www.policiajudiciaria.pt/combate-ao-trafico-internacional-de-estupefacientes-8/>

**13.08.2020** In an operation code-named "Vento Norte", **400 kg of cocaine** in a container originating in Brazil were seized by judicial police officers at Port Sines. Cocaine was concealed in a shipment of strawberry pulp. Six suspected members of international drug trafficking network, including four Spaniards and two Portuguese, have been arrested. <https://www.publico.pt/2020/08/13/sociedade/noticia/pj-apreende-porto-sines-400-quilos-cocaina-proveniente-brasil-1927966>

## USA

**12.08.2020** U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials at the Otai-Mesa commercial site discovered more than **664 kg of methamphetamine** hidden in a shipment of cacti. A 48-year-old tractor driver was detained while pulling a trailer with a load similar to cacti. This is the second seizure of methamphetamine packs from a shipment of cacti this week. In the previous case, **498 kg of methamphetamine** were seized, mixed with cacti in boxes. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/second-meth-seizure-cactus-shipment-week>

**11.08.2020** U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials at the ports of entry into San Diego and Imperial Valley intercepted on three occasions **303 kg of methamphetamine** hidden in cactus consignments, nearly **6,803 kg of marijuana** carried under the guise of lime and **1.1 kg of fentanyl, 1.2 kg of heroin and 30.5 kg of methamphetamine**, which were hidden in spare wheel of inspected vehicles. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-almost-600-packages-methamphetamine-cactus-shipment>

## UKRAINE

**14.08.2020** Officers of the Security Service of Ukraine found a shipment of drugs in possession of a European tourist who flew to Odessa for vacation. Illegal substances were among personal belongings in energy drink. Express research conducted on the spot showed that the bags contained over **500 g of cocaine**, as well as small shipments of ecstasy and cannabis. <https://zn.ua/UKRAINE/turist-iz-evropy-priletel-otdykhat-v-odessu-zakhvativ-polkilohramma-kokaina-na-million-hriven-sbu.html>

## ECUADOR

**15.08.2020** Police officers using a service dog at Quito Airport found and seized **19 kg of cocaine** concealed in a shipment of flowers sent to Canada. <https://www.elcomercio.com/actualidad/igor-aeropuerto-quito-droga-canada.html>