

*Unofficial translation***CARICC WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(based on mass media reports)

05.10-11.10.2020**№ 41****CARICC MEMBER STATES****RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

05.10.2020 Employees of GUNK of the Russian MVD, together with colleagues from Moscow, dismantled an illicit laboratory where the drug mephedrone was produced. A citizen suspected of organizing illegal activities was detained in the village of Belousovo, Novofedorovsky settlement of Moscow. To produce mephedrone, he purchased necessary ingredients and laboratory equipment, which allowed him to produce up to 50 kg of mephedrone per month. A "chemical reactor", a special unit that allows improving quality of produced drugs, was seized. Advertisements for the sale of drugs were placed in illegal online stores, and were transmitted to customers contactlessly, through caches equipped in forests. A criminal case has been opened over this fact. During search more than **18 kg of mephedrone, more than 15 kg of precursors and chemical reagents**, laboratory equipment and personal protective equipment were seized. A measure of restraint in the form of imprisonment was chosen in respect of the suspect. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21368714>

06.10.2020 Officers from UNK UMVD of Russia in Tambov region, together with colleagues from the FSB, have detained two residents of neighboring countries suspected of drug trafficking in Tambov. During a personal search of the suspects, **395 g of heroin** were seized, which was purchased in Moscow via the Internet for further distribution in Tambov region. A criminal case was opened against foreign nationals. The court selected a preventive measure in the form of detention. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21397088>

07.10.2020 Employees of UNK GU MVD of Russia in Rostov region detained a 37-year-old resident of Novocherkassk who set up and equipped a drug laboratory, where he organized production of synthetic drugs and further sale through an online store. During a search, **440 g of mephedrone** were seized from the laboratory, as well as chemicals and laboratory equipment. A criminal case was initiated. The court selected a preventive measure - detention of the perpetrator. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21401361>

07.10.2020 On the M-4 "Don" freeway in the urban district of Kashira, employees of GU MVD of Russia in Moscow region stopped a car driven by a 28-year-old resident of Vologda. During inspection of the vehicle in the cabin they found and seized more than **2 kg of methylephedrone**. Drugs were being transported by a drug courier from a stash in the Kolomenskoye city district for placement in a stash in Belgorod. A criminal case was opened against the malefactor. The Kashir City Court selected a preventive measure in the form of detention for the suspect. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21396443>

08.10.2020 A man suspected of drug possession was detained by officers of UNK GU MVD of the Russian Federation for Moscow region, together with colleagues from the Department

of Internal Affairs of Russia for the urban district of Solnechnogorsk, Moscow region. During a personal search in his backpack, police found a package containing about **500 g of heroin**. A criminal case was opened. Solnechnogorsk City Court selected a preventive measure in the form of detention. <https://xn--b1aew.xn--p1ai/news/item/21410883>

REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

30.09.2020 During the second stage of the event "Black Poppy - 2020" officers of OVD of Uzbekistan district Fergana region during inspection of a house of 57-year-old resident of the village Khudoerkhon mahhali Kelajak found and seized **1.033 kg of marijuana**. A criminal case was opened on this fact. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/fargona-viloyatida-qoradori-2020-tadbiri-doirasida-aniqlangan-holatlar>

01.10.2020 In the course of preventive measures, Tashkent police officers detained a 17-year-old boy, and found and seized **848.98 g of marijuana** from him. A criminal case was opened on this fact. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/sergelida-narkotik-vositalarini-saqdash-bilan-bogliq-fakt-boyicha-jinoiy-ish-qozgatildi>

11.10.2020 On the territory of Tashkent region, a resident of Chumchukzhar mahalla in Yukorychirchiksky district grew **3 bushes of cannabis** and stored **438 g of marijuana** on the plot of his house. Also in Urtachirchiksky district, located in the Yoshlik mahalla of Nurafshon city, a 39-year-old local resident was detained and **444.7 g of marijuana** were seized from him. A 33-year-old resident of the Sabzavot mahalla in Tashkent District grew **3 bushes of cannabis** on his farm plot. Criminal proceedings were instituted on all facts. <https://iiv.uz/ru/news/toshkent-viloyatida-qoradori-2020-tadbiri-doirasida-aniqlangan-holatlar>

OTHER COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN

06.10.2020 In separate operations, police destroyed two heroin laboratories in Gani Heel district, eastern Nangarhar province, and arrested five drug smugglers. Two people were arrested in Kabul and three others in southern Helmand province. They seized **20 kg of heroin and 40 kg of hashish**. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-10/06/c_139422478.htm

BELGIUM

07.10.2020 Police in the port of Ghent confiscated **65 kg of cocaine**. The retail value of the shipment is estimated at 3.2 million euros. The vessel, where cocaine was found, was carrying a cargo of coal from Colombia to the port of Ghent. It had five large holds filled with coal coke. When one of the holds was emptied, a sealed bag containing about **35 kg of cocaine** was found. In addition, below the waterline on the hull of the ship was found a steel casing attached to the metal with magnets, which contained about **30 kg of cocaine**. https://www.nieuwsblad.be/cnt/dmf20201007_92367106

BENIN

02.10.2020 **557 kg of cocaine** were found and seized in the port of Cotonou. The consignment was found in a container in bags of cashew nuts. The shipment was to be sent to the port of Antwerp (Belgium). An investigation had been opened. The container was

sent by the company "FRITEB INTERNATIONAL". <https://www.les4verites.bj/557-kg-de-cocaine-dissimules-dans-des-sacs-de-cajou/>
<https://differenceinfobenin.com/2020/10/03/trafic-de-drogue-557-kg-de-cocaine-expedies-par-la-societe-dun-beninois-saisi-au-port-autonome-de-cotonou/>

BRAZIL

05.10.2020 Customs of the Federal Revenue Service (IRS) in the port of Salvador found **472 kg of cocaine** in the cargo of iron ore and seized it. The consignment of cocaine was supposed to be sent by ship to Europe, the final destination was the port of Antwerp (Belgium). The criminal "Rip-on/Rip-off" technique was used to conceal smuggling, where drug was placed in a legal cargo without the knowledge of exporters and importers. Files were transferred to the Federal Police, which will continue the investigation. The seizure is a result of ongoing customs controls with intensive use of technology and methods of analysis and risk management. <https://g1.globo.com/ba/bahia/noticia/2020/10/05/quase-500-kg-de-cocaina-sao-apreendidas-em-carga-de-minerio-de-ferro-no-porto-de-salvador.ghtml>

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=-TKw9HQZy3M&feature=emb_logo

05.10.2020 Agents from the Federal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Federal Police (PF) at the airport detained a 17-year-old boy suspected of drug smuggling while attempting to board a flight to Campinas, Sao Paulo. During a luggage search, a dog reacted to a suspicious suitcase that contained nothing illegal during a scan. During inspection, the suitcase contained three blankets, the cloth of which was soaked with **cocaine**, weighing **3 kg**. The teenager was persuaded by a Colombian woman to deliver drug to Campinas. The young man was detained and sent to the DEAAI (Special Police Accountability Office) to undergo appropriate procedures. <https://todahora.com/articulos/adolescente-%C3%A9-apreendida-no-aeroporto-com-3kg-de-coca-impregnado-em-edredrons>

09.10.2020 Customs of the Federal Revenue Service (IRS) in the port of Santos, Sao Paulo, found and seized **71 kg of cocaine**. The cargo of coffee was destined for the port of Gioia Tauro (Italy). Shipment of cocaine was found during inspection in three bags hidden among coffee bags. The criminal "Rip-on/Rip-off" technique was used to conceal smuggling, where drug was placed in a legal cargo without the knowledge of exporters and importers. Cocaine was delivered to the Federal Police, which will continue investigation. In 2020, Santos Customs already seized 14 441 kg of cocaine. <https://g1.globo.com/sp/santos-regiao/porto-mar/noticia/2020/10/09/receita-federal-localiza-71-kg-de-cocaina-escondidos-em-carga-de-cafe-no-porto-de-santos-sp.ghtml>

INDIA

09.10.2020 Assam police at a special checkpoint in Dillay, Carby-Anglong intercepted a truck carrying **2 kg of heroin** from Manipur through Nagaland to Guwahati. The case was registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS). Two persons aged 41 and 22 years were detained. Earlier, on October 3 a bus going to Karimgandj from Dimapur was detained at the gate of Dillay. During examination of bus they found a package containing **60 thousand tablets of methamphetamine** and **45 g of heroin**. <https://www.eastmojo.com/assam/2020/10/09/heroin-brown-sugar-seized-along-nagaland-assam-border-2-arrested>

10.10.2020 Batalya police seized **5 kg of heroin** from a resident of Megha village. A case was registered at the Dera Baba Nanak police station under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS). <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/amritsar/batala-police-seize-5-kg-heroin-153489>

IRAN

08.10.2020 In the period from 3 to 8 October, the Anti-Narcotics Police of Iran seized **12.596 tons of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including 478 kg of heroin, 10.583 tons of opium, 145 kg of methamphetamine, 21 kg of morphine, 1016 kg of hashish, 263 kg of other narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances**¹.

10.10.2020 In a joint operation between the Khormozgan provincial police and the Kerman narcotics police, **604 kg of opium** were seized as a result of complex intelligence operations. Three smugglers were arrested and taken to court. <https://en.mehrnews.com/news/164547/Police-seize-604-kg-of-narcotics-in-Hormozgan-province>

CANADA

09.10.2020 Police officers (RCMP) in the southwest of New Brunswick province conducted an ongoing investigation into a forest area near the Shadyak River, which resulted in the discovery and seizure of about **3.5 kg of heroin**. Four people were arrested. Police are continuing their investigation. <https://globalnews.ca/news/7394855/new-brunswick-3-5-heroin-shediack-river/>

COLOMBIA

07.10.2020 Criminal Investigation Department and Interpol (DIJIN), in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Office of the Attorney General in Bogota, seized **72.65 kg of cocaine** in liquid form. Drug was transported in containers disguised inside beams, in hidden compartments designed to be undetectable by scanners. Seized drug belonged to a transnational criminal organization smuggling drugs in containers through shipping companies to transport the substance in liquid form from Bogota to the Netherlands. Through processes of illicit drug production using chemicals and solvents, these criminal organizations have transformed drugs from solid state to liquid to make easier to hide. A person has been detained on suspicion of involvement in drug smuggling and handed over to competent authorities for investigating crimes related to sale, manufacture or transport of drugs. <https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/incautamos-mas-70-kilogramos-cocaina-estado-liquido>.

07.10.2020 The national police in the port of Buenaventura, the department of Valle del Cauca, seized **1.604 tons of cocaine** hidden in a container with sugar sacks. A total of 267 sacks of sugar were found, which were intended for export to Belgium. The shipment was worth 71 million US dollars. In 2020, **7 tons 765.510 kg of cocaine** were seized in the port of Buenaventura, which corresponds to 36% of the total amount seized at sea terminals in the country. <https://www.policia.gov.co/noticia/incautamos-mas-16-toneladas-clorhidrato-cocaina-puerto-buenaventura>

¹ Data provided by liaison officer of the Anti-Narcotics Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

MALAYSIA

05.10.2020 During a police raid in an elite apartment in Kuala Lumpur, more than **1.180 kg of heroin** was seized. Two men aged 30 and 40 were detained on suspicion of drug trafficking. Heroin costs 13.2 thousand ringgits.

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/10/06/over-1kg-heroin-seized-two-men-held-in-drug-raid-at-kl-condo>

MEXICO

09.10.2020 National Guard of Mexico seized **180 gallons (684 liters) of methamphetamine in liquid form** from a parcel delivery warehouse in Sonora State. Methamphetamine was found in 720 plastic bottles labeled "garden fertilizer. Its cost was estimated at \$8.5 million. Boxes of garden fertilizer were delivered from Culiacán, the capital of the state of Sinaloa, where a drug cartel of the same name is located, and were destined for the northern border town of Tijuana. In addition, the National Guard of Mexico seized and destroyed nearly **30 tons of marijuana** found near the border town of Tecate, near Tijuana, in a 1 acre (0.5 hectares) plantation.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-8824617/Mexico-seizes-180-gallons-684-liters-liquid-meth.html>

THE NETHERLANDS

02.10.2020 Customs officers during an inspection in the port of Rotterdam arrested four suspects involved in importation and transportation of cocaine and seized **875 kg of cocaine**. The shipment was valued at over 65 million euros. Drugs and the suspects were found in a container with paper. Presumably, drugs were taken from a recently delivered container and transferred to a container for gathering. The detainees included two Amsterdam residents and two Rotterdam residents aged 20 to 24. Investigation is being carried out by the HARC team - Customs, FIOD, the Seaport Police and the Rotterdam Public Prosecution Service. Seized cocaine shipment was destroyed.

<https://www.om.nl/actueel/nieuws/2020/10/09/vier-aanhoudingen-na-onderschepping-875-kilo-cocaine>

NEPAL

07.10.2020 A group of officers from the district police station (APO) in Jitpur intercepted a truck on the Birgunj-Patlaija road that was carrying **147 kg of marijuana** during a roadside inspection. The truck driver, at the sight of a policeman, got out of the truck and ran away. Police searched the truck and found a large shipment of marijuana packed in seven packages. Meanwhile, the truck had been confiscated and the driver, who had escaped from the scene, is being searched.

<https://thehimalayantimes.com/nepal/147kg-marijuana-seized-from-truck-in-bara/>

PAKISTAN

10.10.2020 Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) personnel conducted an operation in Peshawar based on intelligence about a large drug shipment being smuggled from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to Punjab. As a result, a vehicle carrying **41 kg of heroin** was intercepted. Two smugglers were arrested. The suspects travelled between Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ten times a month to smuggle heroin destined for sale in different parts of Punjab.

<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Crime/567949-ANF-foils-bid-to-smuggle-heroin-worth-Rs380-million->

USA

22.09.2020 Police stopped traffic on the I-70 highway in Mesa County, Colorado, arresting a Hendersonian driver who was carrying **11.5 kg of heroin and 2.10 kg of fentanyl tablets** in his car. <https://www.kjct8.com/2020/10/08/i-70-traffic-stop-in-mesa-county-leads-to-drug-bust-one-arrest/>

04.10.2020 U.S. border patrol agents at the Alamogordo immigration checkpoint in New Mexico detained a 29-year-old man while attempting to smuggle **3.18 kg of methamphetamine** worth about \$224,000 in the trunk of a car. The driver, who has a legal right of permanent residence in the United States, has been placed under arrest. In addition, a 43-year-old passenger, a U.S. citizen, has been arrested. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-seize-nearly-1-million-worth-narcotics>

05.10.2020 U.S. Border Patrol agents at the Alamogordo BCP in New Mexico arrested three U.S. citizens, a 29-year-old driver and two passengers, a 32-year-old woman and a 19-year-old man, while attempting to smuggle **8.62 kg of cocaine** in the trunk of a Toyota Camry. The detainees were referred to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for prosecution. Cocaine was valued at \$604,000. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-seize-nearly-1-million-worth-narcotics>

05.10.2020 More than **4,500 cannabis plants** and more than **4.989 tons of marijuana** were found on cannabis plantations east of Temecula in Anza by a marijuana control team from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department with support from the California Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. Drugs are valued at 36 million dollars. <https://patch.com/california/temecula/36m-worth-marijuana-discovered-140-acres-east-temecula>

05.10.2020 U.S. Border Patrol agents from El Centro Sector, California, prevented three drug smuggling attempts at the Highway 86 BCP:

1) A 21-year-old U.S. citizen was detained by agents when attempting to smuggle **1.17 kg of cocaine and 2.27 kg of fentanyl** in a Chrysler Sebring. Cocaine cost 31.08 thousand dollars and fentanyl 56.75 thousand dollars. Driver, car and drugs were handed over to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA);

2) Two U.S. citizens, a 35-year-old driver and a 44-year-old passenger, were detained while attempting to smuggle **2.52 kg of heroin** in a Chrysler PT Cruiser. Heroin was worth about 58 thousand dollars;

3) Agents detained a 53-year-old U.S. citizen while attempting to smuggle in a Ford truck about **12.56 kg of cocaine** worth 332.4 thousand dollars, as well as **5.35 kg of methamphetamine** worth 26.55 thousand dollars. The driver, car and drugs were transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/border-patrol-agents-seize-over-half-million-illegal-narcotics-over>

07.10.2020 In the second half of September, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials in Cincinnati, Ohio, seized a total of **52.62 kg of methamphetamine** worth \$3.7 million from six separate shipments sent from Mexico. The shipments were addressed to residents of Georgia and Texas. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cincinnati-cbp-seizes-37-million-meth-two-weeks>

07.10.2020 The Fort Bend County Drug Task Force, Texas, in conjunction with the Interagency Drug Enforcement Task Force, seized **4.99 kg of heroin** following a car stop on the US 59 North Highway in the Bisley area of Fort Bend County. The heroin shipment was found inside two chessboards in a car driven by a 34-year-old female driver from Seeley. Drugs are valued at \$150,000. The perpetrator was arrested and imprisoned in Fort Bend County. <https://fbinddependent.com/task-force-officer-and-his-k-partner-spyke-locate-heroin-hidden-inside-p14369-106.htm>

09.10.2020 Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Office of Field Operations (OFO) officials at the port of entry in Laredo, Texas seized more than \$2.1 million worth of drugs:

- 1) On October 6 at the Columbia-Solidarity Bridge a 24-year-old U.S. citizen was detained while attempting to smuggle **13.22 kg of cocaine** from Mexico in a Dodge Ram;
- 2) On October 7 a 54-year-old female U.S. citizen was detained on Juarez-Lincoln Bridge while attempting to smuggle **1.5 kg of heroin and 42.8 kg of methamphetamine** in "Chevrolet Traverse" car from Mexico. CBP officers seized drugs and both cars. The drivers were arrested and the cases were handed over to special agents of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE-HSI) for further investigation. <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-seize-over-21-million-narcotics-laredo-port-entry>

09.10.2020 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials at the Otay Mesa commercial facility, California, based on information worked by the DEA in conjunction with HSI, found approximately **1,367.13 kg of methamphetamine, 29.03 kg of heroin, 13.15 kg of fentanyl powder and nearly 16.78 kg of fentanyl tablets** worth approximately \$7.2 million during a truck inspection at the back of a trailer. Drugs and the vehicle were seized. The driver, a 47-year-old Mexican citizen, was arrested and transferred to an interagency investigation team from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Homeland Security Investigation Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/second-largest-border-meth-bust-history>

THAILAND

05.10.2020 Border guards at the Ban Wang Takhian Tai checkpoint in tambon Tha Sai Luat on the border with Myanmar intercepted a Totoya van registered in Myanmar, where **136 kg of marijuana** were found and seized among canisters of motor oil. Drug was intended to be smuggled out to Myawaddy in Myanmar. A 35-year-old driver was detained. Besides, **360 kg of marijuana** were seized on October 7 in Taka on the border with Myanmar. Two citizens of Myanmar were arrested. Smugglers transfer marijuana from Thailand to Myawaddy in Myanmar where it costs twice as much. <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1996903/marijuana-intercepted-on-way-to-myanmar>
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1997851/huge-drug-bust-near-border-checkpoint>

TURKEY

07.10.2020 **228 kg of cocaine** were seized in the port of Istanbul Ambarli and nine suspects were detained. In the course of international cooperation, police officers received information that large amounts of cocaine would be sent to the port on a ship from South America. The Istanbul Drug Enforcement Unit and customs officers inspected six containers

on board the ship. After a detailed inspection of containers, officers found a shipment of cocaine hidden inside bags with 119 tons of fertilizer. Investigation is under way.

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20201007-turkey-police-seize-228kg-of-cocaine-in-istanbul/>

<https://www.ticaret.gov.tr/haberler/istanbul-ambarli-limaninda-tarihi-uyusturucu-operasyonu>

<https://www.iha.com.tr/video-kolombiyadan-turkiyeye-gelen-gubre-cuvarlarina-gizlenmis-228-kilo-kokain-eligecirildi-143973/>

<https://tr.sputniknews.com/turkiye/202010061042978120-kolombiyadan-gelen-gemiden-gubre-cuvarlarina-gizlenmis-228-kilo-kokain-cikti/>

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpOhW1_Z_lM

09.10.2020 In the course of an operation carried out by the Customs Control Brigade of the Ministry of Commerce, **800,000 ecstasy tablets (MDMA) weighing 165 kg** were seized at the Hamzabeyli customs post. The customs control units checked a vehicle with the help of X-ray equipment, as a result of which packages with ecstasy were found under the boards at the base of the truck trailer. The consignment cost is 50 million lire. The driver of the truck was detained. Investigation is led by the General Prosecutor's Office of Edirne, the Drug Enforcement Prosecutor's Office. <https://www.ticaret.gov.tr/haberler/gumruk-muhafaza-ekiplerince-hamzabeyli-gumruk-kapisinda-165-kilogram-uyusturucu-e>

Video: <https://www.haberler.com/uyusturucu-baronlarina-agir-darbe-tam-50-milyon-tl-13656085-haberi/>

10.10.2020 A police anti-drug team in a special operation on a highway in the southeastern province of Gaziantep intercepted a gas truck, where **100.5 kg of marijuana** were found and seized during a search. One suspect was detained in the course of the operation. <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/turkey/turkey-over-221-pounds-of-marijuana-seized/2001983>

UKRAINE

08.10.2020 Frontier guards of the Podolsk detachment of the Ukrainian State Border Guard in the Odessa region in a reservoir on the border with Moldova discovered a submarine designed for the needs of smugglers. Covered with rust, artisanal design of the form reminiscent of a boat, had inside airtight compartments. Perimeter of the boat was equipped with cylinders with compressed air, with which the structure could take a stable position to move underwater. There were sandbags on board the boat for even better immersion under water. The boat was found by border patrol during the trawling of the bottom of the Kuchurgan estuary, in the submerged state 30 meters from the shore. This section of the border is equipped with an optical-electronic surveillance system, includes 10 integrated towers 40 meters high, with modern radar equipment and video surveillance devices, which allow to effectively monitor the border.

<https://dpsu.gov.ua/ua/news/%20VIDEO%20Pidvodniy-choven-kontrabandistiv-U-prikordonnij-vodoymi-Odeschini-viyavili-originalnij-devays/>

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tD1SIFLHTk&feature=emb_logo

FRANCE

05.10.2020 Special security forces in French Guiana (France's overseas department on the northeast coast of South America) seized at least **500 kg of cocaine**, four people were detained by police as suspects near the capital of the Cayenne region. A total of 18 bags were seized, each containing 30 kg of cocaine. A case has been initiated on this fact.

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/world/police-seize-over-05-tonnes-of-cocaine-in-fr-1047906.html>



ECUADOR

06.10.2020 Drug police in the port of Guayaquil seized **1.448 tons of cocaine** hidden in boxes of frozen fish found in a container of a cargo ship bound for Belgium. The consignment value is 2.7 million dollars in Ecuador and 53 million dollars in Europe.

<https://www.diariolibre.com/actualidad/internacional/policia-de-ecuador-decomisa-14-toneladas-de-cocaina-con-destino-a-belgica-PK21902793>

<https://twitter.com/PoliciaEcuador/status/1313535653611737088>