Trends in the importation of Border Controlled Drugs

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About the AFP

The AFP's role is to enforce Commonwealth criminal law and to protect Commonwealth and national interests from crime in Australia and overseas.

Current areas of focus include:
• preventing, countering and investigating terrorism
• illicit drug trafficking
• transnational and multi-jurisdictional crime
• organised people smuggling, human trafficking and slavery
• serious fraud against the Commonwealth
• high-tech crime involving information technology and communications
• regional peacekeeping and capacity building; and
• money laundering.
Illicit Drug Strategies

- Detection
- Prevention
- Disruption
- Prosecution
- Supply reduction
- Capacity building
- Intelligence sharing
- Joint investigations
Serious Drug & ML Offences

- S.307.1 / S.307.8 Crim Code – Import / Possess commercial qty of BCD.
  Penalty = Life Imprisonment

- S.307.2 / S.307.9 Crim Code – Import / Possess marketable qty of BCD.
  Penalty = 25 yrs Imprisonment

- S.400.3 – 400.9 Crim Code – Dealing in proceeds of crime ($1M + / any value).
  Penalty = 25 yrs to 12 months Imprisonment
Acknowledgements

Customs and Border Protection Service Front Line Officers

Law Enforcement Front Line Investigators

Forensic and Intelligence Analysts
Trends in International Mail

Number of Detections


Methylamphetamine  MDMA  Heroin  Gammabutyrolactone  Cocaine  Ephedrine  Pseudoephedrine  Cannabis  Amphetamine  Levomethamphetamine
Trends in Air Cargo

Number of Detections

- Methamphetamine
- Cocaine
- Ephedrine
- Heroin
- Cannabinoids
- Gammabutyrolactone
- Methcathinone
- Amphetamine

Year:
- 2013-Q1
- 2013-Q2
- 2013-Q3
- 2013-Q4
- 2014-Q1
- 2014-Q2
Large Commercial Importations

Asian organised and syndicated crime groups
West African and Chinese / HK Organised Crime

Scatter-gun risk mitigation strategy

On-line monitoring

Interstate re-directions
Social network and technology savvy

PO boxes and redirections using false or stolen ID

Quickly escalate from users into significant traffickers

Vulnerable to established crime groups
Small Craft

Mexican – South American drug cartels
Vulnerable Asian and Western country drug users / traffickers / debt bondage victims
Future Challenges

Apply on line – anywhere and anytime

No verification of application details

Unlimited number of account registrations allowed

Data held by 3rd Party Service Providers

24/7 Access
Multi-agency Government and LEA Joint Taskforces

Resource sharing

Intelligence sharing – on and offshore

Engagement with service providers

Prevention and deterrence strategies – social and mainstream media

The Joint LEA Response
Capacity building of LEA’s in production and transhipment countries

Transnational Crime Networks in Asia and Pacific Nations

Intelligence sharing MOU’s
Following the money trail

Prosecuting ML and drug offences
Seizing assets and the proceeds of crime (CACTF)

Unexplained wealth investigations and/or ATO assessments
QUESTIONS ?