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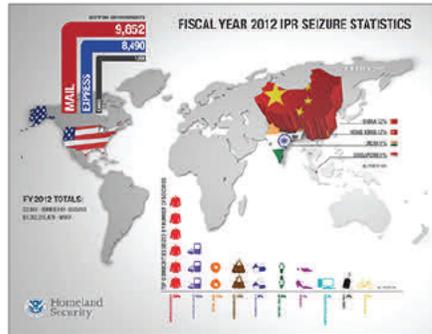
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CBP and HSI Release Fiscal Year 2012 Intellectual Property Rights Seizure Statistics



On Thursday, January 17, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) released the annual Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Fiscal Year 2012 Seizure Statistics Report containing the results of ongoing efforts to protect America from the trade of counterfeit and pirated goods.

"In Fiscal Year 2012, CBP protected American consumers from being defrauded and injured by products made with stolen intellectual property," said CBP Assistant Commissioner for International Trade Al Gina. "In addition to all other

aspects of border security, CBP aggressively targets intellectual property rights (IPR) violators to keep these goods from entering the U.S. Our partnership with HSI safeguards our economy and businesses across the U.S."

Key IPR enforcement results from FY 2012 include:

- 697 websites were taken down and 22,848 shipments seized for IPR violations. The Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the seized shipments is \$1.26 billion.
- China continues to be the number one source economy for counterfeit and pirated goods seized, accounting for 72 percent, or \$906 million, of the total MSRP.
- Handbags and wallets were the top commodity seized with an MSRP 142.2 percent higher than FY 2011.

Many counterfeit goods threaten the health and safety of American consumers and our economic and national security. CBP and HSI continued to step up enforcement against these dangerous products, and the resulting seizures help keep consumers safe.

The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Fiscal Year 2012 Seizure Statistics Report can be found on the [CBP Website](#). Please contact the Office of Congressional Affairs with any questions.

U.S., Mexico Sign Joint Work Plan for Mutual Recognition of Trusted Trader Programs



On Thursday, January 17, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Mexico's Tax Administration Service (SAT) signed a Joint Work Plan that lays out the path to mutual recognition of the two countries'

Authorized Economic Operator programs: CBP's Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) and SAT's New Certified Companies Scheme (NEEC). The plan, expected to be implemented in two years, was signed by CBP Deputy Commissioner David V. Aguilar and SAT Director Aristóteles Nuñez Sánchez.

Mutual recognition allows for companies enrolled in one program to receive reciprocal benefits from the other with the result of both further securing the international supply chain and facilitating trade between the United States and Mexico.

C-TPAT is a voluntary government-business initiative to build cooperative relationships that strengthen and improve overall international supply chain and U.S. border security. For more information about C-TPAT, please visit the [CBP Website](#).

CBP Enforcement News



CBP Officers Seize Record-Breaking 7 Tons of Marijuana

Nogales, AZ – On January 15, 2013, CBP Officers intercepted a shipment of marijuana worth up to \$12 million. The seizure occurred after CBP officers selected a tractor-trailer, driven by a 26-year-old man from Mexico, for a thorough inspection. Inside the trailer, CBP officers found 600 bales of marijuana weighing a combined 14,151 pounds. The bales were packaged in boxes manifested as steel containers. Officers seized the marijuana and conveyance. The driver was turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations.

– Visit the [CBP Newsroom](#) for the full story.



Border Patrol, Office of Air and Marine, Perform Canyon Rescue

Del Rio, TX – On Saturday, January 19, 2013, Seminole Canyon State Park officials called the Del Rio Sector and reported that an elderly member of a guided tour group had fallen while hiking in Presa Canyon. Agents from the Comstock Border Patrol Station and a team of BORSTAR (Border Patrol Search Trauma and Rescue) agents responded—one arriving by a CBP Office of Air and Marine helicopter and three by ground. Once the victim was stabilized, BORSTAR and Comstock agents were able to litter-carry him to a suitable location where the team could ascend out of the canyon.

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CBP San Juan Seizes Toy Shipments for Trademark Violation and High Lead Content

San Juan, PR – During the past few months, as part of a coordinated operation, CBP officers and U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) investigators seized several shipments bound for Puerto Rico containing children's toys such as R/C cars, motorcycles, footballs, friction cars and bicycles, and kitchen play sets on suspicion that the toys contained dangerous levels of lead. Testing conducted by CPSC found excessive levels of lead on all of the toys. As a result of the operation, CBP officers in Puerto Rico made about six seizures for trademark violation and for violating the federal lead-paint standard. The total domestic value for all of these seizures was about \$651,950.

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CBP Flower Inspections – 2012 Valentine's Season

As Valentine's Day approaches, the volume of fresh flower imports increases. During last year's Valentine's season, from January 1 to February 14, 2012, CBP processed approximately 842.2 million cut flower stems, an increase of 4.9% percent from 2011. Most of the cut flower shipments are roses, mixed bouquets, and dianthus imported from South America, primarily Colombia and Ecuador. Last year, the imported cut flowers inspection process resulted in a total of 2,439 pest interceptions nationally. The most common type of insects intercepted in these cut flower imports are Tetranychus sp. (mites), Aphididae (Aphids), Agromyzidae (Miner Flies) and Noctuidae (moths).

– Visit [CBP Stats and Summaries](#) for the full story.

New Recovery Act-Funded Land Port of Entry



On Wednesday, January 23, 2013, CBP announced the opening of the new land border port of entry at Whitlash, MT. This new border facility, funded as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), replaces the previous outdated facility, strengthens security and

facilitates the flow of legal travel and trade along the northern border.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) continues to invest additional personnel and technology along the northern border—deploying more than 2,200 Border Patrol agents and nearly 3,800 CBP officers throughout the region to manage the flow of people and goods through ports of entry and designated border crossings. For more information, please visit the [CBP Website](#).

The Winter 2013 Issue of Frontline is Now Available



Frontline, The Magazine of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, just released its Winter 2013 issue. In this issue:

- A Force to be Reckoned With: CBP's Advanced Training Center optimizes the skills of its instructors on a Quick Reaction Force serving the national capital area.
- Behind-the-Scenes: How CBP's import specialists protect the U.S. economy.
- Another Day in Paradise: National Geographic is on location as CBP Air and Marine teams lead the fight to secure Puerto Rico and cut off the drug cartels.
- Simplifying Tools for Trade: CBP's Simplified Entry pilot program speeds cargo release.
- An Un-conventional Mission: CBP supports security efforts at Democratic and Republican national conventions.

The full electronic version is available at the [CBP Website](#).

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