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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 267-2018



To: All Deputy Commissioners
All Directors and Division Chiefs
All District/Port Collectors
And Others Concerned

**Subject: Illicit Narcotics Concealed in Card Game Boxes and
Children's Fluffy Toys**

Attached is the letter dated November 26, 2018 of Psupt Wilfred R Cervantes, Officer-In-Charge, Directorate for Operations, Philippine Center on Transnational Crime, Interpol NCB Manila endorsing a copy of the INTERPOL Purple Notice No. P-814/11-2018 regarding modus operandi in illegal trafficking of commercial quantities of narcotics in trading card games and children's fluffy toys in Sydney, Australia and Germany on 13 September 2018.

For your information and guidance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.


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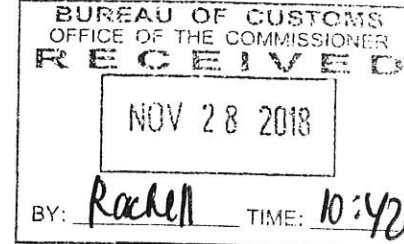
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November 26, 2018

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Continuing Professional Development,
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Dear **GEN. GUERRERO**:

We are pleased to provide your Office for reference a copy of the INTERPOL Purple Notice No. P-814/11-2018 regarding modus operandi in illegal trafficking of commercial quantities of narcotics in trading card games and children's fluffy toys in Sydney, Australia and Germany on 13 September 2018.


This Notice is strongly recommended for circulation to law enforcement agencies to alert them about this Modus Operandi so that they may take whatever preventive and precautionary measures deemed appropriate.

This Office assures you of its continuous support and cooperation regarding matters of mutual concern and interest.

Thank you and warm regards.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PCTC/
HEAD, INTERPOL NCB MANILA:


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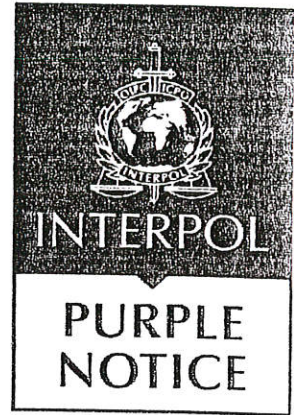
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Control No.: P-814/11-2018

Requesting country: Australia

File No.: 2018/97102-1

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MODUS OPERANDI

Type(s) of offence:	Illegal trafficking of commercial quantities of narcotics in trading card games and children's fluffy toys
Date of the offence	13 septembre 2018
Place of offence:	Sydney, Australia
Country of offence:	Australia and Germany
Circumstances of offence:	Illicit narcotics concealed in card game boxes and children's fluffy toys, imported into Australia via air cargo from Germany

Description of modus operandi: Object/device/concealment method/procedure. Between 3 May 2018 and 13 September 2018, Australian Border Force (ABF) officers identified 37 consignments with the description 'card game' and 'child's fluffy toy' (and variants of) originating from Germany. Inspection by ABF revealed illicit narcotics, namely methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA ecstasy) in both crystalline and tablet form, concealed within the fluffy toys and card game boxes in heat sealed bags.

The 37 parcels were addressed from "Spielwaren Hopp; 22 Osterstr 46397 Bocholt Germany". It is highly likely the consignor is utilising the dark web to facilitate the sale of border controlled drugs and in addition, has utilised other concealment methods, names and addresses in remitting the parcels overseas in an attempt to evade law enforcement detection.

The parcels identified were destined for addresses in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia.

The number of detections recording "Spielwaren Hopp" as the consignor include:

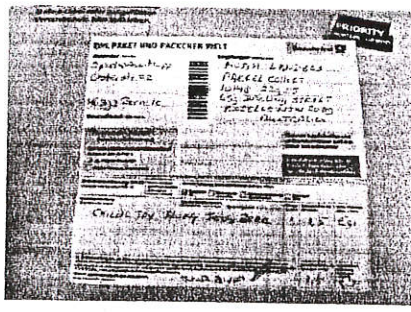
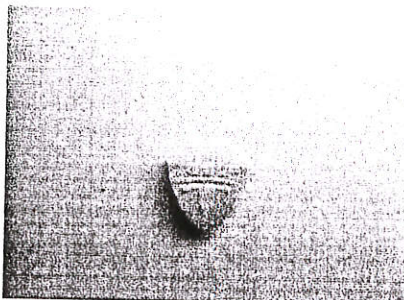
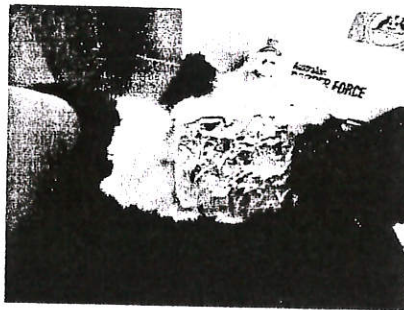
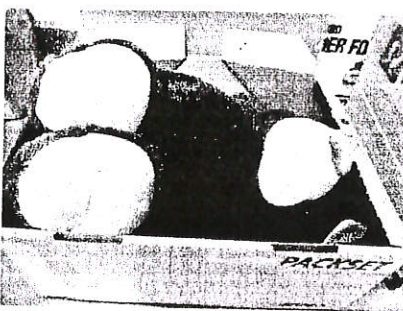
- 34 containing MDMA ecstasy
- 1 containing MDMA ecstasy and cocaine
- 1 containing cocaine
- 1 containing opium

The total amount of narcotics detected was approximately 5120.31 grams, with MDMA ecstasy totalling 4292.31 grams.

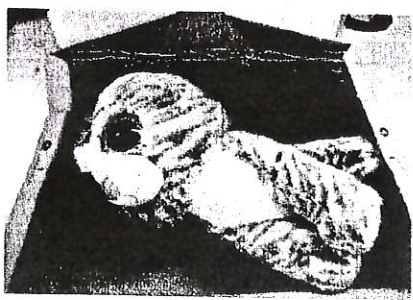
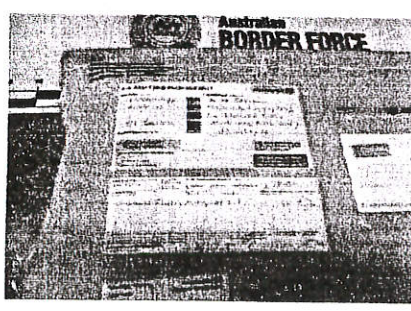
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The largest seizure contained approximately 677 grams MDMA ecstasy within the one parcel, however in most instances the quantities ranged between 50 grams and 250 grams.

677g MDMA tablets concealed within a child's toy

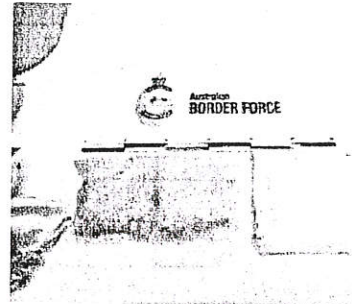


211g MDMA and 61g cocaine concealed within a child's toy



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Recommended precautionary action:

It is strongly recommended that you circulate this purple notice to your country's law enforcement bodies to alert them about this modus operandi and to allow them to take whatever preventive and precautionary measures they deem necessary. All recipients are strongly encouraged to share data, and provide any investigative information relating to this modus operandi.

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