

الهيئة الاتحادية للجمارك
Federal Customs Authority



Intellectual Property Rights Seizure Statistics 2019

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Introduction

Products that infringe upon the Federal Laws on Trademarks (Federal Law No. 37 of 1992 on Trademarks and its amendments) and Copyrights (Federal Law No. 7 of 2002 on Copyrights and related rights) implemented in the UAE are subject to customs intervention as per the GCC Common Customs Law of 2008. The UAE Customs mitigate the economical, financial, and welfare risks posed by imports, exports, transit and transshipment of such illicit products.

UAE Customs strongly believes in the producers and the creative thinkers' rights in the different fields whether industrial, commercial or literary. It has seriously taken the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) into consideration through firmly combating the smuggling of counterfeit and fake goods and products and all that threatens public health and safety of the local community or violates the producers and trademark owners' rights. UAE Customs is also keen on maintaining international trade's legitimacy, as the UAE is considered a focal gateway for Western and Eastern trade movement. This is done through the customs risk management system which assists in targeting such illicit goods in at import or transit to the local market or free zones.

UAE Customs has made great efforts in educating and raising awareness of the IPR and the hazards and harms of using counterfeit products on the community and the health of its members. In addition, customs inspectors receive training courses throughout the year in order to increase their knowledge and understanding of how to differentiate between original and fake goods and original and duplicate trademark. Such workshops take place in participation with the trademark owners themselves which reflects positively on the inspectors' competencies and their efforts in protecting the local community and maintaining the Emirati people's health and safety.

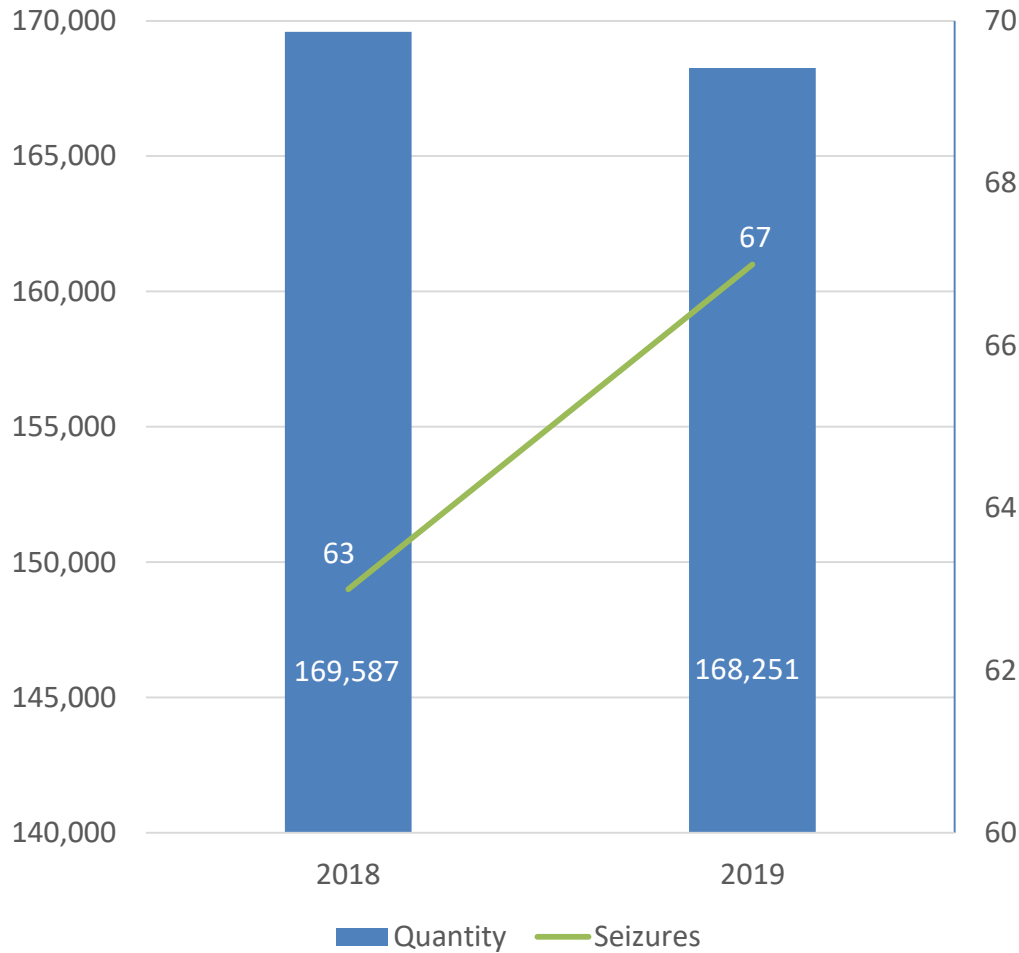
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Executive Summary

In the fiscal year 2019, the UAE Customs processed 952,138,649,437 AED of imports, equating to 5,652,842 Customs Import Declarations. Customs continue to put IPR infringing goods as one of the priorities in safeguarding the economy, consumer, and international supply chain.

In 2019 the UAE Customs, with the efforts made by the various Local Customs Administrations (AbuDhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Ras AlKhaimah, Fujairah, and Umm AlQuwain) and with the support and oversight of the Federal Customs Authority (FCA) made successful raids and seizures in cooperation with various government entities, international partners, and private sector. With a total of 67 seizures consisting of 168,251 number of goods (quantity) in 2019, an increase from the 63 seizures in 2018.



Operational Highlights

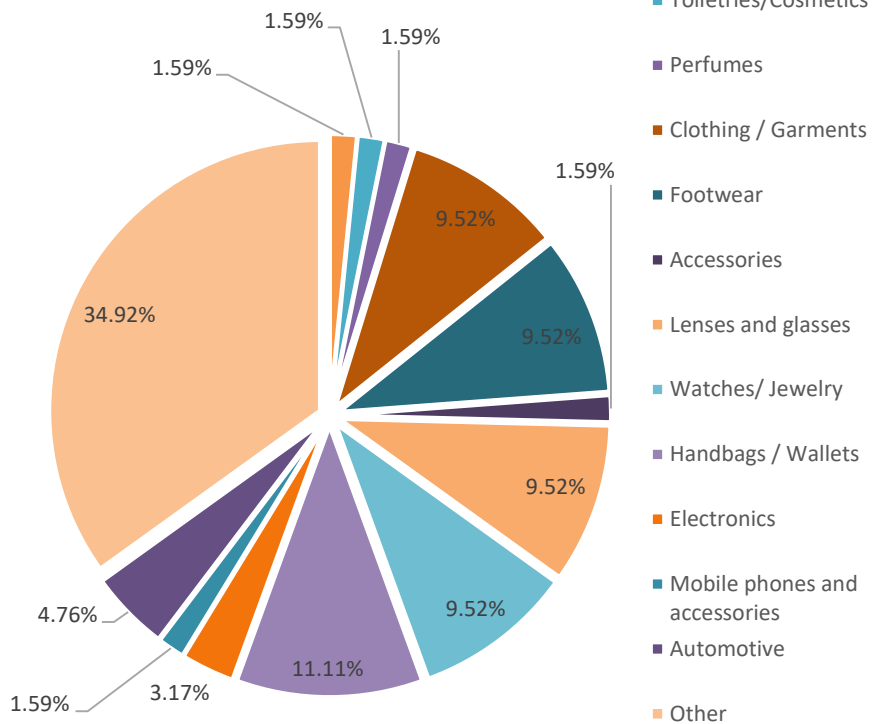
- The number of seizures has increased to 67 in 2019 from 63 in 2018.
- The quantity seized on the other hand has slightly decreased to 168,251 in 2019 from the 169,587 in 2018. This is partially due to the increase of smaller shipments seized in Express/Mail.
- With the growth of ecommerce, there has been more seizures made in express and mail shipments in 2019 compared to 2018.

Operational Highlights

- The UAE Customs has conducted over 30 events and workshops in connection with IPR in 2019 to promote the work done by customs in this field.
- With the importance of inter-agency cooperation, UAE Customs works in coordination with the various Local and Federal Government agencies to diminish the risks of IPR infringement in the UAE and in the international supply chain. This is done through various inter-agency committees as well as data sharing to support the risk management systems used in Customs to target illicit goods.
- The importance of cooperation between international customs administrations in supporting the exchange of information to assist in targeting illicit traffic of goods in the international supply chain has led to various interventions and raids made by customs. The Federal Customs Authority is implementing 15 ongoing Customs Mutual Assistance Agreements (CMAA) and working on others with partner customs administrations.
- The cooperation with the private sector has always been a priority for the UAE Customs in combating IPR infringed traffic of goods. There has been several memorandum of agreements (MoU) signed with various private sector groups to have a continuous dialogue on IPR and to update Customs Inspectors on means of detecting IPR related infringements through workshops.
- In the efforts of safeguarding society and the international supply chain, as well as taking into consideration the environmental impact of destructions of seized goods, the UAE customs has worked closely with various partners to destroy and recycle those goods. Media coverage of such destructions has been done widely in coordination and presence of the right holders to showcase to the public the impact of such trade on the economy, health and environment.
- Due to the role that the UAE plays in the global supply chain, especially through transshipments and re-exports, UAE Customs are vigilant through the use of their risk management systems to intercept illicit traffic of IPR infringing goods that is being transited or re-exported. Customs implement their rights to oversee goods that are imported and exported through the Free Zones in the UAE to mitigate potential trafficking of such goods.
- With the rise of e-commerce, 2019 has seen a surge of seizures in express and mail parcels equating to 31% of all seizures. UAE Customs are working closely with its partners to curb such influxes of IPR infringing goods.
- The FCA started the initiative of publishing the “Intellectual Property Rights Seizure Report” which shall be published in a yearly basis to raise the awareness of the work done by the UAE Customs in this matter.

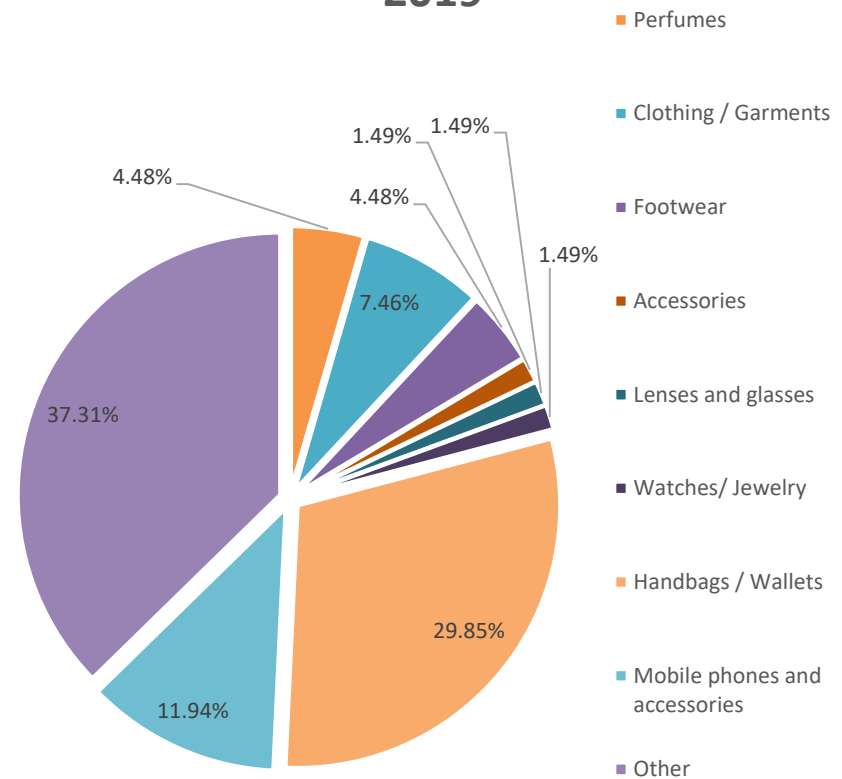
Seizures by Product

2018



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2019



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Seizures by Product

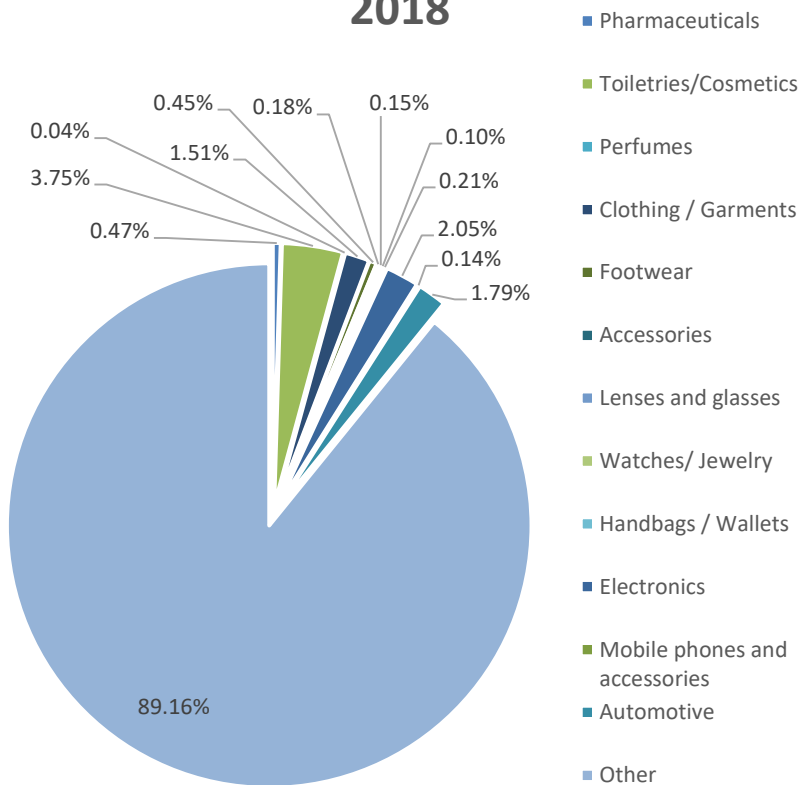
2018		
Product	Seizures	% of Total *
Pharmaceuticals	1	1.59%
Toiletries/Cosmetics	1	1.59%
Perfumes	1	1.59%
Clothing / Garments	6	9.52%
Footwear	6	9.52%
Accessories	1	1.59%
Lenses and glasses	6	9.52%
Watches/ Jewelry	6	9.52%
Handbags / Wallets	7	11.11%
Electronics	2	3.17%
Mobile phones and accessories	1	1.59%
Automotive	3	4.76%
Other	22	34.92%
Total Seizures	63	

2019		
Product	Seizures	% of Total *
Pharmaceuticals	0	0.00%
Toiletries/Cosmetics	0	0.00%
Perfumes	3	4.48%
Clothing / Garments	5	7.46%
Footwear	3	4.48%
Accessories	1	1.49%
Lenses and glasses	1	1.49%
Watches/ Jewelry	1	1.49%
Handbags / Wallets	20	29.85%
Electronics	0	0.00%
Mobile phones and accessories	8	11.94%
Automotive	0	0.00%
Other	25	37.31%
Total Seizures	63	

*Seizures involving multiple product categories are included in the "Other" category. Because the individual percentage figures are rounded, in some cases, the sum of the rounded percentages for a given fiscal year is slightly higher or lower than 100 percent.

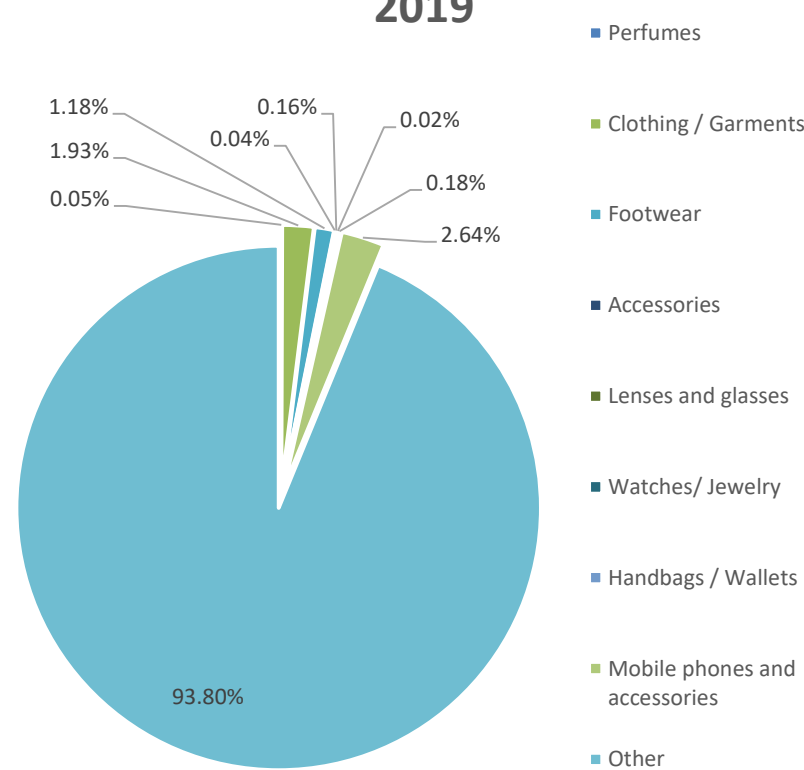
Quantity by Product

2018



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2019



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Quantity by Product

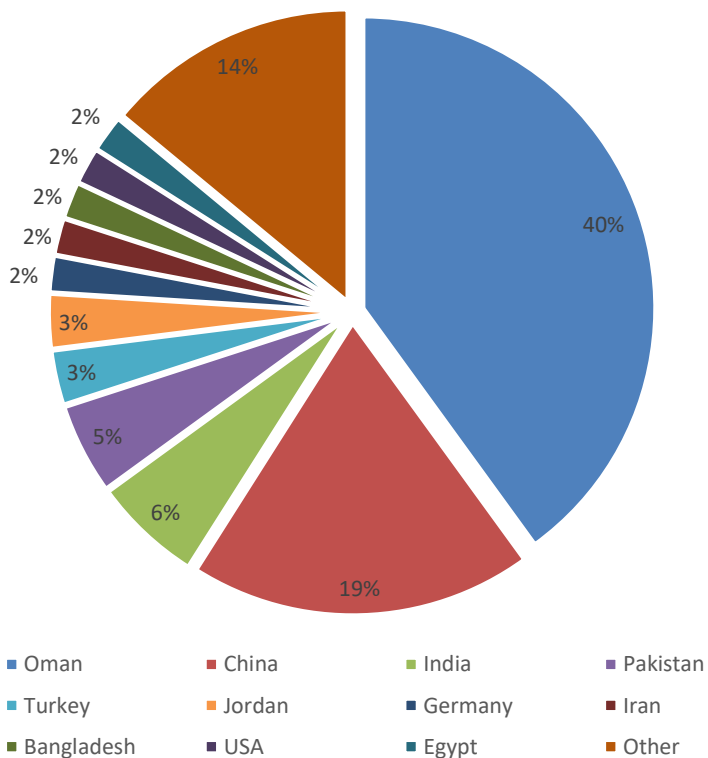
2018		
Product	Quantity	% of Total *
Pharmaceuticals	800	0.47%
Toiletries/Cosmetics	6365	3.75%
Perfumes	68	0.04%
Clothing / Garments	2567	1.51%
Footwear	757	0.45%
Accessories	300	0.18%
Lenses and glasses	252	0.15%
Watches/ Jewelry	166	0.10%
Handbags / Wallets	354	0.21%
Electronics	3479	2.05%
Mobile phones and accessories	240	0.14%
Automotive	3032	1.79%
Other	151207	89.16%
Total Quantity of Seizures	169587	

2019		
Product	Quantity	% of Total *
Pharmaceuticals	0	0.00%
Toiletries/Cosmetics	0	0.00%
Perfumes	85	0.05%
Clothing / Garments	3246	1.93%
Footwear	1982	1.18%
Accessories	64	0.04%
Lenses and glasses	270	0.16%
Watches/ Jewelry	29	0.02%
Handbags / Wallets	309	0.18%
Electronics	0	0.00%
Mobile phones and accessories	4441	2.64%
Automotive	0	0.00%
Other	157825	93.80%
Total Quantity of Seizures	168251	

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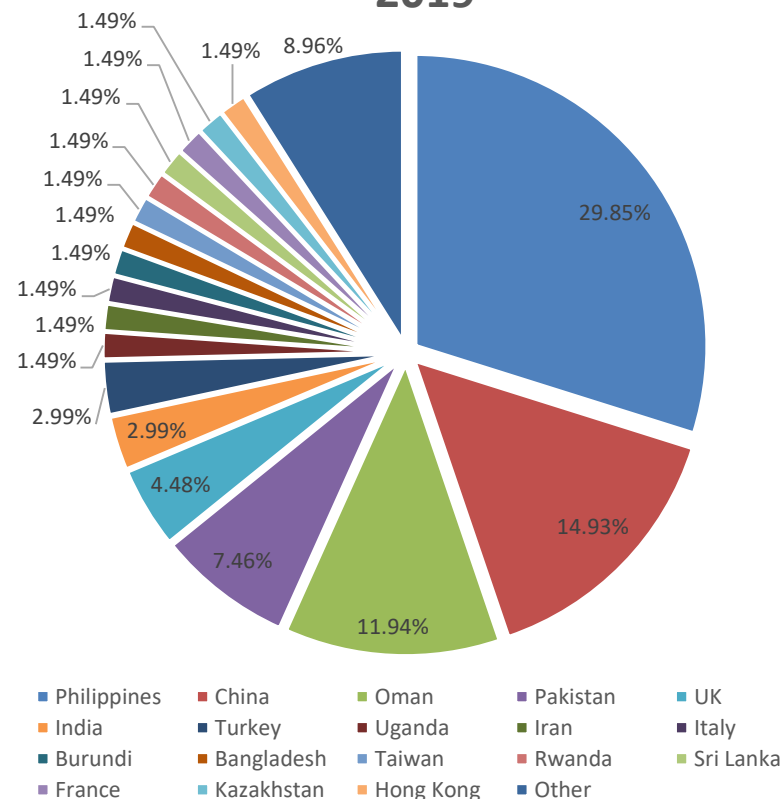
Seizures by Economy

2018



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2019



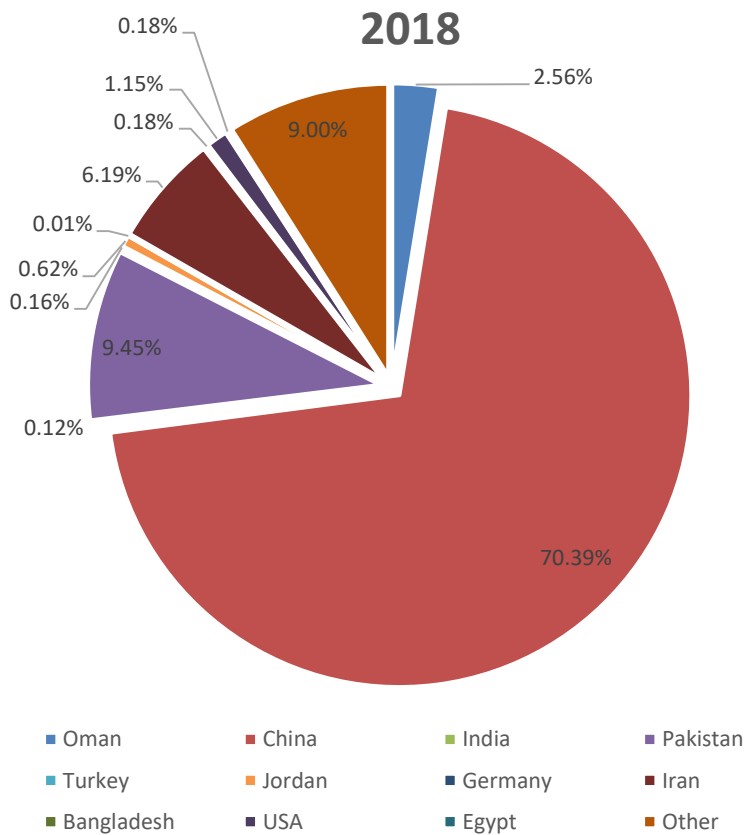
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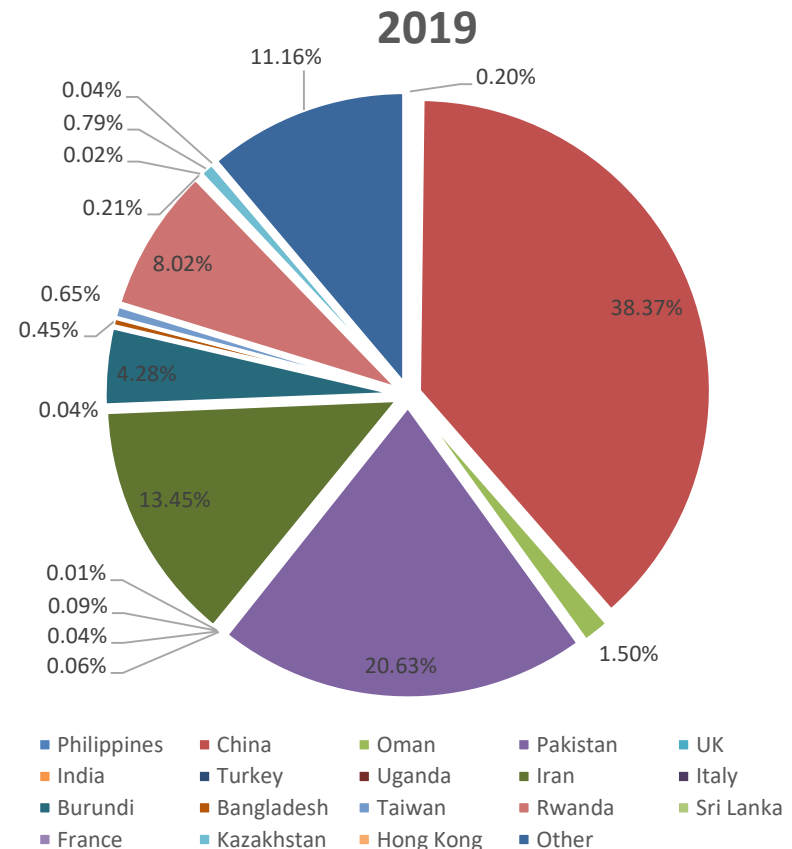
2018		
Economy	Value	% of Total *
Oman	25	40%
China	12	19%
India	4	6%
Pakistan	3	5%
Turkey	2	3%
Jordan	2	3%
Germany	2	2%
Iran	1	2%
Bangladesh	1	2%
USA	1	2%
Egypt	1	2%
Other	9	14%
Total Seizures	63	

2019		
Economy	Value	% of Total *
Philippines	20	29.85%
China	10	14.93%
Oman	8	11.94%
Pakistan	5	7.46%
UK	3	4.48%
India	2	2.99%
Turkey	2	2.99%
Uganda	1	1.49%
Iran	1	1.49%
Italy	1	1.49%
Burundi	1	1.49%
Bangladesh	1	1.49%
Taiwan	1	1.49%
Rwanda	1	1.49%
Sri Lanka	1	1.49%
France	1	1.49%
Kazakhstan	1	1.49%
Hong Kong	1	1.49%
Other	6	8.96%
Total Seizures	67	

Quantity by Economy



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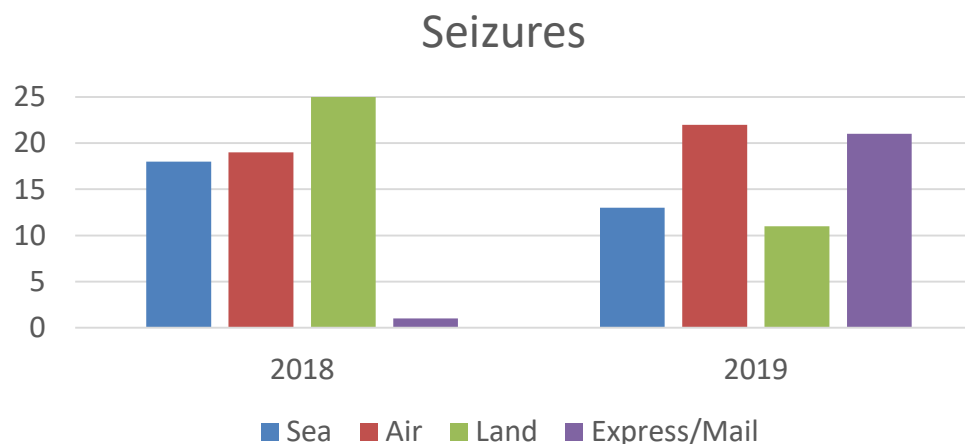


Quantity by Economy

2018		
Economy	Quantity	% of Total *
Oman	4337	2.56%
China	119378	70.39%
India	196	0.12%
Pakistan	16019	9.45%
Turkey	273	0.16%
Jordan	1050	0.62%
Germany	11	0.01%
Iran	10500	6.19%
Bangladesh	310	0.18%
USA	1950	1.15%
Egypt	305	0.18%
Other	15258	9.00%
Total Quantity	169587	

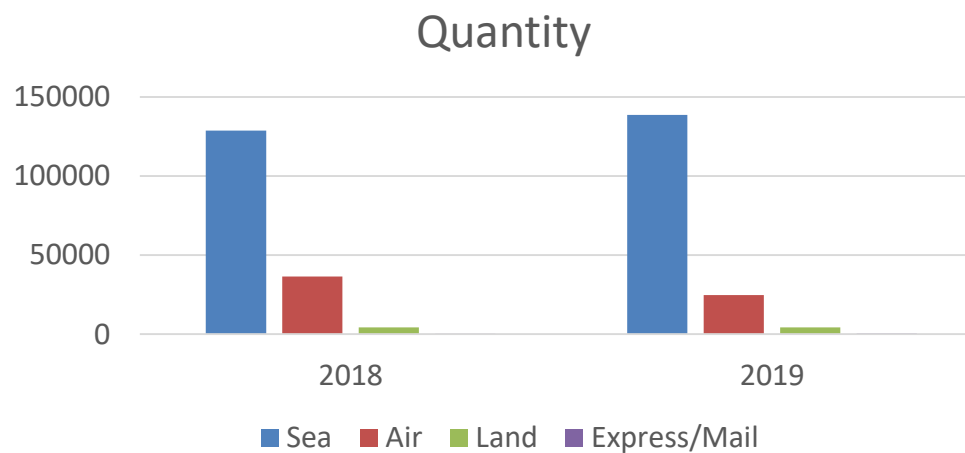
2019		
Economy	Quantity	% of Total *
Philippines	329	0.20%
China	64557	38.37%
Oman	2516	1.50%
Pakistan	34702	20.63%
UK	105	0.06%
India	74	0.04%
Turkey	144	0.09%
Uganda	13	0.01%
Iran	22631	13.45%
Italy	59	0.04%
Burundi	7200	4.28%
Bangladesh	759	0.45%
Taiwan	1100	0.65%
Rwanda	13500	8.02%
Sri Lanka	346	0.21%
France	40	0.02%
Kazakhstan	1335	0.79%
Hong Kong	64	0.04%
Other	17078	11.16%
Total Quantity	168251	

Seizures by Points of Entry



Seizures				
Mode of Transport	2018		2019	
	Seizures	% of Total	Seizures	% of Total
Sea	18	29 %	13	19 %
Air	19	30 %	22	33 %
Land	25	40 %	11	16 %
Express/Mail	1	2 %	21	31 %
Total Seizures	63		67	

Quantity by Points of Entry



Quantity				
Mode of Transport	2018		2019	
	Quantity	% of Total*	Quantity	% of Total*
Sea	128833	76 %	138743	82 %
Air	36414	21 %	24680	15 %
Land	4337	3 %	4285	3 %
Express/Mail	3	0.002 %	543	0.3 %
Total Quantity	169587		168251	

UAE IPR References

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