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Subject: FOR INFO: s. 47F(1) request: drug exports from Canada to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 30 September 2024 11:45:02 AM

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Good morning,

For info we have received a query from s. 47F(1) regarding illicit drug imports from Canada to Australia, we are preparing a response.

Cheers

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Subject: FOR INFO: MR Canadian national charged over 15kg meth import at Sydney Airport [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 1 October 2024 4:57:41 PM
Attachments: [241002 MR EC Canadian national charged for import Sydney airport - FINAL.docx](#)

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FOR INFO: ABF and AFP will issue the attached joint media release tomorrow about a Canadian national due to appear in court on Wednesday 2 October for allegedly import 15kg of methamphetamine into Australia.

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Media Release

2 October, 2024

Canadian national charged over 15kg meth import at Sydney Airport

This is a joint media release between the Australian Federal Police and Australian Border Force

Editor's note: [Images available via Hightail](#)

A Canadian national, 38, is due to reappear in court today (Wednesday 2 October, 2024), charged with allegedly concealing about 15kg of methamphetamine inside his luggage in a failed attempt to smuggle the illicit drug into Australia.

The investigation began after Australian Border Force (ABF) officers conducted an examination of the man's suitcase after his arrival at Sydney International Airport from Vancouver, Canada, on Wednesday 31 July, 2024.

ABF officers located a powdery substance in several vacuum-sealed bags concealed in the man's suitcase. Further testing of the substance returned a positive result for methamphetamine.

The matter was referred to the AFP and the man was arrested.

The AFP charged the man with one count of importing a commercial quantity of a border controlled drug, contrary to section 307.1 of the *Criminal Code 1995* (Cth).

The maximum penalty for this offence is life imprisonment.

The man appeared in the Downing Centre Local Court on Thursday 1 August, 2024, where he was refused bail to reappear in the same court today (Wednesday 2 October, 2024).

AFP Detective Acting Superintendent Dom Stephenson said the AFP was committed to prosecuting criminals who attempted to bring illicit drugs into our communities.

"Criminal groups will go to any lengths to bring illicit substances into our country," Detective Acting Superintendent Stephenson said.

"The devastating impact methamphetamine has on individuals and their families is well known – that's why we're committed to stopping it whenever we can.

"This amount could have accounted for about 150,000 individual hits, had it reached Australian streets.

"The AFP will continue to work tirelessly with the ABF and other partners to ensure these dangerous substances don't reach our communities."

ABF Superintendent Elke West said ABF officers are on the lookout for the brazen tactics of travellers attempting to import illicit substances into the country.

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“Criminal syndicates only think about their profit margins, not about the potential harm these dangerous drugs cause to the community,” Superintendent West said.

“ABF officers will continue to act on shared agency intelligence, passenger behaviour, and officer intuition to intercept attempted drug importations and disrupt these network’s supply chains.”

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Noted thanks

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Good afternoon,

For noting please see attached and below a response to s. 47F(1) regarding illicit drug imports into Australia from Canada.

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On background **OFFICIAL** (for use in reporting, not for attribution):

- The ABF does not publically release country-specific data, such as the number of detections from Canada as a source country.

Total number of detections at the Australian border

FINANCIAL YEAR	DRUG	TOTAL DETECTIONS	TOTAL WEIGHT (KG)
2020/2021	Precursors	1,034	13,130
	Amphetamine Type	1,753	5,290

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	Stimulants (ATS)		
	Cannabis	24,255	819
	Cocaine	2,169	2,575
	Heroin	622	1,246
	MDMA (Ecstasy)	1,773	106
2021/2022	Precursors	1,709	1,526
	Amphetamine Type Stimulants (ATS)	2,553	7,319
	Cannabis	18,256	570
	Cocaine	2,308	1,793
	Heroin	277	787
	MDMA (Ecstasy)	1,267	198
2023/2024	Precursors	692	911
	Amphetamine Type Stimulants (ATS)	2,103	8,208
	Cannabis	11,944	1,750
	Cocaine	2,776	1,865
	Heroin	488	749
	MDMA (Ecstasy)	1,269	806

Attributable to an Australian Border Force spokesperson:

- Modern, professional crime syndicates are always looking for new ways to beat the system. They are increasingly looking to operate outside the boundaries of the conventional system of trade and travel.
- The Border Five (or B5) group is a partnership between Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the US and is a powerful tool to enhance international cooperation and coordination on border security, and face down the threat these criminals pose to our countries.
- Our international partners have great insight into these methodologies for the illicit drug trade and we are working with them to ensure our intelligence is up to date. Those insights have helped us to identify and respond to threats at the Australian border and in our region.
- The ABF recently hosted officers from the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA), along with the New Zealand Customs Service (NZCS) and the US Customs & Border Protection (USCBP) for a week of training, trade craft and capability building to combat current and emerging threats within the international supply chain.
- Further information, images and video are available here: [International experts combine forces to target criminal infiltration in global supply chains \(abf.gov.au\)](#)

Regards,

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Subject: FOR INFO: EN Drugs from Canada interview request_s. 47F(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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FOR INFO: ABF Media are considering the request below from s. 47F(1) to interview an ABF spokesperson about the exportation of illicit drugs from Canada to Australia this morning.

NOTE: This is an extension of a previous enquiry from the journalist.

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