Disaster Management of Japan Customs - The Great East Japan Earthquake: 3/11/2011

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1. Overview
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6. Customs Cooperation
1.1 Overview: Statistical Data

Japan Faces an Unprecedented Challenge
(Enormous Earthquake, Tsunamis and Nuclear Accident)

Casualties: over 25,000
- Fatalities: 15,859
- Missing: 3,021
- Injured: 6,000
(Source: Cabinet Office, as of May 2012)

Tsunamis
14 meters or higher

Earthquakes:
- M - 9.0 quake (March 11)
- M - 7 class 6 times
- M - 6 class 96 times
- M - 5 class 588 times
(As of February 6th)
1.2 Overview: Scene of Tsunami
1.3 Overview: Customs Offices
- Totally/Partially Collapsed Offices -

- Hachinohe brunch office
- Miyako brunch office
- Kamaishi sub-brunch office
- Ofunato brunch office
- Kesenuma sub-brunch office
- Ishinomaki sub-brunch office
- Sendai airport brunch office
- Sendaishigama brunch office
- Sendai airport brunch office
- Soma sub-brunch office
- Onahama brunch office

✓ No fatal incident for Customs Officers
2.1 Countermeasures: Affected Area

- For those who suffered in the devastated areas
  - Extension of Customs duty payment deadline
  - Refund/exemption of fees for re-issuing import certificates
- Acceptance of Customs Declaration at any Customs offices nearby as alternative to Customs office having closed due to damage
2.2 Countermeasures: Customs

- To establish immediate reporting system between the headquarters (Customs and Tariff Bureau) and respective regional Custom offices
- To ensuring electricity supply at Customs offices for Customs services, in particular, for sustainable system operation and smooth air cargo clearance
- To conduct public announcement of special measures
- To cooperate with disaster recovery assistance activities; e.g.) transportation of relief goods by Customs patrol boats
2.3 Countermeasures: Relief Goods

- Exemption of Customs/consumption duties;
- Simplified procedures for Customs clearance;
- Simplified procedures for General Declaration of foreign vessels with relief goods; and
- Refund/exemption of Customs inspection fees levied outside of a designated inspection area
3.1 Trends of Imported Relief Goods

(Source: Tokyo Customs)
3.2 Ranking of Imported Relief Goods

(Source: Tokyo Customs)
4.1 Disaster Management: Organization  
- Headquarters for Urgent Disaster Management (HUDM) -

Flow of Relief Supply
- Overseas
  - Airports/Sea Ports
  - Cargo Distributors, Cooperative Agencies
  - Inland Transport Arrangement
  - Foreign Assistance Arranging Team
  - HUDM
  - Urgent Disaster Management Office at Local Government
  - Relief Supplies Hub of Local Governments
  - Shelter
  - On-Site Office of HUDM
  - Foreign Assistance Arranging Team
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Diplomatic/Representative Office
  - Foreign Gov’t

Flow of Information
- Offer/Reply
- Matching:
  To arrange needs of the disaster area and offers of foreign aid
4.2 Mismatch: Needs and Relief Goods
## 5. Facilitation and Enforcement
- Seizures of Illegal Drugs -

### Methamphetamine

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(Source: Tokyo Customs)
6. Customs Cooperation
Thank you