

Contraband Detection for National & Local Security: Cars, Trucks, Boats & more

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Premise

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2. Improved border and port security can significantly limit the flow of smuggled contraband, thereby reducing the risk of terrorism.
3. Border and port security can be enhanced by affordable and easy-to-use tools.

What is Contraband?

con·tra·band

–noun

1. anything prohibited by law from being imported or exported.
2. goods imported or exported illegally.
3. illegal or prohibited trade; smuggling.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/contraband>

Examples of Contraband

- Weapons / Nuclear Materials
- Cigarettes or other commercial goods
- Humans
- Illegal Currency
- Illegal Narcotics

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Terrorism is supported by smuggled contraband: ILLEGAL WEAPONS/NUCLEAR MATERIAL

- 2001-2006 – 2x increase in attempts to smuggle radioactive materials according to International Atomic Energy Agency.*
- Jan-Mar 2001 – 20 confirmed cases of illegal nuclear materials trafficking, including thefts in Germany, Romania, South Africa, & Mexico
- 2001-2007 – 50+ cases of smuggled uranium were seized in Democratic Republic of Congo.
- “...there is also the terrifying prospect that this material could end up in the hands of terrorists.”

*www.newscientist.com, May 12, 2001
Martin Plaut, BBC Africa Editor, March 8, 2007

Terrorism is supported by smuggled contraband:

CIGARETTES & other GOODS

- Smugglers with ties to terrorist groups are acquiring millions of USD from illegal cigarette sales and funneling the cash to Al-Qaeda & Hezbollah.
- Illicit cigarette trafficking now rivals drug trafficking as a funding choice for terrorist groups, says senior intelligence officials in ATF.
- Cigarette smuggling between states within the US can net over US\$2 million in a single truckload
- 1997 – Sierra Leone Ambassador to US notes that diamonds mined in Sierra Leone finances Hezbollah and Al-Qaeda.*

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, June 8, 2004

*The African Executive, April 22, 2009

Terrorism is supported by smuggled contraband:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- September 2005 – US & Peruvian authorities intercepted a human smuggling ring which ran from Peru to the US.
 - Specializing in Arab and Middle Easterners to US.
- Mexican Secretary of Governance stated that there are a number of international terrorist cells active in Mexico involved in human smuggling, including ETA, FARC, and Islamic groups.

Terrorism Monitor, November 18, 2005

Terrorism is supported by smuggled contraband:

CURRENCY

- March 2011 – A range of issues such as cross-border terrorism, smuggling of narcotics, flow of counterfeit currency into India...expected to be discussed by the Home Secretaries of India and Pakistan.

TheHindu.com New Delhi, March 27, 2011

Terrorism is supported by smuggled contraband:

NARCOTICS

- 50 tons of illicit drugs (worth ~US\$2 billion) travel from West Africa to Europe annually.
- July 2008 – 60 ppl arrested in Sierre Leone in connection with flying a small plane from Venezuela to Guinea with 600kg of cocaine, AK-47 & AK-48 rifles, and 300 rounds of ammunition
- January & February 2009 - 3,210kg of cocaine was seized off the coast of Senegal.
- February 2008 - Hezbollah believed to have direct ties to drug cartel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) per US Embassy report.

The African Executive, April 22, 2009

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- The US State Department estimates that 90% of cocaine entering the United States transits through Mexico, with Columbia being the main cocaine producer—and that wholesale of illicit drug sale earnings estimates range from US\$13.6 billion to US\$48.4 billion annually.
 - Mexican drug-related casualty numbers have escalated significantly over time from 2,119 in 2006 to over 11,000 in 2010.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican_Drug_War#cite_note-stratfor-41

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Border Security is key in limiting Terrorism

- “Four identifiable factors have had a considerable impact on the development and evolution of organized crime, terrorism, and the drug trade as independent entities: [border porosity...](#)”

Tamara Makarenko
Transnational Crime and Its Evolving Links to Terrorism and Instability
National Criminal Justice Reference Service
November 2001

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Buster K910B Contraband Detector



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- Developed in conjunction with the US Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection (CBP) division.
- The original density meter of its type for this use worldwide.
- Actively used by CBP for 20+ years
- Used in over 60 countries in Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Asia

Buster K910B in Use



Highway Interdiction Training Specialists, Inc.

FV-Series Fiberscope



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- State-of-the art fiberscope for searching hidden spaces.
- 2-way articulation
- 16,000 fiberoptic strands = clearest image available
- Rated for explosion-free & corrosion-free fuel immersion.
- Built-in battery & built-in LED light source.

Fiberscope in Use

CT-30 Contraband Team Detection Kit use at Border
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CT-30 Contraband Team Inspection Kit



CT-30 Contraband Team Inspection Kit

- Buster K910B Contraband Detector
- FV-Series Fiberscope w/ Digital Camera
- Telescoping Inspection Mirror w/ Flashlight
- Laser Distance Meter
- Steel Inspection Probe kit – Heavy-Duty & Pocket-size
- Heavy-duty waterproof “Pelican” case with wheels and handles



CT-30 Successes: Croatia

Within 24 hours of that training, four Croatian Customs officers who attended the training **stopped a cargo truck**

heading into Slovenia and **used the CT-30 kit mirror** to check the roof of the trailer. They detected footprints, **then used the Buster density meter** and **discovered a stash of 299 packages of 150 kilos of marijuana.**

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Conclusion

1. Terrorism is supported by smuggled contraband.
2. Improved border/port security reduces the risk of terrorism.
3. Affordable, easy-to-use tools are available.

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