



Intellectual Property Rights

Seizure Statistics: Mid-Year FY 2008

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Executive Summary

- The domestic value of goods seized for intellectual property rights (IPR) violations at the mid-year point of Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 increased by 2.7% to \$113.2 million (M) from \$110.1M at the mid-year point of FY 2007.
- The number of IPR seizures decreased by 1%, from 7,245 to 7,166.
- China was the top trading partner for IPR seizures at mid-year FY 2008 with a domestic value of \$96.7M, accounting for 85% of the total value seized. In FY 07, China accounted for 80% of seizure value.
- Footwear was the top commodity seized at mid-year FY 2008 with a domestic value of \$40.3M, which accounted for 36% of the entire value of infringing goods.
- The categories of Handbags/Wallets/Backpacks, Cigarettes, and Sunglasses had significant increases in domestic value at mid-year FY 2008 over mid-year FY 2007 values.



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Value and Number of IPR Seizures

IPR is a Priority Trade Issue for CBP

The domestic value of IPR seizures increased \$3 million, while the number of seizures declined by 79 in the first half of FY 2008, compared to the first half of FY 2007.

- The domestic value of IPR seizures in the first half of FY 2008 increased 2.7% to \$113.2M from \$110.2M in the first half of FY 2007.
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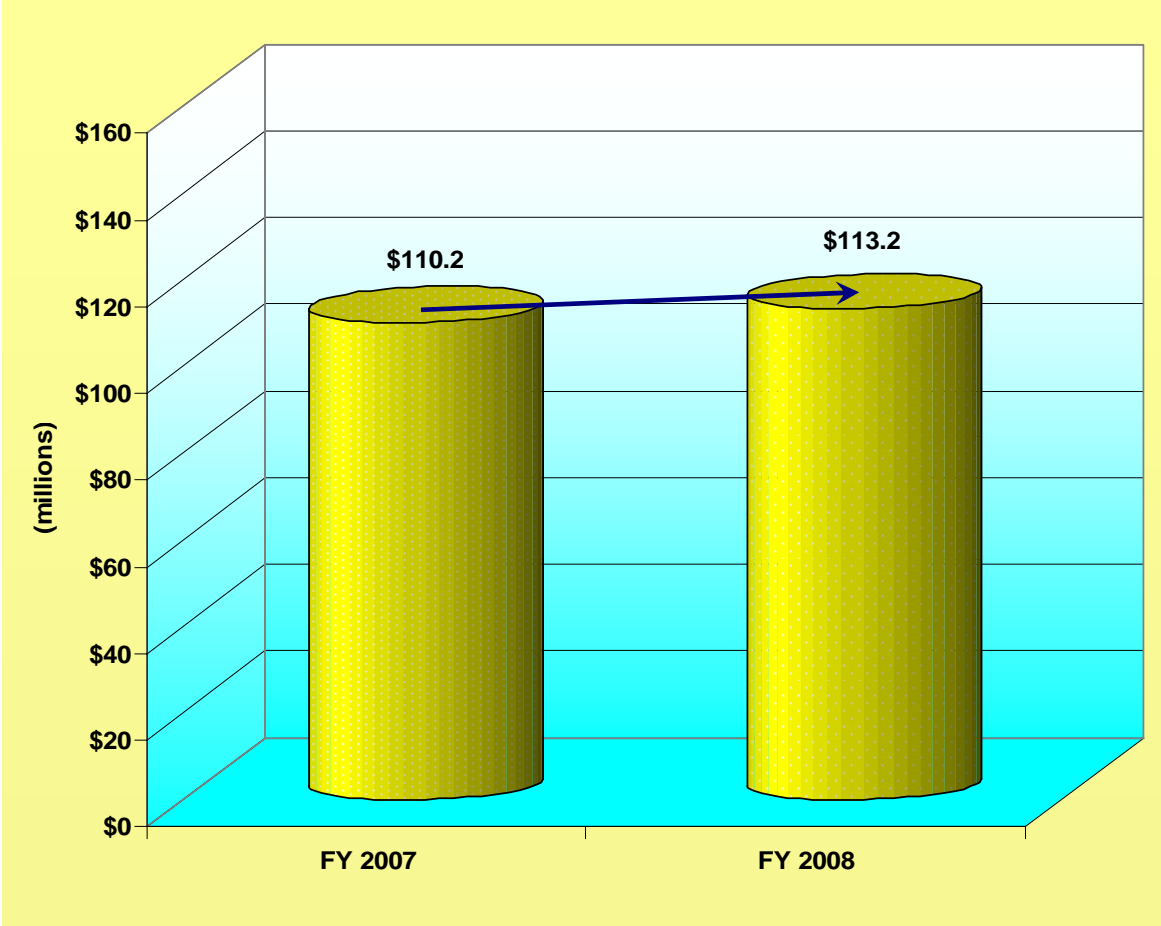
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Intellectual Property Rights Seizures

Total Value of IPR Seizures – Mid-Year FY 2007 vs. Mid-Year FY 2008

The value of IPR seizures increased 2.7% from mid-year FY 2007 to mid-year FY 2008.



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Top Commodities Seized

Footwear Seizures Dominate Top Spot

As it has been for the past 2 years, footwear was the top commodity seized, accounting for 36% of all IPR seizures by value.

- Footwear from China accounts for 96% of all IPR infringing footwear.
- While the number of IPR footwear seizures has declined by almost 48% at mid-year FY 2008, the domestic value actually increased by \$563,391, or 1.4%.
- At the mid-year point in FY 2008, there were only 838 small value (less than \$1,000) footwear seizures as compared to 1,892 seizures at the mid-year point in FY 2007.



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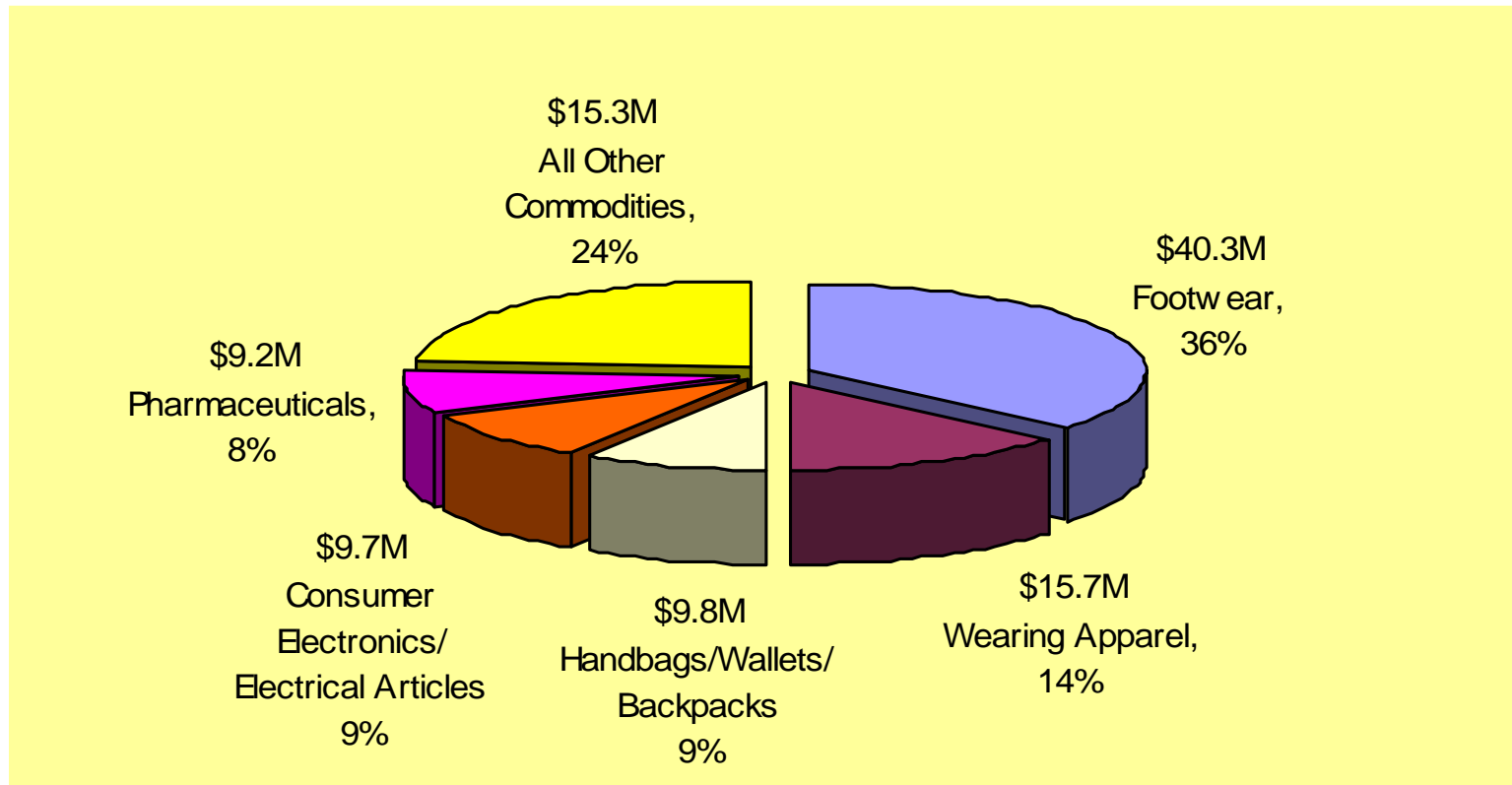
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Top Commodities Seized

Top Five Commodities Seized Mid-Year FY 2008



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Top Commodities Seized

Percentage Change by Value – Mid-Year 2008 vs. Mid-Year 2007

Mid-Year FY 2008 Commodity	Mid-Year FY 2008 Domestic Value	% of Total Value	Mid-Year FY 2007 Domestic Value	Difference FY 08 vs FY 07	% Increase or Decrease
Footwear	\$ 40,300,057	36%	\$ 39,736,666	\$ 563,391	1%
Wearing Apparel	\$ 15,785,209	14%	\$ 15,695,645	\$ 89,564	1%
Handbags/Wallets/Backpacks	\$ 9,890,934	9%	\$ 7,464,525	\$ 2,426,409	33%
Consumer Electronics/Electrical Articles	\$ 9,709,170	9%	\$ 9,418,165	\$ 291,005	3%
Pharmaceuticals	\$ 9,255,168	8%	\$ 9,930,473	\$ (675,305)	-7%
Cigarettes	\$ 4,619,353	4%	\$ 386,114	\$ 4,233,239	1096%
Computers/Technology Components	\$ 3,627,558	3%	\$ 4,315,743	\$ (688,185)	-16%
Watches/Parts	\$ 3,303,237	3%	\$ 11,461,038	\$ (8,157,801)	-71%
Media	\$ 3,094,108	3%	\$ 4,175,134	\$ (1,081,026)	-26%
Sunglasses/Parts	\$ 3,016,269	3%	\$ 1,038,469	\$ 1,977,800	190%
All Other Commodities	\$ 10,644,859	9%	\$ 6,576,378	\$ 4,068,481	62%
Total Domestic Value of All IPR Seizures	\$ 113,245,922		\$ 110,198,350	\$ 3,047,572	3%
Total Number of Seizures	7,166		7,245	-79	-1%



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Safety & Security Commodities

IPR Infringing Products May Pose Safety or Security Risks

In Mid-Year FY 2008, China accounted for almost 90% of the IPR infringing seizures that pose a safety and security risk to America.

- The total value of all IPR safety & security related commodities seized in mid-year FY 2008 was \$24.8 million.
- Pharmaceuticals were the top safety commodity seized at Mid-Year FY 2008. This category accounted for 37% of all safety & security IPR seizures.



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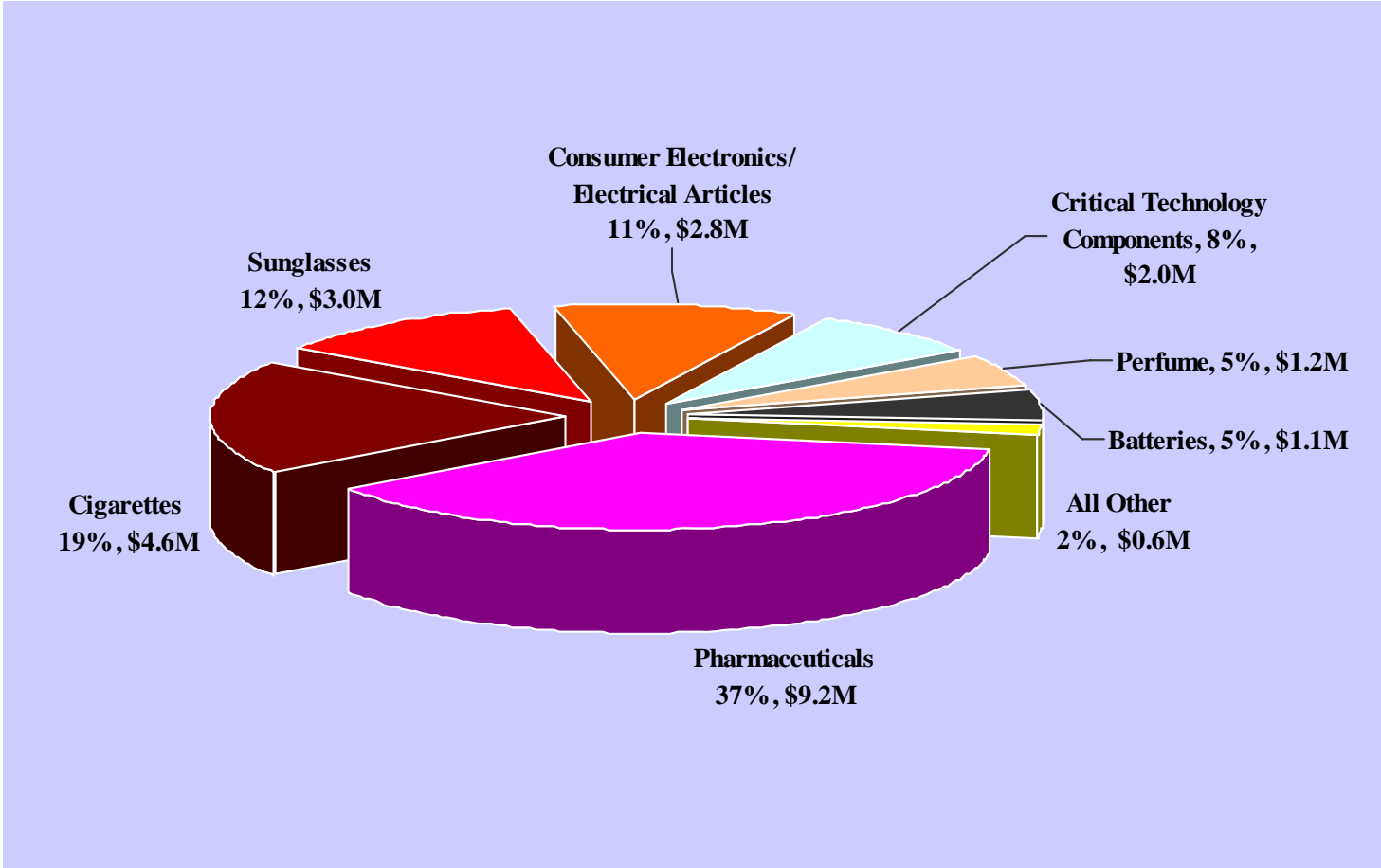
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Top Safety & Security Commodities

Top Commodities Seized for IPR Violations that May Present Safety or Security Risks



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Top Safety & Security Commodities

Top IPR Safety & Security Commodities Seized – Mid-Year FY 08

Mid-Year FY 2008 Safety & Security Commodities	Mid-Year FY 2008 Domestic Value	% of Total Value
Pharmaceuticals	\$ 9,255,168	37%
Cigarettes	\$ 4,619,353	19%
Sunglasses	\$ 3,016,269	12%
Consumer Electronics/Electric Articles	\$ 2,860,292	11%
Critical Technology Components	\$ 2,069,146	8%
Perfumes	\$ 1,268,305	5%
Batteries	\$ 1,184,883	5%
Health Care	\$ 228,672	<1%
All Others	\$ 383,695	2%
Total Domestic Value of All Import Safety IPR Seizures	\$ 24,885,783	
Total Number of Seizures	796	

Consumer Electronics/Electric Articles- previously named Electrical Articles in FY 2007, includes power cords, lights, treadmills, DVD players, etc.

Critical Technology Components- previously named Computer Network Hardware/Integrated Circuits in FY 2007, includes networking equipment and semiconductor devices

Health Care- includes toothpaste, razors, deodorant, soap, etc.

All Others- includes detergent, bath tissue, and labels and packaging that would be applied to safety and security commodities



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Top Trading Partners

China Remains the Top Trading Partner for IPR Violations

Mid-year FY 2008 seizures of IPR infringing products from China totaled \$96.7M and accounted for 85% of the total domestic value for all IPR seizures.

- Hong Kong's \$5.5M in seized value makes it the second most significant trading partner by value for IPR seizures.
- No other trading partner accounted for more than \$2M, or more than 1%, of the mid-year FY 2008 total domestic value.



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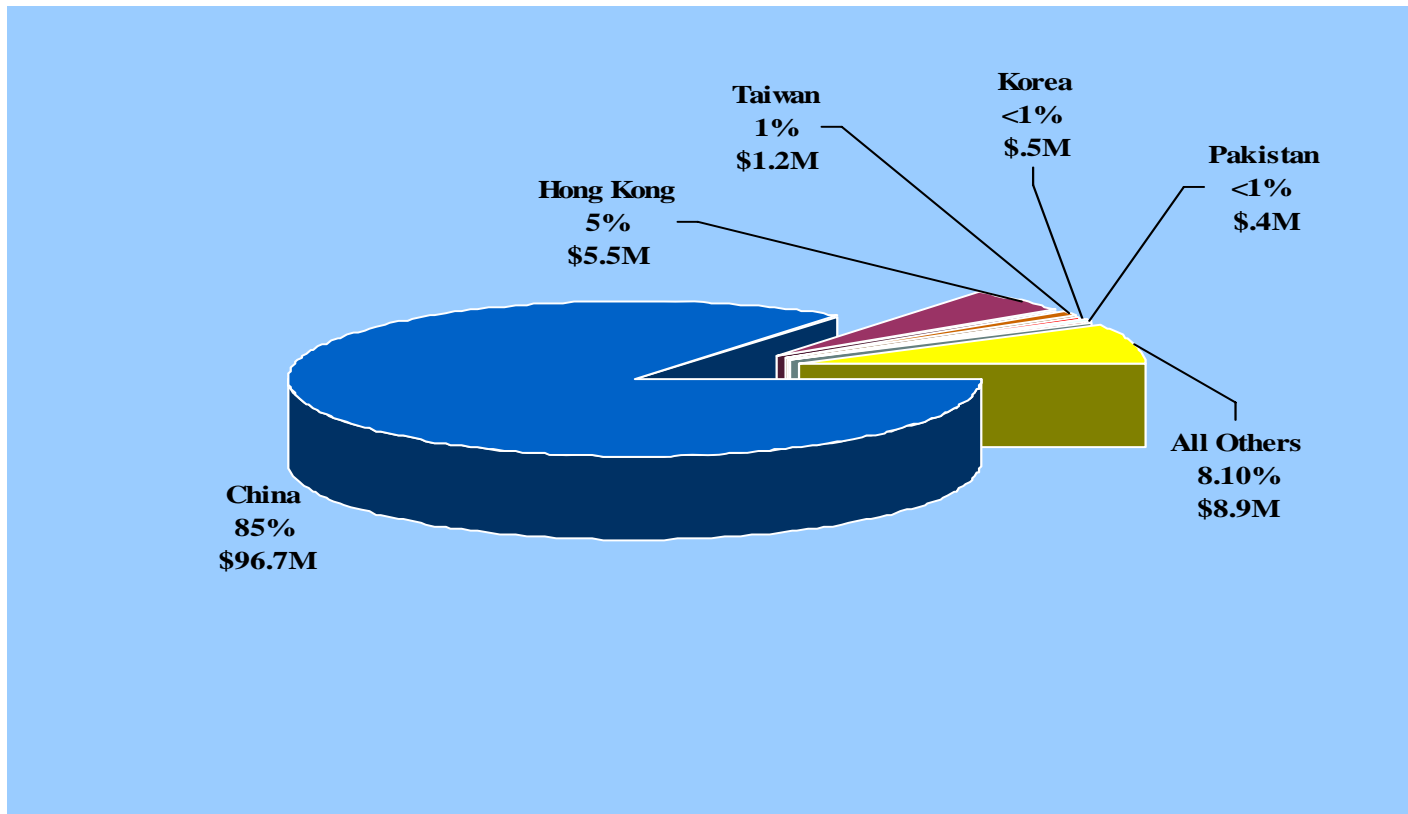
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Top Trading Partners

Top Five Countries by Value for IPR Seizures – Mid-Year 2008



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Top Trading Partners

Percentage Change by Value – Mid-Year FY 2008

Trading Partners Mid-Year FY 2008	Mid-Year FY 2008 Domestic Value	Percent of Total Value	Mid-Year FY 2007 Domestic Value	Difference FY08 vs FY 07	% Increase or Decrease
China	\$ 96,765,831	85%	\$ 89,173,214	\$ 7,592,617	9%
Hong Kong	\$ 5,585,460	5%	\$ 5,955,476	\$ (370,016)	-6%
Taiwan	\$ 1,297,526	1%	\$ 2,779,084	\$ (1,481,558)	-53%
Korea	\$ 508,624	<1%	\$ 404,636	\$ 103,988	26%
Pakistan	\$ 481,878	<1%	\$ 1,202,520	\$ (720,642)	-60%
Vietnam	\$ 369,897	<1%	\$ 242,549	\$ 127,348	53%
Singapore	\$ 366,283	<1%	\$ 150,966	\$ 215,317	143%
India	\$ 317,069	<1%	\$ 219,511	\$ 97,558	44%
France	\$ 289,679	<1%	\$ 85,638	\$ 204,041	238%
Brazil	\$ 241,739	<1%	\$ -	\$ 241,739	NA
All Others	\$ 7,021,936	6%	\$ 9,984,756	\$ (2,962,820)	-30%
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