

Russia Seizes 1 Ton of Nicaraguan Cocaine in St. Petersburg

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Images of the confiscated cocaine. t.me/customs_rf

Russian border guards have seized more than 1 metric ton of cocaine from Nicaragua at the Great Port of St. Petersburg, the Federal Customs Service (FTS) [said](#) Wednesday.

“The smugglers hid 1,000 briquettes with compressed white powder in the upper part of a cargo module,” the FTS said on the messaging app Telegram.

Images [shared](#) by the customs agency showed dozens of brown packages labeled with the letters “BBB” and “DIOR.”

A criminal case was launched after an expert valued the cocaine at 11 billion rubles (\$122.7 million).

The smugglers face up to 20 years in prison if found guilty of large-scale drug trafficking, an FTS spokesperson [said](#).

The FTS added that agents from Russia’s Federal Security Service (FSB) assisted in the drug

bust.

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