

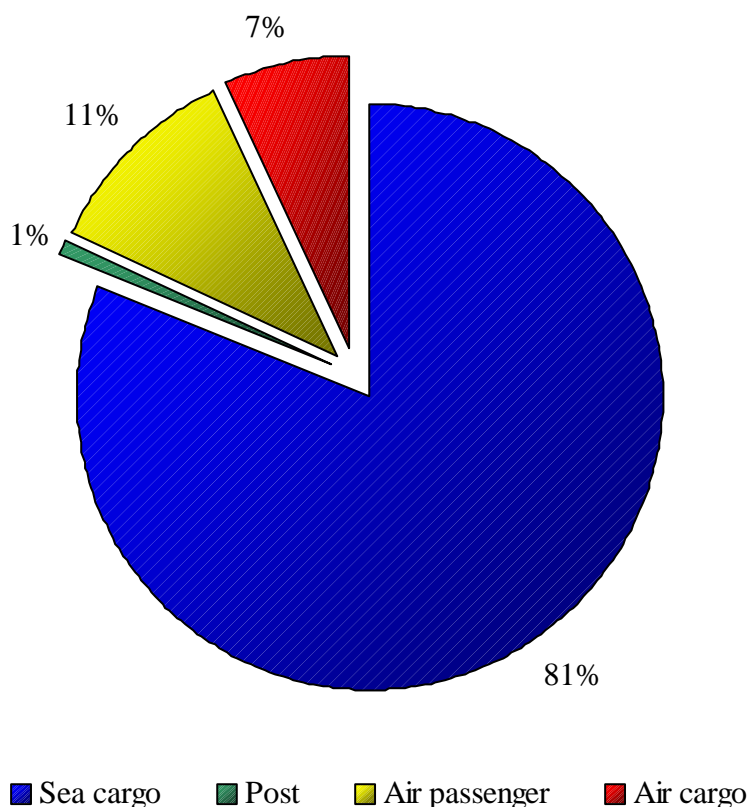


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Sea cargo accounts for the majority of heroin detected in Australia

During 1999–2000, the majority of heroin imported into Australia was detected in sea cargo. Figures released by the ABCI's *Australian Illicit Drug Report 1999–2000* show that sea cargo accounted for 81 per cent of the total weight. The next most common methods of importation were airline passengers carrying heroin (11 per cent) and heroin concealed in airline cargo (7 per cent). Heroin imported through postal services made up only a small proportion of detections (1 per cent). Importer countries identified in the report included China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Heroin importation methods as a proportion of the total weight of detections, 1999–2000



SOURCE: Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence, 2001, *Australian Illicit Drug Report 1999–2000*, ABCI, Canberra.