

# How Big is the Counterfeit Trade? By the Numbers:

**\$509  
BILLION**

The international trade in counterfeit and pirated goods amounted to as much as \$509 billion in 2016.

**13 MM  
DOSES**

Europol seized 13 million doses of counterfeit medicine ranging from opioids to heart medication in March 2019.

**10x  
SEIZURES**

Seizures of counterfeit goods at U.S. borders have increased 10-fold from 3,244 to 33,810 per year since 2000.

**16% a  
THREAT**

16% of the contraband CBP and ICE/HSI seized in 2016 were direct threats to health and safety.

**5%  
FAKE**

During 3 "blitz" operations in 2019, CBP found that 5% of the 20,861 packages they inspected contained counterfeits, among them fake handbags, sports equipment, drivers licenses and deadly opioids.

<https://safedr ug/counterfeits-DHS-2020>

Source: Department of Homeland Security, Office of Strategy, Policy & Plans "Combating Trafficking in Counterfeit and Pirated Goods, Report to the President of the United States," January 24, 2020