NEW JAITF OPERATIONAL IN SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA

On 29 October 2018, AIRCOP inaugurated the 24th JAITF at Viru Viru International Airport. The JAITF is composed of 18 members, of which 3 are INTERPOL officials, 3 from Migration services, 3 from the Citizen Security Aeropolicial Service, 4 from the Bolivian Customs and 5 from the Special Force to Fight Against Drug Trafficking (FELCN).

DRUGS INTERCEPTED IN POSTAL MAIL

On 26 October 2018, the JAITF of Abidjan seized 300 gr of methamphetamine in a postal parcel going to New Zealand. This seizure is a perfect example of the diversification of drugs flows and the increased use of postal mail in Africa.

COCAINE IN COFFEE: NEW MODUS OPERANDI

On 25 and 26 October 2018, 3 women (1 Colombian and 2 Venezuelans) were arrested in Lisbon. They arrived separately from Fortaleza, Brazil, and were each carrying 5,5 kg of coffee. Despite not reacting to the initial test for cocaine, the coffee, which appeared to be normal, was then subjected to further tests which revealed that it contained 40% of cocaine (6 kg of cocaine).

On 1 November 2018, one Colombian arriving in Lisbon from Recife, was arrested with 7,5 kg of coffee. After further test it appeared that it was composed of 33% of cocaine (2,4 kg of cocaine).

Another case of “cocaine coffee” occurred in Bissau (20 October 2018) outlining the growing importance of this new method that requires further detection and examination capacities since the chemical process used in the coffee hinders possibility to detect cocaine by using normal field cocaine test.