



Rigaku Analytical Devices Announces Progeny ResQ Handheld Raman Analyzer Used in Major Cocaine Seizure

Port authorities use Progeny ResQ handheld Raman to screen contents of incoming shipping containers

Wilmington, MA, December 15, 2017 – [Rigaku Corporation](#) is pleased to announce that Rigaku Analytical Devices, a leading provider of innovative handheld Raman spectrometers, has announced its [Progeny ResQ](#) handheld Raman analyzer was used during a recent seizure of illegal drugs being transported to Antwerp, Belgium.

Nearly 750 kg of cocaine was confiscated on the commercial port of Jarry, Guadeloupe. The drug was divided and concealed in 850 sacks of rice, in which Progeny ResQ was able to analyze. The value of the confiscation was estimated to be worth more than EUR 30 million.

“We are thrilled our analyzer was used to assist border patrol in identifying and thus preventing such a large amount of illicit drugs to enter the communities,” said Bree Allen, President of Rigaku Analytical Devices. *“It is imperative we have the most innovative tools in the hands of our law enforcement and border protection professionals who face an increase in the circulation of illegal drugs.”*

Progeny ResQ enables users to perform rapid identification of the widest range of drugs that includes the newest opioid compounds, including various fentanyls. With its unique 1064nm excitation laser, Progeny ResQ can measure colored solids, liquids or powders, as well as substances through containers, overcoming issues of fluorescence interference that affect other handheld Raman devices. In addition, the integrated camera is capable of capturing images of test samples and seamlessly integrating them into the results database for analysis reports.

To find out more about the capabilities of the MIL-STD 810G certified Progeny ResQ analyzer with 24/7 reachback support, please visit the Rigaku Analytical Devices team at the aforementioned events or visit www.Rigaku.com/ResQ

About Rigaku Analytical Devices (RAD)

RAD was formed as the global handheld and portable spectroscopic analyzer business unit of Rigaku Corporation in 2011. RAD’s portfolio of handheld and portable spectroscopic analyzers are used for a variety of applications, empowering our customers to achieve rapid lab-quality results any time, any place. RAD is based in Wilmington, MA USA.

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