

USA Customs and Border Protection Confiscate Product Designed To Keep Cannabis Safe & Away From Kids

Thanks to Andrew Sacks of **Sacks Weston Diamond LLC (PA)** for alerting us to this Washington Post article. A great illustration of the very long silly season ahead, for those working in the regulated cannabis sector. A range of Federal institutions will now have to spend their budgets on this sort of thing as the administration decides that this is more important than Climate Change, Healthcare and the arts.

Things were going great. Business was brisk and Stone hired three employees. But it all came crashing to a halt a few months ago, when he received the customs notice in the mail.

“This is to officially notify you that Customs and Border Protection seized the property described below at Los Angeles International Airport on April 28, 2017,” the letter read. The agency had seized 1,000 of Stone’s storage bags, valued at \$12,000. CBP said the bags were subject to forfeiture because “it is unlawful for any person to import drug paraphernalia.”

In a separate letter explaining the ruling, CBP acknowledged that “standing alone, the Stashlogix storage case can be viewed as a multi-purpose storage case with no association with or to controlled substances.” However, it noted that the storage cases come with an odor-absorbing carbon insert that could be used to conceal the smell of marijuana.

U.S. drug paraphernalia laws are written extremely broadly, allowing authorities to consider not just the products themselves but also how the products are being used in the real world. The CBP letter goes on to cite favorable reviews of the storage case on blogs like [the Stoner Mom](#) and [the Weed Blog](#), indicating that marijuana consumers use the cases to store their pot at home.

Full article at https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/06/12/the-feds-are-blocking-a-product-aimed-at-keeping-drugs-out-of-kids-hands/?utm_term=.fc2d461378ac