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Canine Unit Seizure Rate at Airport One of the Top in the Nation

BARRIGADA, GUAM – The Customs and Quarantine Agency's (CQA) Agriculture Canine Unit (ACU) holds one of the top positions in the nation in terms of seizure rate at any United States Airport.

CQA's Acting Director and Chief of Customs met with representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) where they were informed of the unit's achievement.

Agency data for FY2018 reflects the unit had a positive seizure rate of 95.41%. The data indicates 1,021 positive alerts resulting in approximately 2,200 lbs. of prohibited agricultural products seized at the Antonio B. WonPat International Air Terminal (ABWIAT).

Acting Director of CQA, Ignacio "Ike" Peredo, states, "I am glad to see the program is a success and I commend these officers whose dedication to the unit's mission is reflected in the data. Proficiency in one's job provides excellent service to Guam."

CQA's ACU was named the Agency's Unit of the Year for two years straight.

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