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Statistics on Scrambles through the Second Quarter of FY2015

1. Overall

ASDF aircraft scrambled 343 times through the second quarter of FY2015, which marked decrease of 190 times compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.

The breakdown of scrambles by country and region is as follows: about 32% against Russian aircraft; about 67% against Chinese aircraft; and about 1% against aircraft from other countries and regions. However, they include presumptions.

2. Break down of Scrambles by Regional Air Defense Force

Through the second quarter of FY2015, Northern Air Defense Force aircraft scrambled 91 times, Central Air Defense Force aircraft scrambled 10 times, Western Air Defense Force aircraft scrambled 20 times, and Southwestern Composite Air Division aircraft scrambled 222 times.

Compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year, the number of scrambles by the Southwestern Composite Air Division increased, while the number of scrambles by the other Regional Air Defense Forces decreased significantly.

3. Characteristics of Responses through the First Quarter of FY2015

ASDF aircraft scrambled against Chinese aircraft a total of 231 times, which marked an increase of 24 times compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year. In the second quarter of FY2015, seven cases were made public as unusual flights.

ASDF aircraft scrambled against Russian aircraft a total of 108 times, which marked decrease of 216 times compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year. In the second quarter of FY2015, four cases were made public as unusual flights.

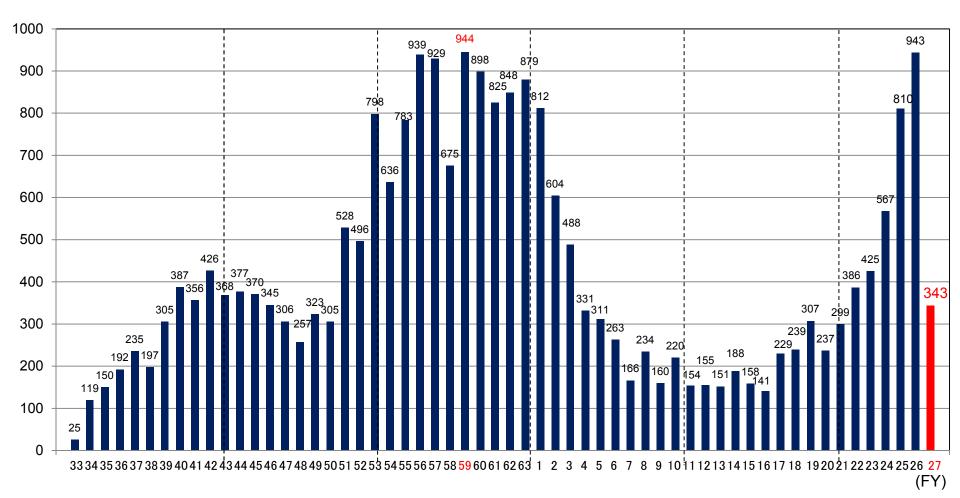
There was one case of the detection of airspace intrusion off the Nemuro Peninsula, Hokkaido to be made public up to the second quarter.(Presumed Russian aircraft)

Scrambles against Russian surveillance aircraft and Chinese fighter aircraft were high in frequency compared to other types of aircraft of the respective countries. However, they include presumptions.

These data were collected between April 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015.

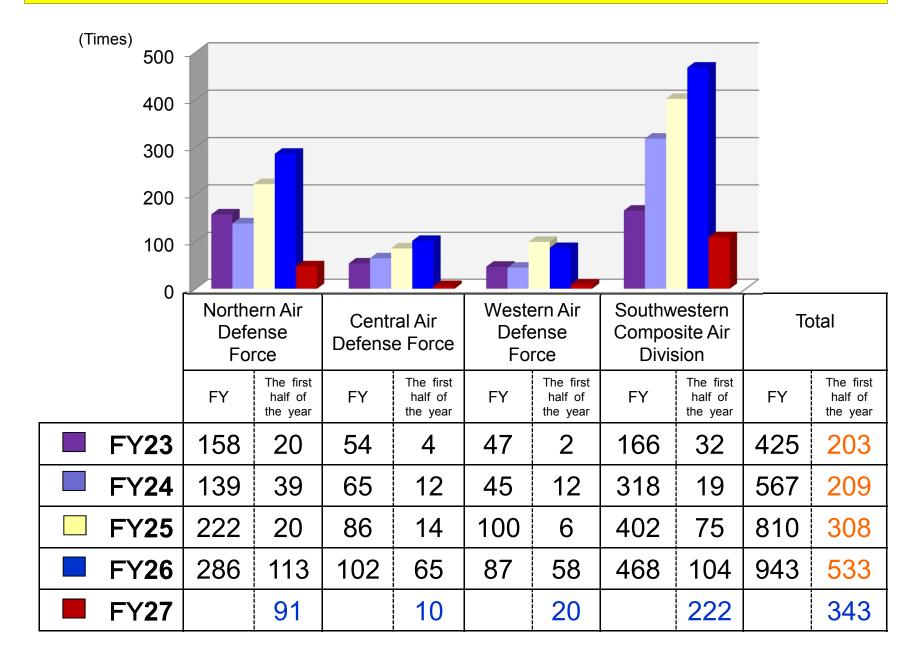
Number of Scrambles by Fiscal Year





**The number of scrambles FY27 is the first half of year

Number of Scrambles by Regional Air Defense Force (Past Five Years)



Number of Scrambles by Country and Region (Past Five Years)

| Country and Region | Rus | ssia | Ch | ina | Tai | wan | | orth orea | | her ntries | To | tal |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| FY | FY | The first half of the year | FY | The first half of the year | FY | The first half of the year | FY | The first half of the year | FY | The first half of the year | FY | The first half of the year |
| 23 | 247 | 24 | 156 | 27 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 5 | 425 | 203 |
| 24 | 248 | 62 | 306 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 567 | 209 |
| 25 | 359 | 31 | 415 | 69 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 26 | 6 | 810 | 308 |
| 26 | 473 | 235 | 464 | 104 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 943 | 533 |
| 27 | | 108 | | 231 | | 0 | | 0 | | 4 | | 343 |

Number of Scrambles by Quarter

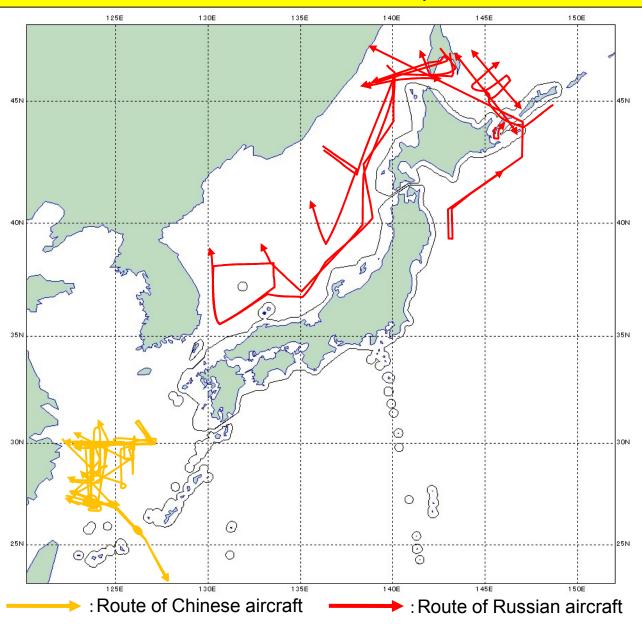
1 Number of Scrambles by Regional Air Defense Force

| | Northern Air Defense | Central Air Defense | Western Air Defense | Southwestern Composite Air | Total |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Force | Force | Force | Division | |
| 1 st Quarter | 48 | 6 | 9 | 110 | 173 |
| 2 nd Quarter | 43 | 4 | 11 | 112 | 170 |
| Total | 91 | 10 | 20 | 222 | 343 |

2 Number of Scrambles by Country and Region

| | Russia | China | Taiwan | North Korea | Other countries | Total |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|--------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 st Quarter | 57 | 114 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 173 |
| 2 nd Quarter | 51 | 117 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 170 |
| Total | 108 | 231 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 343 |

Example Flight Patterns of Russian and Chinese Aircraft to Which Scrambles Responded



List of Cases Made Public in FY2015 (First Quarter)

| | Date | Nationality of Aircraft, etc. | Behavior Description | Photo |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|-------|
| 1 | Thursday, April 2, 2015 | Russia Su-24 fighter-bomber One aircraft | Flew over the Sea of Japan from off Hokkaido to off Hokuriku | |
| 2 | Thursday, May 21, 2015 | China H-6 bomber Two aircraft | Round-trip flights between the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean | |

List of Cases Made Public in FY2015 (Second Quarter ①)

| | Date | Nationality of Aircraft, etc. | Behavior Description | Photo |
|---|--------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Friday, July 3, 2015 | Russia IL-20 surveillance aircraft One aircraft | Round-trip flights between off Hokkaido and off Iwate Prefecture | |
| 2 | Tuesday, July 7, 2015 | Russia IL-20 surveillance aircraft One aircraft | Flight over the Sea of Japan from off Hokkaido to off the Noto Peninsula | |
| 3 | Wednesday, July 8, 2015 | Russia IL-20 surveillance aircraft One aircraft | Round-trip flights between off Hokkaido and off Iwate Prefecture | |
| 4 | | China Y-8 transport aircraft One aircraft | | |
| 5 | Wednesday, July 29, 2015 | China Y-9 transport aircraft One aircraft | Round-trip flights between the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| 6 | | China H-6 bomber Two aircraft | | |

List of Cases Made Public in FY2015 (Second Quarter 2)

| | Date | Nationality of Aircraft, etc. | Behavior Description | Photo |
|----|---|---|---|-----------|
| 7 | China Y-8 transport aircraft One aircraft | | | MM of Man |
| 8 | Thursday, July 30, 2015 | China Y-9 transport aircraft One aircraft | Round-trip flights between the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean | |
| 9 | | China H-6 bomber Two aircraft | | |
| 10 | Tuesday, September 15, 2015 | Presumed Russian aircraft | Airspace intrusion off the Nemuro Peninsula, Hokkaido | |