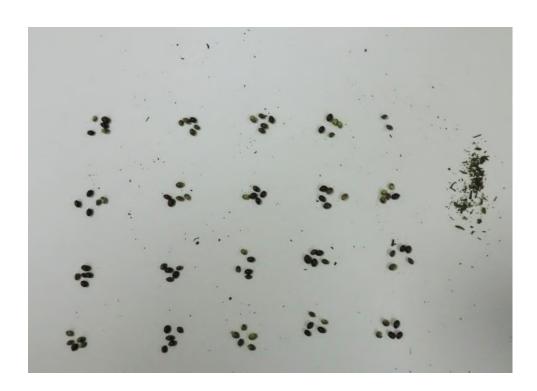


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## SEIZURE OF CANNABIS SEEDS AND PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS





The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Department seized 97 cannabis seeds and 29 tablets of 'Bromazepam' on Saturday 08 September 2018 at the SSR International Airport. The cannabis seeds were secured from the pocket of a French citizen of Mayotte and, upon verification of his luggage, psychotropic drugs were found therein. The 34-year-old passenger arrived on board the Air Austral flight and he was intercepted in the Green Channel on the basis of suspicious demeanour.

The passenger was questioned by MRA Customs about the nature of the suspected seeds and on whether he holds a prescription for the psychotropic tablets. He revealed that the seeds are cannabis seeds and that he does not possess a prescription for the tablets. The MRA Customs sniffer dog 'Otto' reacted positively to the suspected drugs. The traveller was warned that he had committed an offence under the Dangerous Drugs Act and he was handed over to the ADSU for further investigation.

Members of the public may report suspected drug cases/illicit activities to the MRA through the MRA Stop Drug Platform (www.mra.mu) or by calling on the Hotline on 8958.