

BORDER PROTECTION

SWALLOWER OF 88 PELLETS OF HEROIN INTERCEPTED AT AIRPORT



It was her suspicious body language in the Green Channel that led Customs Officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) to stop and interrogate the 42 years old Kenyan passenger on Saturday 08 September 2018 at the SSR International Airport. It was her first visit to Mauritius. The passenger arrived on board the MK flight 535 from Kenya and, upon questioning, she revealed that she had swallowed pellets of a substance unknown to her. The travel documents of the Kenyan were apparently forged. The luggage of the passenger was scanned and nothing abnormal was found when same was examined by MRA Customs Officers.

The traveller was handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for medical examination and she purged 88 pellets of a gross weight of 1.3 kg. Following tests, the substance was identified as being heroin and its street value is estimated at Rs. 20 million. This is the fifth time that drugs swallowed by Kenya nationals were seized.

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.