

SEIZURE OF SYNTHETIC DRUG WORTH RS 4.5 MILLION



Two persons were arrested in relation to a consignment which contained Synthetic Cannabinoid worth **Rs 4.5 million**. The consignment was sent from China and it transited through Paris before arriving to Mauritius on board Flight MK 045. Officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) selected the consignment for examination and the scanning of the parcel revealed suspicious images. The parcel was opened and 3 kg of a yellowish substance with a pungent smell of chemicals was found.

The consignment was addressed to a Thailand national who works as Chief Cook in a restaurant in Grand Bay since 2016 and he called at the Courier Services at PATS, Plaine Magnien, to collect the parcel, in presence of his employer. The latter, a Mauritian national who resides at Port Louis, revealed that the chemicals were intended for decorative purposes in his restaurant.

The yellowish substance reacted positively to synthetic drug and it was secured for further analysis by FSL. The Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) is investigating into this matter.

Members of the public are reminded that they 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 8958.