

## HEROIN WORTH RS. 22 MILLION SEIZED AT AIRPORT

Two passengers were intercepted at the SSR International Airport on Sunday 27 October, 2019, with drugs worth Rs. 22 million. They confessed having swallowed pellets of heroin in South Africa prior to their departure for Mauritius. The passengers, a 44 year-old Zimbabwean and a 40 year-old Mozambican arrived on board the Air Mauritius flight MK 846 from Durban, South Africa, and they were leaving the SSR Airport through the Green Channel when they were stopped by officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA). Upon questioning, they declared that they were tourists and that they were expected to stay at a hotel in Belle Mare.

Following intensive questioning, they confessed that they had swallowed pellets of heroin. The passengers were handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU). They had purged 135 pellets of heroin.

**Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.**