

MRA seizes Hashish worth Rs 30 Million



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 6 kg of hashish, worth around Rs 30 Million, from a male French national, on 4 November 2024, at the SSR Int. Airport.

A registered piece of luggage belonging to an incoming passenger was brought in for scanning, and the images revealed some abnormalities.

The passenger was taken to the CANS office for verification of his luggage and in-depth questioning. When asked to open his luggage, the passenger refused, claiming that it was not his and that it belonged to another person who had already left the airport.

However, a preliminary investigation concluded that the luggage had been registered in his name, and the lock was forcibly opened in his presence.

Upon examination, three rectangular parcels wrapped in cellophane were concealed under the zipper on one side of the suitcase. One of the three parcels was slightly cut open and was found to contain a certain quantity of a substance suspected to be a dangerous drug.

Subsequently, a presumptive field test for cannabis was carried out, and the results were positive.

The passenger was handed over to the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit for further enquiry.

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.