

Border Protection

SEIZURE OF HASHISH AND CANNABIS ESTIMATED AT RS. 5.4 MILLION



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) intercepted 2.1 kilograms of a dark brown substance suspected to be hashish and 304 grams of a green leaf matter suspected to be cannabis worth, Rs. 5.4 million, in the luggage of a woman Russian passenger today, 06 July 2018, at the SSR International Airport. The suspected drugs were concealed in organic tea and health food containers and these were found among the clothing of the passenger's luggage. After intercepting the 43 year-old yoga teacher in the Green Channel, the CANS officers scanned her luggage and the images were suspicious. She was, therefore, directed to the examination area whereby her luggage was opened and examined. Eight containers with the suspected dark brown substance and green leaf matter were found therein. Arriving on board the Kenya Airlines from Nairobi, the Russian passenger revealed that she had bought the suspected drugs in Goa, India- whereby she had stayed 3 months- and that she would take same back to Russia after her stay in Mauritius. The suspected drugs were secured and the passenger was informed that she committed an offence under the Dangerous Drugs Act. The suspected drugs and the passenger were handed over to the ADSU for further inquiry. **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.**