

SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH RS. 3.9 MILLION



A Malagasy passenger arriving on board the MK Flight 289 was intercepted on Sunday 04th March 2018 at the SSR Airport by Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs and Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) officers. 260 grams of a powder suspected to be heroin, worth Rs. 3.9 million, was found concealed in the double bottom of her handbag. The female passenger was inaccurate in her replies to Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) officers who questioned her. She bore a recently-issued passport and her flight ticket was paid in cash before her travel. Furthermore the suspicious demeanour of the 37 years old passenger led the officers to scan her luggage and handbag. The scanning image revealed suspicious content in her handbag and, upon verification, the concealed parcel was found.

The suspected drug was wrapped in a transparent plastic and concealed in the false bottom of her handbag. A field test was carried out and the Customs Sniffer Dog 'Cezar' reacted positively to the suspected drug. The Malagasy passenger declared that the drugs were handed over to her in Madagascar and she had to remit same to a person in a hotel in Mauritius.

The passenger, her belongings and the secured drugs were handed over to ADSU for further investigation. Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.