

## **MRA seizes cannabis and cigarette papers worth Rs 8 M**

- **ONE PERSON ARRESTED**



**The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 6.90 kg of cannabis and 2,496 booklets of "roll-your-own" cigarette papers, with a total estimated street value of Rs 8,280,000. The seizure took place on 04 August 2025 at the Port Customs Examination Bay.**

Following the scanning of a container, CANS officers proceeded with the verification of a consignment, in the presence of the consignee.

During the examination, the officers discovered two (2) mattresses, one single bed and one double bed, suspected to contain illicit substances.

Both mattresses were cut open for inspection. The double bed mattress was found to contain thirty-eight (38) parcels suspected to conceal cannabis, with a gross indicative weight of 6.90 kg. A field test conducted on the suspected substance yielded a positive result for cannabis. Additionally, K9 dog Alice reacted positively to cannabis.

The single bed mattress was found to conceal 2,496 booklets, each reportedly containing 32 sheets of "OCB" brand roll-your-own cigarette papers.



*The presumed drugs were hidden between the springs of the mattress.*

Both the consignee and the exhibits were handed over to the Anti-Drug & Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further investigation.

A controlled delivery operation was mounted by ADSU, leading to the arrest of one (1) individual.

Police enquiry is still ongoing.

*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](http://www.mra.mu)) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.*

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