

## BORDER PROTECTION

### SEIZURE OF 1.6 KG CANNABIS CONCEALED IN CHOCOLATE BOXES



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) intercepted and secured 1.6 kg of cannabis of a market value of Rs. 1 million on Saturday 08 February 2020, at the SSR International Airport. The suspected drugs were concealed in three boxes of Ferrero Rocher. The passenger, an inhabitant of Phoenix, arrived on board the Air Austral flight from Reunion Island and he was intercepted by CANS while he was leaving thru the green channel. His luggage was scanned and the images appeared normal.

Upon verifying his duty free bag, it was observed that the chocolate inside the Ferrero Rocher boxes were scratched. One of the chocolate was cut open and a certain quantity of cannabis leaf was found inside. The male passenger, aged 40 and painter by profession, was questioned about the chocolates and he confessed that all chocolates contained cannabis.

The passenger and drugs were handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (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.*