

## Seizure of 44 Live birds at SSR International Airport



**The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 44 Live birds at the SSR International Airport on the 07<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.**

Based on established risk profiles, a Mauritian passenger was targeted by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) Officers while he was leaving through the green channel.

The passenger together with his luggage was directed to the Customs Examination counter for verification of his luggage and for in-depth questioning. Subsequently, a total of 44 live birds of unknown species were found caged in plastic and wooden boxes, amongst the passenger's personal belongings.

Since the passenger did not have any import permit for the live birds, he was charged of illegal importation of live birds.

The case was referred to Veterinary Services for further action and the 44 live birds were sent to the Quarantine Services Division.

The Passenger was handed over to the Police 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](http://www.mra.mu)) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.***