

BORDER PROTECTION

SEIZURE OF 1.29 KG OF HEROIN WORTH RS. 19.3 MILLION



On Saturday 08 February, 2020, the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 1.29 kg of a powder, suspected to be heroin, from the false bottom of a luggage of a Ugandan. The market value of the suspected drugs is Rs. 19.35 million. After landing from the Kenya Airways flight KQ 270, the Ugandan was leaving the SSR Airport through the Green Channel when she was intercepted by CANS officers after profiling. The 30 year-old passenger stated that she is a marketing officer in Uganda and she will stay at a tourist residence in Pereybere. Her luggage was scanned and the images were suspicious.

An examination of her luggage revealed tampering and the bottom was broken. A rectangular parcel was secured from the false compartment at the bottom of the luggage. When the parcel was cut open, a powder was found therein. A field test for heroin on the powder was positive.

The suspected drugs, the passenger and her belongings were handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for controlled delivery, which led to the arrest of a 24 year-old Nigerian.

Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.