

MRA seizes synthetic products suspected to be drugs worth Rs 39M



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), seized 2.05 kg of a powdered synthetic product and 0.566 kg of a liquid synthetic product suspected to be drugs, both with a total market value of Rs 39.2 million, from two consignments at a courier service on March 2, 2025.

Both consignments, addressed to the same individual, reached Mauritius on March 1, 2025, via flight EK703. They were earmarked for verification by the MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) based on emerging risk profiles and following scanning exercises.

The parcels were subsequently brought to the Plaisance Air Transport Services (PATS) office for a joint examination by CANS and ADSU Officers.

The first parcel contained two aluminum sachets, each with a plastic sachet of off-white powder suspected to be synthetic drugs. The second parcel had an aluminum sachet with a white plastic bottle filled with a strong-smelling liquid also suspected to be synthetic drug.

The exhibits were secured and sealed.

A controlled delivery operation was set up by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU). Nobody was arrested.

No field tests were conducted, and no sniffing operation was performed due to the dangerous nature of the suspected drugs.

An enquiry is in progress.

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) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.