

## MRA CUSTOMS SEIZES STUN GUNS

Thirty-one Stun Guns were seized at the UFS Logistic Warehouse at Port Louis on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The importer, an inhabitant of La Caverne, Vacoas, was arrested and later released on parole as Stun Guns are prohibited at import, unless a clearance is obtained from the Mauritius Police Force under the Firearm Act.



The consignment was imported from China and it came on board the AS Cypria vessel. Based on risk indicators, the consignment was tagged for examination by Customs Examining Officers and officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS). The consignment was declared at Customs as containing shoes, garments, batteries, flashlights, amongst others. However, upon verification, the flashlights were found to be Stun Guns and these were concealed inside sport shoes.

The importer failed to produce the clearance under the Firearm Act from the Mauritius Police Force for Stun Guns, as the latter are Prohibited Goods. Upon questioning, the importer explained that the Stun Guns were bought to control cattle while transporting same in lorries. The Guns were seized and handed over to the Police for further investigation. The Customs Department has reinforced monitoring of flashlights after Stun Guns were discovered at Belvédère. Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.