

MRA SEIZES COCAINE WORTH RS 18 M



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 75 pellets suspected to contain cocaine, with a gross indicative weight of 1225 grams, with a street value of Rs 18,375,000, at the SSR International Airport on 8 August 2025.

A male Nigerian national was intercepted by MRA CANS officers while leaving through the Green Channel. His luggage was examined, and he subsequently underwent a body scan. The images revealed the presence of foreign bodies suspected to be dangerous drugs. The passenger confessed having swallowed 75 drug pellets.

At the airport, the passenger was brought to the customs drug loo where he purged thirty-one (31) pellets with a total indicative gross weight of 510 grams. A field test conducted on the pellets confirmed the presence of cocaine.

The passenger was then handed over to the police and taken to the hospital for a medical examination, where he purged another forty-four (44) pellets, with a total indicative gross weight of 715 grams.

A controlled delivery operation was mounted by the Anti-Drug & Smuggling Unit (ADSU), resulting in the arrest of one (1) person.

Police inquiry is still ongoing.

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.

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