

490 CAPSULES OF PREGABALIN SEIZED AT SSR AIRPORT



A male Indian passenger, 51, businessman by profession, was intercepted by Customs Officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) at the SSR Airport on Wednesday 10 October 2018. The latter arrived on board flight EK 703 from Dubai.

The passenger is a frequent traveller. He was intercepted following a profiling exercise. His luggage, which contained commercial goods (ladies' garments), was examined by MRA officers. 49 blistered packs containing 490 capsules of Pregabalin (150mg) were found concealed in a tupperware among the garments.

The passenger did not have any medical prescription or import authorisation from the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life. He was subsequently informed that he had committed an offence under the Dangerous Drugs Act and the pregabalin tablets were detained. He added that he was not aware whether importation of the tablets required an import authorisation.

The passenger was handed over to ADSU.

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.