

## Seizure of 1.77 kg of Synthetic Drug worth Rs 26.5 million



A Mauritian passenger arriving on board Air Mauritius flight MK 641 from Guangzhou China was intercepted on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at the SSR International Airport by the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU). 1.77 kg of powder and creamy substance suspected to be synthetic drugs, worth Rs 26.5 million, was found in cosmetic boxes. The self-employed passenger was targeted by Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) officers and intercepted in the Green Channel together with his luggage. On examination, two moisturizing cream make “Yass” and 2 whitening milk make “5 Stars” were found and scanning images showed concealment inside the containers. The latter were opened and the suspicious substances were found. The substances reacted positively to cathinone field test.

The 29 year old passenger declared that they were synthetic drugs which he had bought in China. The substances were secured and the passenger was handed over to ADSU for further inquiry. It should be noted that in 2008, the said passenger was arrested by ADSU for possession of cannabis.

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