

## PRESS RELEASE

## MRA Intercepts Dangerous Drugs Worth Rs 83 Million at Airport and Courier Services



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), intercepted a 55-year-old Indian passenger arriving from Kuala Lumpur with 4.32 kg of dangerous drugs, estimated at Rs 64.8 million, at the SSR International Airport on 10 October 2025.

The passenger, who had travelled on flight MK 647, was apprehended after being profiled by MRA Customs officers while attempting to leave through the Green Channel. A physical examination of his trolley bag revealed a false bottom concealing four plastic sachets containing a granulated substance suspected to be dangerous drugs. The exhibits were secured by MRA CANS officers, and the passenger was arrested by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU). The case is under investigation by ADSU.

In separate operations, the MRA CANS intercepted two drug consignments sent from China through courier services. On 13 May 2025, officers seized 100 g of an off-white powder suspected to be synthetic cathinone, valued at Rs 1.5 million, in a parcel addressed to a consignee in Bambous. A controlled delivery operation carried out by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) led to the arrest of two persons, including the consignee. Earlier, on 31 March 2025, another parcel containing 1.115 kg of liquid suspected to be synthetic cannabinoid, worth Rs 16.7 million, and addressed to a consignee in Pereybere, was intercepted. Both exhibits were secured by MRA officers in the presence of ADSU and the courier representatives.

MRA reiterates its commitment to protecting society by preventing the smuggling of dangerous drugs into Mauritius through effective profiling and coordinated enforcement operations.

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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