

SEIZURE OF CANNABIS AND HEROIN AT SSR AIRPORT



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) seized 542.83 gms of Cannnnabis and 108.98 gms of Heroin worth Rs 1,960,398 million on Thursday 14 December, 2017 at SSR International Airport. The suspected drugs were concealed in coffee and chocolate tins in the luggage of a Mauritian passenger residing at Plaine Verte, who arrived on board flight UU130 from Johannesburg. The passenger was profiled by officers of the MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) and he was intercepted while leaving through the Green Channel.

The luggage of the inhabitant of Plaine Verte was searched and five tins of coffee and chocolate were found. The tins were scanned. Following further examination, 4 parcels of 542.83 gms of cannabis leaf matter and 1 parcel of 108.98 gms of Heroin wrapped with cello tape were found in the containers.

Field tests for cannabis and heroin were carried out, and the results were positive. Sniffer Dog Milan also reacted positively.

The suspected drugs have been transferred to ADSU Head Quarters for safe keeping, pending analysis by the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and the passenger has been handed over to ADSU for further inquiry.

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.