

## MRA INTERCEPTS A GHANAIAN DRUG SWALLOWER



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) intercepted one male passenger, aged 54, while he was leaving through the Green Channel on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023, at the SSR International Airport. He arrived in Mauritius on South African Airways flight SA 190 from South Africa.

Following his interception, the Ghanaian was subject to a body search. An examination of his luggage was carried out but nothing incriminating was found. A body scan was eventually carried out on him and the body scanning image revealed the presence of foreign bodies, suspected to be Heroin, in his stomach. Upon questioning, the passenger confessed to having swallowed several drug pellets.

The passenger was handed over to ADSU for medical test and further enquiry.

Thereafter, the passenger purged 97 pellets suspected to contain Heroin, having a gross weight of 1,190.70 grams. The market value of the seized drugs is estimated about Rs 17.85 million.

***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](http://www.mra.mu)) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.***