

PRESS RELEASE

MRA SEIZES CANNABIS WORTH Rs37M



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 31.15kg of cannabis worth Rs. 37,380,000 on the 15th of June 2025 on two passengers coming from Dubai by flight EK 701.

Following risk profiling and intelligence gathering, two male US citizens were targeted for control by MRA CANS officers. They were identified at the baggage area and intercepted whilst leaving together through the Green Channel

Upon preliminary questioning, they were unconvincing, and their luggage was sent for scanning. The scanned images of the luggage of both passengerswere found to be suspicious.

Their luggage were then searched by MRA Customs in company of ADSU officers.

One vacuum-packed plastic sachet was found in each luggage, compressed with clothes. Each sachet was cut open and found to contain several sealed plastic sachets of compressed dried leaf matter suspected to be cannabis, wrapped inside clothes.

MRA Customs narcotics sniffer dog, Tammy, was deployed. The latter reacted positively to the exhibits.

A field test was also carried out and it turned out to be conclusive to cannabis.

A controlled delivery operation exercise was set up by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), but in vain.

Enquiry is in progress.

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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