

PRESS RELEASE

MRA SEIZES 1.24 KG OF HEROIN WORTH RS 18.6 M AT SSR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 1.24 kilograms of heroin worth around Rs 18,600,000, on Saturday, 15 January 2022 at SSR International Airport.

A passenger, arriving from Dubai on Emirates Flight EK701 of the same day, was intercepted by CANS officers while leaving through the Red Channel. After questioning, his luggage was scanned and the image showed concealment in his trolley bag. Same was examined and the luggage's inner lining was cut open and found to contain a rectangular parcel containing a certain amount of powder suspected to be dangerous drug.

K9 Sniffer dog "Otto" was deployed on the trolley bag and the latter reacted positively. A field test was carried out on the substance and it revealed to be heroin.

The exhibit was secured and handed over to ADSU for further enquiry.

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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