

Cannabis seizure at the SSR International Airport



The **Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA)**, in collaboration with the **Anti-Drug Smuggling Unit (ADSU)**, seized more than one kilogram of Cannabis from 5 passengers coming on 2 flights, at the SSR International Airport on the 20th of February 2024.

Two French passengers, aged 21 and 22, arriving from La Reunion on Air Austral Flight UU102 were intercepted by CANS Officers while they were leaving through the green channel. The luggage of both passengers was scanned. Upon examination, they were found to contain 628g of dry green leaf matter, suspected to be cannabis.

A presumptive field test for cannabis was carried out and it revealed to be positive.

Sniffer dog Scarlet also reacted positively to the exhibits. The exhibits were secured and referred to ADSU for further enquiry.

The market value is estimated to be approximately Rs 377,100.

Another similar drug case was identified today, 20th of February 2024, at the Airport.

The luggage of three other French passengers, travelling by Air Austral Flight UU104 were verified by CANS Officers on 20 February 2024. Upon examination, a total of 480 g of dried leaf matter was found in the luggage of the passengers. K-9 dogs, Simon and Obelix were deployed on the exhibits to which they reacted positively.

A presumptive field test for cannabis was carried out and revealed to be positive.

The street value of the drug is estimated to be more than half a million rupees.

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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.