

SEIZURE OF SYNTHETIC DRUG WORTH RS 4.5M AT DHL COURIER SERVICE



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) seized 298g of a yellowish substance suspected to be synthetic drugs on Sunday 19 November, 2017 at the DHL Courier Service. The suspected drug was concealed inside a plastic container which was placed inside a carton box. The consignment originated from France, and the sender being a company, declared the latter as *'accessoire pour bébé/poudre hypoal'*. The parcel was intended to an inhabitant of Quatre-Bornes..

Officers of the MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) tagged the consignment from the manifest as no address was mentioned, and baby powder is an unusual import from France, coupled with the sender being a company. Scanning images did not reveal the presence of powder. CANS sniffer dog, Cassidy, reacted positively to the parcel. When opened, it was found to contain a yellowish substance suspected to be dangerous drugs. A field test for synthetic cannabinoid and cathinone was carried out, and the result was positive.

The exhibit was secured and transferred to ADSU for controlled delivery, which resulted to one person being arrested.

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.