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MRA CUSTOMS INTERCEPTS PASSENGER CARRYING SUSPECTED DRUGS VALUED AT RS. 5.67 MILLION

Forty-four swallowed pellets recovered following interception at SSR International Airport

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs intercepted a passenger at SSR International Airport on 11 October 2026, leading to the recovery of 44 swallowed pellets containing suspected cocaine and hashish, with a combined estimated street value of **Rs. 5.67 million**.

The 21-year-old French national arrived from France on flight MK015 and was intercepted by MRA Customs while proceeding through the Green Channel at the Arrival Hall. Following passenger profiling and questioning, officers scanned and examined his luggage. No incriminating items were found.

A subsequent body scan revealed foreign objects inside the passenger's body. The passenger admitted having swallowed pellets containing cocaine and hashish. He was handed over to the Police for medical examination at the hospital, where he subsequently expelled 44 pellets.

The recovered pellets comprised:

- **37 pellets of suspected cocaine**, with a gross indicative weight of **344 grams**; and
- **7 pellets of suspected hashish**, with a gross indicative weight of **68 grams**.

The passenger is under arrest, and a Police enquiry is underway.

Members of the public are reminded that they may report suspected drug cases / illicit activities to the MRA through the [MRA Stop Drug Platform](https://www.mra.mu/index.php/customs1/stop-drugs/alert-us) (<https://www.mra.mu/index.php/customs1/stop-drugs/alert-us>) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.

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