

SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH RS. 11.2 MILLION



On Saturday 21 July 2018, the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized an important number of pellets containing an off-white powder suspected to be heroin, worth around Rs. 11.2 million, at the SSR Airport. Fifty-five of the pellets were concealed in a hot water bag and, after questioning, the passenger, a Zambian, revealed that she had equally swallowed sixteen pellets.

The 26 year old woman was intercepted by CANS officers while leaving through the Green Channel and her luggage was scanned. The scanning images were suspicious and, upon examination, fifty-five pellets were found in the hot water bag in her luggage. A field test for heroin was carried out on the powder in the hot water bag and same was positive. The K9 sniffer dog 'Cesar' also reacted positively to the suspected drugs. The passenger and her belongings were handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further inquiry and she purged 16 pellets at the hospital.

Members of the public 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.