

PRESS RELEASE

MRA SEIZES SYNTHETIC DRUGS WORTH ABOVE RS 8.3 M



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 99 printed papers suspected to be impregnated with synthetic drugs, worth approximately Rs 8,316,000, at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (SSR) International Airport on Saturday, 23 August 2025.

The operation was conducted by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the MRA, based on profiling and intelligence received.

The targeted passengers, a Mauritian female aged 58 and a French male aged 74, arrived in Mauritius on Air Mauritius flight MK 209 from Saint Denis. The couple, residents of Port Louis, were intercepted while exiting through the Green Channel.

Their luggage was subject to scanning and subsequently physically examined by MRA CANS officers in the presence of ADSU. During the search, some documents were found concealed among clothing and footwear. Upon closer inspection, they were observed to be unusual.

A field test, carried out on some of the printed papers, revealed positive results for synthetic drugs. In total, 99 sheets, weighing 790 grams, were secured.

Both passengers were arrested by ADSU. A police enquiry is ongoing.

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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