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MRA INTERCEPTS SUSPECTED CANNABIS WORTH Rs. 26.88 MILLION AT SSR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Customs officers seize 17 vacuum-sealed packages concealed among clothing in an arriving passenger's checked luggage

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) intercepted a consignment of suspected cannabis with a gross indicative weight of **17.92 kg**, valued at approximately **Rs. 26.88 million**, at Sir Seewoosagar Ramgoolam International Airport on 23 October 2026.

Following passenger profiling and questioning, officers of the MRA's Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) intercepted a 55-year-old Malaysian male passenger as he was leaving through the Green Channel. He had arrived from Dubai on Emirates flight EK709.

A scan of the passenger's checked luggage revealed anomalies, prompting a physical examination. Officers discovered **17 black, vacuum-sealed rectangular plastic sachets** concealed among items of clothing. Each contained green leafy matter suspected to be cannabis.

CANS officers secured the exhibits. An enquiry by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) 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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