

BORDER PROTECTION

SEIZURE OF HASHISH CONCEALED IN CHOCOLATE



A lady landing from flight MK 257 from Reunion Island was intercepted yesterday, 05 September 2018, at the SSR Airport and hashish worth circa Rs. 12 million was found concealed in four chocolate boxes branded 'Ferrero Rocher' in her luggage. The passenger, a house wife of 42 years old, was intercepted by Customs Officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) in the Green Channel and her luggage was scanned. The scanning images of the chocolate boxes revealed irregular shapes and sizes and the luggage was opened for examination.

The chocolate boxes were opened and one of the chocolate balls was unwrapped for further examination. A dark brown substance was found and the Sniffer Dog of the MRA 'Otto' reacted positively to same. The other chocolate boxes were opened and a similar dark brown substance was found. The inhabitant of Rose Hill was questioned about the substance found in the chocolate boxes and she revealed that a Mauritian woman gave her the chocolates boxes in Reunion Island and that someone would recuperate same in Mauritius. The lady passenger and her belongings were handed over to the ADSU for further investigation.

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.