

## SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH RS 7.7M AT SSR AIRPORT



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) seized 512.8 gms of Heroin worth Rs 7.7 million on Tuesday 19 December, 2017 at SSR International Airport. The suspected drugs were concealed in the hand rails of the bag of a male Malagasy passenger residing at Trianon, who arrived on board flight MK289 from Madagascar.

The passenger was profiled by officers of the MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) and was intercepted in the green channel. His luggage was scanned and was found to contain concealment in the handrails of the bag.

A joint examination of the luggage was carried out by MRA Customs and ADSU, and on removing the hand rails of the bag, six pellets containing brownish powder and heroin powder stuffed inside was discovered.



Upon questioning, the passenger replied that a lady in Madagascar had given him this bag to be carried to Mauritius, where a person would collect it from him at a hotel in Trianon. He was arrested by ADSU and the drugs secured for inquiry.

**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](http://www.mra.mu)) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.**