

50 PELLETS OF COCAINE INTERCEPTED

On the basis of profiling and suspicious demeanour, a South African arriving on the South African Airways flight SA 160 on Tuesday 21 August 2018 was intercepted by officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Department while he was leaving through the Green Channel at the Airport and, upon intense interrogation, he revealed that he had swallowed 50 pellets of cocaine.

Aged 31, the passenger is a steel worker in South Africa and he was expected to reside at Grand Bay during his stay in Mauritius. The South African was visibly tensed during the interrogation and he replied evasively to the questions of the MRA Customs officers. His luggage was scanned and examined and nothing incriminating was found therein. After more than one hour of questioning, the passenger revealed that he had swallowed 50 pellets containing a substance which he believes is cocaine.

The passenger and his luggage were handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for medical examination and further investigation.