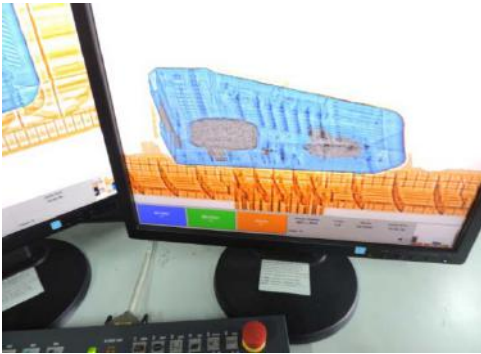


SEIZURE OF 2.1 KG HEROIN WORTH RS. 31.5 M



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 2.1 Kg of heroin worth Rs. 31.5 Million at Air Freight Station on Friday 24 August 2018. The consignment, declared as instruments, arrived on board South African Airways, Flight SA 190 from Johannesburg, South Africa and was destined to a private company located in Quatre Bornes.

The parcel was selected for examination by officers of the Customs Department of the Mauritius Revenue Authority based on risk indicators. Upon scanning, the image showed suspicious concealments. The carton box was opened and was found to contain a mixer console. A smell similar to 'lavender/citrus' emanated from the carton box.

The mixer console was disassembled. A rectangular body wrapped with thick grey cello tape was found hidden among the electronic components. Same was slightly cut and a light brownish powder was found.

A field test was subsequently carried out and the result confirmed the presence of heroin. MRA K9 dog "Milan" was also deployed and reacted positively on the drug.

The drugs and musical instruments were secured by Customs and handed over to ADSU for further enquiry, which resulted in one person being arrested.

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.