

## CUSTOMS COOPERATION BETWEEN MAURITIUS AND RÉUNION: Seizure of **181kg of hookah tobacco** at Gillot airport, Saint Denis



Regional cooperation initiated some years ago between the French Customs of Reunion Island and the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) has proved to be successful after the sharing of information on passengers in transit in Mauritius for Saint Denis Gillot.



On Saturday 30 June 2018, following information provided by Mauritian Customs, the French Customs of Saint Denis Gillot, intercepted four Reunion Island passengers in transit in Mauritius from Dubai to Saint Denis Gillot. They had concealed 181 kg of narghile tobacco (hookah tobacco) in their suitcases. This is an exceptional seizure in Réunion as hookah tobacco is prohibited.

The smoking dens for narghile is gaining momentum in Réunion Island, thus requiring more rigorous control by the Reunion authorities.

The Regional Director of Customs & Indirect Rights of Reunion Island, Mr. P. Vernet, and the Director of MRA Customs, Mr. V.Ramburun, are delighted by the solidarity and the proven effectiveness of the collaboration between both authorities within the framework of the international regional cooperation.

**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.**