

PRESS RELEASE

TRAMADOL TABLETS SEIZED AT SSR AIRPORT



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), confiscated 150 Tramadol tablets at the SSR International Airport today 27th July 2017.

The French passenger, born Mauritian, aged 51, arrived to Mauritius on board the Air Seychelles HM055 flight from Paris via Mahé and he was intercepted while leaving through the Green Channel. The male passenger was questioned and, upon examination, the tablets were found among his personal belongings in his luggage.

The Tramadol tablets are listed in the 3rd Schedule of the Dangerous Drugs Act and are available only on prescription and within a quota.

The passenger, a resident of Glen Park, revealed that the tablets were handed over to him in France by a friend and he was instructed to give same to another friend in Mauritius. The prescriptions produced by the passenger bore different names and were issued by a dentist in France. The Tramadol tablets were secured on the basis that the prescriptions were not in his name and the quantity exceeded the quota. The passenger was handed over to the ADSU for further inquiry.

Members of the public are reminded that they may report suspected drug cases to the MRA through the MRA Stop Drug Platform (<u>www.mra.mu</u>) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.

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