

BORDER PROTECTION

SEIZURE OF SYNTHETIC CATHINONE WORTH RS. 39 MILLION



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the ADSU, intercepted and secured 2.6 kg of suspected Synthetic Cathinone of a street value of Rs. 39 million from the luggage of a passenger on Sunday 10 June 2018, at SSR International Airport. After controlled delivery, two more persons have been arrested.

The substance was confirmed as being Synthetic drugs by the Sniffer Dog 'Zeus' of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS). The male passenger, bearing French passport, is 18 years old and he was intercepted by officers of the MRA CANS while he was leaving through the Green Channel. His travel documents revealed that he came from Reunion Island and that he would spend his holidays at a hotel at Mon Choisy.

His luggage was scanned and, upon verification, a laptop bag was found therein. The laptop bag was emptied and it was found to be unusually heavy. The laptop bag was therefore scanned and the scanning images showed suspicious concealments. The bag was cut open and 2.6 kg of suspected Synthetic Cathinone was secured from it. The French citizen was questioned by CANS officers about the suspected drugs and he replied that he came to Mauritius upon invitation and that the bag containing the laptop was handed over to him while he was at the Reunion Island airport. The laptop bag was to be remitted to a couple in Mauritius.

The suspected drugs were sealed and handed over, along with the passenger, to the ADSU for further inquiry. Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.