

BORDER PROTECTION

PASSENGER INTERCEPTED WITH UNDECLARED TOBACCO PRODUCTS AT AIRPORT

Undeclared cigarettes, e-cigarettes and e-cigarette liquids were intercepted yesterday, 14 May, 2019, at the SSR International Airport. The female Mauritian passenger, a resident of Port Louis, carrying the tobacco products was stopped and questioned while she was leaving through the Green Channel of the airport. Her luggage was scanned and examined by Customs Officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Department as the image was suspicious.

100 cartridges of cigarette of different brands, 49 packets of smoking tobacco, 298 pods of e-liquid and 21 e-cigarette starter kits were found in the luggage of the 35 year old passenger who deplaned from the EK 703 flight.



The passenger was informed that she had committed an offence as the import of e-cigarettes and liquids is banned for commercial use as per the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life. The passenger declared that she did not know she had to declare same to Customs but she accepted having committed an offence. The passenger was also agreeable that the case be compounded.



Members of the public may report suspected drugs/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.