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## MRA CUSTOMS SEIZES DRUGS WORTH RS 118 MILLION AT THE PORT



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with ADSU, seized 7.6 kg of Heroin and 6.6 kg of Cannabis in a container from Madagascar on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The suspected drugs were concealed in statuettes and wooden tables, and was destined to an inhabitant of Notre Dame. The market value of the suspected drugs is as follows:

Heroin- Rs 114 million and Cannabis- Rs 4 million. The container reached Mauritius on board of the John Rickmers vessel.

A joint operation (MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) and ADSU) was set up to verify the container of the inhabitant of Notre Dame at the New Container Terminal. The inhabitant of Notre Dame is a Malagasy national who resides in Mauritius. The scanning images showed concealment inside the statuettes and the tables and, upon verification, the suspected heroin and cannabis were found. The Customs Narcotics dogs Seunjie and Milo were deployed and they reacted positively to the suspected drugs. The consignee was arrested and the suspected drugs were handed over to ADSU for further enquiry.

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

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