

BORDER PROTECTION

SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH NEARLY RS. 10 MILLION AT SSR INT. AIRPORT

The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), intercepted a South African passenger who had swallowed 49 pellets of heroin on Sunday 15 September, 2019 at the SSR International Airport.

The 34 year-old passenger deplaned the Air Mauritius flight MK 852 from South Africa and she was accompanied by her son aged 5. Officers of the CANS and of the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) stopped the passenger in the Green Channel of the airport and, after intensive questioning, she revealed that she had swallowed several pellets of illicit drugs.

The South African also divulged that she was expected to stay in a hotel in Calodyne and that she had to remit the purged drugs to a person at the hotel.

The passenger was handed over to the ADSU for further investigation and she later purged 49 pellets of heroin weighing approximately 600 grams.

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) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.