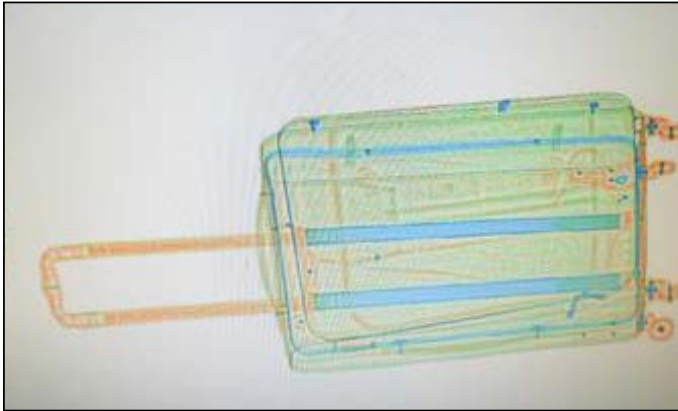


SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH RS. 4.5 MILLION



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) seized 300g of heroin worth Rs. 4.5 million at the SSR International Airport on Sunday 28 January, 2018.

The suspected drugs were concealed in the handles of a suitcase which belonged to a Malagasy passenger. Officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) profiled the 36 year-old male passenger who arrived on board flight MK 289 from Madagascar and his suitcase was scanned. The scanning images showed suspicious matter inside the handles of the suitcase. The handles were dismantled and a brownish powder suspected to be heroine was found stuffed in black plastic inside each handle. A field test for heroine was carried out and the result was positive. Sniffer Dig Milan reacted positively to the brownish powder.

The drugs and the passenger were handed over to ADSU for further investigation. A controlled delivery led to the arrest of two Mauritian citizens.

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.