

9.5 GRAMS OF CANNABIS SEIZED AT AIRPORT



On Monday 09 July 2018, a South African passenger was intercepted at the SSR International Airport and 9.5 grams of cannabis worth Rs. 5,700 were secured from his luggage. The 41 year-old male passenger was profiled by Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) officers on the basis of his strange demeanour and he was directed to the examination area. His luggage was searched and a green leaf matter as well as roll-your-own-cigarette papers were found therein. The South African secondary school teacher revealed that the 'Marijuana' is for his personal consumption. Arriving on board the South African Flight 190, he had planned to stay at a Guest House in Flic en Flac.

A field test for cannabis was carried out on the leaf matter and the result was positive. The Customs sniffer dog Max also reacted positively to the leaf matter. The passenger and his luggage were handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further investigation. 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.