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## MRA SEIZED SYNTHETIC DRUGS AT THE SSR AIRPORT

On Friday 31st March 2017, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Department, in collaboration with ADSU, seized one parcel containing a suspected powder weighing 1 kg which was manifested as pigment on the invoice. Upon scan, it was revealed that the parcel contained a powder and, upon examination, it was found to contain an aluminum packet with the suspected whitish powder. On Thursday 30th March 2017, a similar parcel was intercepted at the same courier services, with the same sender and consignee.

The parcel was sent from China and it transited through France before arriving by the Air Mauritius Flight MK 045 on Friday 31st March 2017. The parcel was profiled by Customs Officers of the ANS on the basis of risk indicators such as manifest details, intelligence and scanning images. The K9 Unit dog, Zeus, was called to confirm the suspected drug and the result was positive. The estimated market value of the suspected drug is Rs 1.5 million and the parcel was addressed to a financial company whose seat is at Ebene. The suspected drug was handed over to the ADSU for further investigation.



The MRA invites members of the public to denounce suspected drug activities through the MRA Website ([www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu)) or by tolling 8958.

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