

SEIZURE OF RS 2,250,000 OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS AT MER ROUGE



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 150gms of Synthetic Drugs worth Rs 2,250,000 on Friday 15 June 2018 at a Freight Station at Mer Rouge.

The parcel arrived in a container on board vessel Maersk Santana from China. It was imported by a lady residing at Terre Rouge. The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the MRA targeted this consignment based on risk indicators, namely manifest profiling.

Upon examination of the consignment consisting of 63 packages of motorcycle spare parts, one box containing shock absorbers was found. In that box, one undeclared aluminum vacuum flask having an abnormal weight was discovered. K9 Sniffer dog 'Otto' reacted positively to the content of the flask.

The flask was broken-open and a transparent sachet containing a brownish powder suspected to be dangerous drug was found. A field test was carried out on the powder which revealed to be Synthetic Cathinone. The exhibits were handed over to ADSU for inquiry.

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.