

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## MRA SEIZES SYNTHETIC DRUG WORTH RS 45,000,000



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized synthetic drug with a market value of Rs 45,000,000 on 17 February 2025, at the Parcel Post Office, Port-Louis.

Two registered postal packets were earmarked for verification by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) team following sorting and scanning exercises. Upon opening of the first package, it was found to have two resealable transparent plastic sachets, containing a certain quantity of powder.

The second package having one resealable transparent plastic sachet, also containing a certain quantity of powder. The powdery substances were suspected to be dangerous drugs. A field test for synthetic drugs was carried out and, it was found to be positive.

The exhibit was secured, and a dummy parcel was prepared for a controlled delivery operation by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit. The consignee and another male person called at the Post Office to collect the two packages. ADSU teams, deployed at strategic places, identified the suspects and promptly intercepted them in possession of the parcel, and were subsequently arrested.

Additionally, a house search conducted by ADSU at the residence of the accused at Plaine Magnien resulted in the detection of 28 cannabis seeds.

Enquiry is still in progress.

Members of the public are reminded that they may report suspected drug cases/ illicit activities to the MRA through the MRA Stop Drug Platform (<u>www.mra.mu</u>) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.

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