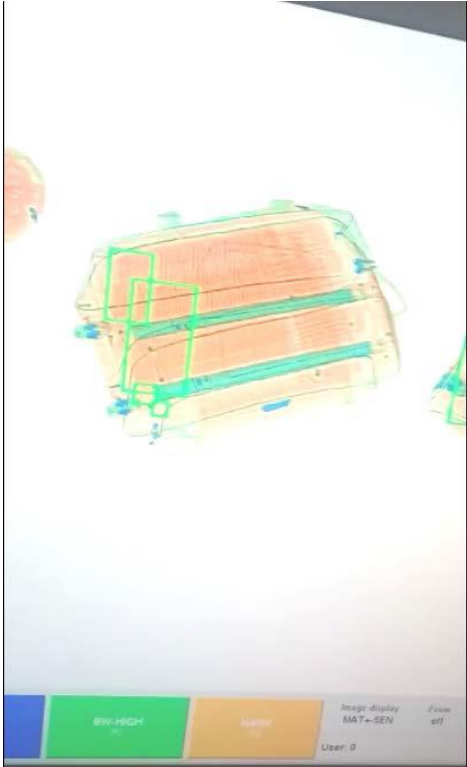


## MRA CUSTOMS DETAINS UNDECLARED GOODS WORTH RS. 2.4 MILLION



On Tuesday 08 May 2018, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) intercepted two Mauritian passengers at the SSR International Airport with undeclared goods worth around Rs. 2.4 million. The goods comprising 75 cartridges of cigarettes, 272 mobile phones and 8 laptops were concealed in 10 suitcases. The passengers, a 30 year-old male and his partner, 29, were leaving through the Green Channel when they were intercepted by MRA Customs Officers on the basis of risk indicators. Their documents revealed that they are frequent travellers and that they arrived on board the Emirates flight EK 701. The luggage of the passengers was scanned and the images were found to be suspicious. Upon questioning, the male passenger revealed that he had brought the undeclared goods on behalf of a company dealing in communication equipment. The undeclared goods were secured. A break-down of the goods' value is as follows:

- 75 cartridges of cigarettes: Value: Rs. 45,000. Duties and taxes: Rs. 92,000
- 272 mobile phones and 8 laptops: Value: Rs. 2 million. Duties and taxes: Rs. 300,000.

A Customs Offence Report (COR) was raised against the passengers and the goods were detained. Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit trafficking cases to the MRA through the MRA's Website ([www.mra.mu](http://www.mra.mu)) or by phoning on 8958.