

SEIZURE OF DRUGS AND UNDECLARED WHISKY AND WINE VALUED AT RS. 91 MILLION



A Mauritian aged 54 was arrested after hashish worth circa Rs. 90 million and whisky bottles worth around Rs. 1 million were seized from a container of personal effects from Italy on Monday 08 April, 2019. The lady worked as maid in Italy since 2011 and she had declared that the 103 carton boxes in the container included personal household effects, 3 dozens of wine bottles, 2 dozens of beer bottles and 10 whisky bottles. However, upon scanning, the images did not appear to tally with the goods declared in the Customs Bill of Entry. The container was therefore tagged for examination and 1,003 undeclared whisky bottles and 170 undeclared sparkling wine bottles were found therein by the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) officers and the Examining officer.

The MRA Mobile Van Scanner was used to scan two speakers and one wooden decorative column found in the container of the resident of Terre Rouge. The scanning images revealed concealments inside the casing of the said speakers and column. The MRA sniffer dogs were deployed and they reacted positively thereon.

The speakers were dismantled and around 21.8 kg of hashish wrapped with heavy duty silver cello tape into 26 packets were found. The decorative column was also opened and approximately 9.8 kg of hashish was concealed, wrapped in plastic.

The suspected drugs and undeclared goods were secured and the case was referred to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further investigation.

Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.