

1.1 KILO OF HEROIN SEIZED



The profiling and examination of consignments at the premises of courier services by officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) led to the seizure of 1.1 kilograms of heroin. The suspected drugs, worth Rs. 16.5 million, were concealed inside spools of cotton thread that were addressed to a textile company.

Originating from South Africa, the consignment was profiled on the basis of risk indicators and it was scanned. The scanning images were suspicious and the consignment was examined by officers of CANS and Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU). Out of the 65 spools of cotton threads, 22 spools were unevenly wound and upon examination, a yellowish powder weighing 1.1 kilograms was found concealed therein. A field test confirmed the powder as being heroin and same was secured and handed-over to ADSU for further investigation. Two persons working at the courier services were arrested.

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