

MRA Customs Seizes Cannabis Worth Rs 11.67 Million in Two Operations

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), through its Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS), has intercepted two consignments suspected to contain cannabis with a combined estimated market value of Rs 11.67 million during separate operations carried out at parcel processing facilities in Mauritius.



In the first operation on 09 March 2026, officers of MRA CANS Team posted at the Plaisance Air Transport Services (PATS) intercepted a parcel at the DHL parcel hub following targeted profiling. The parcel had arrived in Mauritius on flight SA190 from South Africa and was destined for Seychelles.

A physical examination revealed five transparent glass jars concealed inside two carton boxes, each containing compressed leaf matter suspected to be cannabis. The suspected drugs, with a gross weight of 6.78 kilograms and an estimated street value of Rs 10.17 million, were secured by MRA Customs officers.



In a separate operation at the FedEx facility in Port-Louis, MRA CANS officers intercepted another parcel originating from South Africa and transported on flight SA190. Following profiling and inspection, officers discovered two cake boxes inside the consignment, each concealing a rectangular parcel containing suspected cannabis with a total gross weight of approximately 1 kilogram. The drugs have an estimated street value of Rs 1.5 million.

The suspected drugs were secured by MRA Customs officers and ADSU was immediately informed. Following a controlled delivery operation conducted by ADSU, three individuals were arrested in connection with the case.

Investigations by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) are ongoing in both cases.

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.