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MRA SEIZES 1.6 KG OF HEROIN WORTH RS 25 MILLION



On Thursday 4th May 2017, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the ADSU, seized **1.6 kg of a brownish powder** suspected to be heroin at the courier services at SSR International Airport. The suspected drug was sent from Kenya and transited thru South Africa before arriving in Mauritius by the South African Airways Flight SA 190. The market value of the heroin is Rs 25 million and it was addressed to a fictitious company at Riche Terre. The suspected heroin powder was concealed in the caps of cosmetic tubes of Mascara.

The MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) examined the consignment on the basis of a) unusual commodity imported from a high risk country (Kenya) and b) fictitious company in Mauritius. The scan image of the consignment showed a suspicious substance in the caps of the cosmetic tubes and, upon verification, the Customs Officers found the 12 boxes containing the suspected brownish powder. The K9 narcotic dog Zeus reacted positively to the packages and the field test confirmed the presence of opiates in the powder. The case was handed over to ADSU for further inquiry.

The population is reminded that they may report suspected drug cases to the MRA through the **MRA Stop Drug Platform (www.mra.mu)** or by calling on the **Hotline 8958**.

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