

PRESS RELEASE

Rs 17 Million of Cocaine seized by MRA at SSR International Airport



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 1.142 kg of Cocaine worth approximately Rs 17.1 Million at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (SSR) International Airport on February 10, 2025. Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) officers, relying on established risk profiles, targeted and intercepted an 82 year-old Kenyan passenger while he was leaving Customs through the Green Channel.

The luggage of the passenger was scanned and brought in for verification. He was required to open his luggage and upon examination, it was found to contain two black conference file folders which revealed to be suspicious. The two folders were scanned and revealed some abnormalities. They were cut open and four rectangular parcels were retrieved, which when partially incised, were found to contain a certain quantity of powder suspected to be dangerous drugs.

A presumptive field test for cocaine was carried out and same revealed to be positive. K9 sniffer dog Honey was deployed on the exhibit and it reacted positively.

The four rectangular parcels were weighed and found to be of an indicative gross weight of 1.142 kg. They were then sealed for enquiry purposes. On the same day, ADSU mounted a controlled delivery operation. The enquiry is in progress.

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.

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