

SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH RS 105 MILLION AT SSR AIRPORT



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) seized 7.36 kg of Heroin worth circa Rs. 105 million on Friday 20 October, 2017 at the SSR International Airport. The suspected drugs were concealed in the false bottom of the suitcases of a Kazakh couple who arrived to Mauritius on board flight MK 535 from Kenya. The passengers were profiled by officers of the MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) and they were intercepted while leaving through the Green Channel. Their passports were issued in Kazakhstan two weeks earlier. Interestingly, their air tickets were also purchased in Nairobi on the same date and they were supposed to spend only three nights in Mauritius at a hotel at Le Morne.



The suitcases of the couple were scanned and the images were suspicious. Upon opening the suitcases, personal belongings were found therein and, following further examination, false bottoms were found in each suitcase. A total of 7.36 kg of a light brownish powder was found secured with cello tape inside the false bottoms.

The suspected heroin was transferred to the ADSU Head Quarters for safe keeping, pending analysis by the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and the passengers were handed over to ADSU for further inquiry. Four persons were arrested and the inquiry is on-going.

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.