

Rs. 22.5 MILLION OF HEROIN INTERCEPTED AT THE SSR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) intercepted 1.57 kg of a whitish powder suspected to be heroin in the registered luggage of a South African couple at the SSR International Airport on Saturday 21 April 2018. The market value of the suspected drugs is Rs. 22.5 million.

The couple arrived on board the Air Mauritius Flight MK 852 from Johannesburg and they were supposed to stay at a hotel in Grand Baie. The male passenger- an electrician aged 33- and his wife- 29 years old and unemployed- were stopped by officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the MRA while leaving through the Green Channel on the basis of their suspicious demeanour. Upon scanning, concealment was found in the false bottom of the suitcase and same was opened in the presence of the passengers.

A whitish powder suspected to be heroin was found wrapped in aluminium and carbon foil paper. Customs Sniffer dog Snippet reacted positively to the powder. The male passenger revealed that the suitcase was handed over to him by his brother in Johannesburg. The passengers and the suspected drugs were handed over to the ADSU for further inquiry.

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.