

PRESS RELEASE

MRA SEIZES 319 CANNABIS SEEDS



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), seized 319 Cannabis Seeds worth Rs 31,900 at a courier office.

On 17 June 2025, based on a risk profile, the MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) / PATS (Plaisance Air Transport Services Ltd) team earmarked the consignment for physical examination.

The consignment was scanned. The images looked suspicious. Upon examination, the consignment was found to contain one black folded T-shirt labelled Linda Products.

Same, when unfolded, was found to enclose seven sachets containing a total of 319 seeds, suspected to be cannabis seeds.



The seeds were secured and placed under seal.

The Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), mounted a controlled delivery operation.

On 18 June 2025, the consignee came to take delivery of the parcel. He was placed under arrest. On the same day, following an investigation by ADSU with regards to the same seizure, a second Mauritian citizen, residing at Camp De Masque Pave, was arrested. He was searched and found to be in possession of hashish, cannabis, and cannabis seeds.

As per information gathered, both persons had imported materials for the indoor cultivation of cannabis plants during the year.

The public is reminded that importation of cannabis seeds is a very serious offence under the Dangerous Drugs Act, and upon conviction by a court of law, an accused faces severe punishment.

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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