

NEW WHOLE BODY SCANNER AT SSR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: MRA INTERCEPTED TWO PASSENGERS WITH CORPOREAL CONCEALMENT



Following the installation of a whole body scanning facility at the SSR International Airport, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) has detected its first case of suspected corporeal concealment of drugs.

The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the MRA intercepted two passengers at the SSR International Airport, on Friday 22 April 2022. They arrived in Mauritius on board Kenya Airways flight KQ 270 from Nairobi, Kenya.

The two passengers aged 38 and 46 respectively, were leaving through the Green Channel when they were intercepted by MRA CANS officers. The two passengers were subject to a body search and an examination of their luggage was carried out, but nothing incriminating was found.

A body scan was eventually, carried out on both passengers and their body scanning images revealed the presence of foreign bodies in their stomachs, suspected to be dangerous drugs. Upon questioning, both passengers confessed having swallowed a number of pellets each.

The passengers were handed over to ADSU for medical examination and follow up.

After the necessary medical examination, the two passengers purged 119 pellets of drug suspected to be heroin.

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.