

MRA seizes Cannabis worth around Rs. 7M



The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), seized 5.75kg of Cannabis worth around Rs. 6.9M from a male incoming British passenger at the SSR International Airport on 24/05/2025.

The passenger was intercepted by Customs Officers while he was leaving through the green channel. Upon verification of his documents and questioning, his luggage was sent for scanning. The images were found to be suspicious. His luggage was searched by MRA Customs in the presence of ADSU officers. Several transparent rectangular parcels wrapping a significant amount of crushed leaf matter were found therein. The leaf matter was suspected to be cannabis.

MRA Customs narcotics sniffer dog was deployed and reacted positively to the exhibits. A field test was also conducted.

The passenger was arrested by ADSU, and a controlled delivery exercise was carried out.

Two male British nationals have been arrested following a controlled delivery exercise.

Additionally, on 26.05.2025, the MRA seized seventy-four (74) tea bags, each containing a certain quantity of cannabis, valued at Rs 288,000. The consignment was tagged by MRA CANS officers based on risk profiles. It was subsequently identified and examined by MRA CANS.

The consignment consisted of plastic pouches inside a carton box, containing a total of 74 tea bags. The contents of the tea bags were suspected to be cannabis.

A field test confirmed the presence of cannabis.

The exhibit was secured in accordance with established protocols.

ADSU set up a controlled delivery operation, resulting in the arrest of two persons.



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.