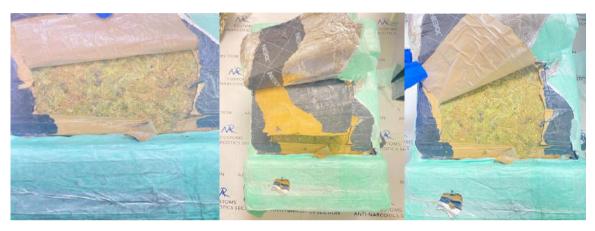


PRESS RELEASE

Cannabis Drugs worth Rs 9,528,000 seized at the SSR International Airport



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 7.94 Kg of Cannabis worth Rs 9,528,000 at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (SSR) International Airport on the 26 th of April 2024. Based on established risk profiles by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) Officers, a South African passenger was targeted and intercepted while he was leaving Customs through the Green Channel.

The passenger was then brought to the Customs counter for verification of his luggage and also for an in depth questioning. Subsequently, one rectangular green parcel was found among his personal belongings. The parcel was cut opened and found to contain dry green leaf matter suspected to be Cannabis.

A presumptive field test for cannabis was carried out and same revealed to be positive.

Customs K9 Sniffer Dog Otto was also deployed and reacted positively to the exhibit. The exhibits were secured and handed over to the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further enquiry.

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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