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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 022-2024 (NAIA)

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One Hundred Five Thousand Pesos (Php105,000.00) brought in by a Korean passenger named **SUNGMIN WON** on flight PR 731 from Incheon, Korea, under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100006467.

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

TO: The District Commander
ESS-CPD, NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on 13 March 2024, the hand-carried baggage of a male Korean passenger named Sungmin Won with Passport Number M733X5987, on board flight PR 731 from Incheon, Korea, underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Operator Mohamad Jonaid Udasan and was referred to Customs Examiner Sheila May V. Asis for physical inspection.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Sheila May V. Asis asked the passenger to submit his duly filled-out Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) and passport, and inquired if the Passenger had anything to declare to which he responded in the negative. The passenger answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration of the CBDF. Afterwards, Customs Examiner Asis proceeded with the examination.

WHEREAS, examination yielded to the discovery of two bundles of One Thousand-Peso bills. Customs Examiner Asis asked the passenger how much Philippine Peso was brought in, for which the Passenger verbally declared the amount of One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Pesos (Php155,000.00). Customs Examiner Asis explained to that Philippine Currency in excess of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) requires a prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Asis proceeded with the actual counting of the Philippine Currency in the presence of the passenger, Sungmin Won and was witnessed by ESS Agent Joseph Raymond Soriano, CIIS Agent Christian Paul Llovit, and Flight Supervisor Jennifer Ivy M. Orbeta. The actual amount counted and verified by Customs Examiner Asis was One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Pesos only (Php155,000.00) matching the amount initially declared by the passenger.

WHEREAS, after the verified counting, the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was returned to the Korean passenger. Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100006467 was issued, and the currency was turned over to Jonathan T. Mesa of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.



WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 18 March 2024, Customs Examiner Sheila May V. Asis and Acting Flight Supervisor Jeniffer Ivy M. Orbeta, thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos, Jr., Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Mark Jhon O. Almase, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported to the District Collector, this Port, the said incident and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the amount of PHP105,000.00 for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146, series of 2022, entitled "Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies".

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the One Hundred Five Thousand Pesos (Php105,000.00) for violation of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146, series of 2022, in relation to Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject Philippine Notes in Php1,000 denomination in the total amount of One Hundred Five Thousand Pesos (Php105,000.00) from Korean passenger **SUNGMIN WON** for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by BSP Circular Nos. 794 dated 18 April 2013, 874 dated 08 April 2015; 922 dated 23 August 2016 and 1146 dated 26 May 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated 14 June 1993 (The New Central Bank Act); and to turn over the same to the Collection Division for custody and safekeeping, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 10-2020, particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized within the period indicated therein, is likewise directed. Failure to do so shall render this Warrant of Seizure and Detention *ipso facto* considered null and void and shall subject the defaulting officer to the appropriate administrative charges and penalties in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, ⁰⁸ APR 2024
_____ April 2024.


ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. OBILLOS MAPA,
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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