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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 026-2024 (NAIA)

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Eight (8) reams of Dunhill Cigarettes brought in by incoming passenger **WENG KING CHEN** on 25 January 2024, held in bond under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100005400.

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 25 January 2024, Weng King Chen, a Chinese national and a holder of Passport No. D20096141 arrived at NAIA Terminal 1 on board Flight CZ 3091 from China.

WHEREAS, After passing through the non-intrusive inspection, the checked-in baggage of Mr. Weng King Chen was marked with "X" by the XIP Operator on duty who then referred the passenger to Customs Examiner Edgardo P. Cabanillas Jr. for physical examination of his baggage.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual examination of the subject baggage, Customs Examiner Cabanillas asked passenger Chen to submit his duly accomplished Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF). It was noted that the passenger answered "NO" to all items on the 3rd page of the CBDF, except for item no. 7 which pertains to "Alcohol and/or Tobacco Products in commercial quantities".

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Edgardo Cabanillas then conducted an actual examination of Mr. Chen's baggage wherein he found inside Eight (8) reams of Dunhill Cigarettes.

WHEREAS, Passenger Chen failed to present the required Import Permit/Clearance from the National Tobacco Administration (NTA) which necessitated the subject Dunhill Cigarettes to be held in bond under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100005400. Further, the items were turned over to Ms. Sheila V. Asis of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 12 February 2024 addressed to the District Collector, this Port, Customs Examiner Edgardo P. Cabanillas Jr. and Flight Supervisor Felipe Maria T. Regencia, thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos Jr, Chief, Arrival Operations Division, and Mr. Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported their findings and recommended that the subject Eight (8) Reams of Dunhill cigarettes be held in custody at the In-Bond Room pending the submission of the required NTA Permit by passenger Weng.



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WHEREAS, In a Memorandum dated 25 March 2024 addressed to the Chief, Law Division, the Baggage Assistance Division, thru Mr. Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended that the subject Dunhill Cigarettes be seized for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, the District Collector, this Port, finds probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the Eight (8) reams of Dunhill Cigarettes for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113(f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and other applicable NTA laws, rules, and regulations.

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 Eight (8) reams of Dunhill Cigarettes brought in by incoming passenger **WENG KING CHEN**, for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Republic Act 9211 otherwise known as the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, as implemented by NTA Memorandum Circular No. 002, series of 2020, and other applicable NTA laws, rules and regulations, to be turned over to the Auction and Cargo Disposal Division (ACDD), this Port, for inventory, classification and valuation of goods pursuant to Section 1120 of the CMTA, custody and safekeeping pursuant to CAO No. 10-2020 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.

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District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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