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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 028-2024 (NAIA)

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Forty-Nine Thousand Pesos
(Php49,000.00) intercepted from
incoming passenger **ALEX EFENDI**
on 28 February 2024.

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 28 February 2024, at the NAIA Terminal 1, the hand-carried baggage of a male Indonesian passenger named Alex Efendi with Passport Number E5773372, on board flight PR 536 from Indonesia, underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Inspector Jade Perez and was referred to Acting Examiner Jovelyn A. Ritual for physical inspection.

WHEREAS, before conducting physical examination of the subject hand carried baggage, Customs Examiner Ritual asked the passenger to submit his duly filled-out Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) and passport and asked the passenger if he had anything to declare to which he responded in the negative. The examiner also specifically asked the passenger if he had with him Philippine Currency to which he replied in the affirmative. Thereafter, examiner proceeded with the examination.

WHEREAS, the examination yielded to the discovery of one bundle containing One Thousand-Peso bills amounting to Ninety-Nine Thousand Pesos (Php99,000.00) and some loose of Singaporean Dollar Bills and Indonesian Rupiah Bills. Examiner Ritual again asked the passenger how much Philippine Peso, Singaporean Dollar and Indonesian Rupiah he brought in. Passenger then verbally declared the amount of Ninety-Nine Thousand Pesos (Php99,000.00), Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Two Singaporean Dollar (SGD9,382.00) and Seven Thousand Five Hundred Indonesian Rupiah (IDR7,500.00). Customs Examiner Asis explained to the passenger 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 Ritual proceeded with the actual counting of the Philippine Currency, Singaporean Dollar Currency and Indonesian Rupiah Currency in the presence of passenger Alex Efendi and witnessed by ESS SA1 Dean Paul Oran and X-Ray Inspector SA1 Jade Perez and supervised by Flight Supervisor Reginaldo Castaneda. The actual amount counted and verified was Ninety-Nine Thousand Pesos (Php99,000.00), Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Two Singaporean Dollars (SGD9,382.00) and Seven Thousand Five Hundred Indonesian Rupiah (IDR7,500.00).

WHEREAS, after the verified counting of the Philippine Currency, the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (PHP50,000.00) was returned to passenger Efendi. Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100006276 was issued for the excess amount of Forty-Nine Thousand Pesos (PHP49,000.00) and was turned-over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 11 March 2024, Customs Examiner Jovelyn A. Ritual and Flight Supervisor Reginaldo Castaneda, 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 PHP49,000.00 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, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), states:

Section 4. Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.

"1. Local Currency. A person may import or export, or bring into or take out of the Philippines, or electronically transfer, legal tender Philippine notes and coins, checks, money order and other bills of exchange drawn in pesos against banks operating in the Philippines in an amount not exceeding PHP50,000.00 without prior authorization by the BSP.

Amounts in excess of aforementioned limit shall require: (a) prior written authorization from the BSP; and (b) in case of Physical cross-border transfer of Philippine currency, declaration of the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines using prescribed Currency Declaration Form (Annex K)."

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 subject Philippine Notes in the amount of Forty Nine Thousand Pesos (PHP49,000.00) for violation of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) laws, rules and regulations, 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 Forty Nine Thousand Pesos (PHP49,000.00) intercepted from Indonesian passenger named **ALEX EFENDI** for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, 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, 11 APR 2024 April 2024.

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

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