

MEMORANDUM

TO

KARREN APRIL A. NOROÑIO-GABION

Officer-in-Charge

Public Information and Assistance Division (PIAD)

THRU

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M.

District Collector, BOC-NAIA

FROM

ATTY. WALLY ANN D. YUMUL

Acting Chief Law Division

SUBJECT

PUBLICATION IN THE BOC WEBSITE OF THE ISSUED

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION (WSD)

DATE

22 MAY 2024

This refers to the herein attached Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD):

- SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 068-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php250,000.00) brought in by incoming passenger HYUNSOO KIM; and
- SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 069-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines
 vs. Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Pesos (Php221,000.00) brought in by
 incoming passenger MINSIC LEE.

As the aforementioned passengers/claimants have indicated insufficient addresses in the Philippines, the WSDs must be served by posting in the bulletin board of this Port and by electronic posting in the BOC website for fifteen days, as provided under Section 6.5.2 of CAO No. 10-2020, to wit:

6.5.2. To the owner of the goods or his authorized representative.

For the purpose of serving the WSD, the importer, consignee, named in the bill of lading or airway bill, or possessor shall be deemed the owner of the goods.

If the owner is unknown, with insufficient address, or a foreign entity or individual, service shall be effected by posting of the WSD by the ESS in the bulletin board of the concerned collection district office, and by electronic posting through the BOC website, or printed publication, for fifteen (15) days.

In view of the foregoing, this Office respectfully requests that the copy of the Decision and WSD on **Seizure Identification Nos. 068-2024 (NAIA)** and **069-2024 (NAIA)**, respectively, be electronically posted with the BOC website for fifteen (15) days. A copy of said warrant is herein attached. Furthermore, scanned copies thereof were also forwarded to Piad@customs.gov.ph and Jessil.garlando@customs.gov.ph.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 068-2024 (NAIA)

-versus-

Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php250,000.00) brought in by incoming passenger **HYUNSOO KIM** on 26 April 2024

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 26 April 2024, Korean passenger Hyunsoo Kim with Passport Number M988B1142 arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on board Philippine AirAsia flight Z2 885 from Incheon, Korea.

WHEREAS, Hyunsoo Kim's hand-carried baggage underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Operator Janica Arboleda and was referred to Customs Examiner Rein C. Maala for physical inspection.

WHEREAS, Passenger Hyunsoo presented his Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) as well as the Currency Declaration Form (CDF) to the assigned Customs Examiner. It was noted that the traveler answered "NO" to all items in the CBDF, including Item No. 1 which pertains to the Philippine Currency in excess of Php50,000.00. Customs Examiner asked the passenger if he had any currency to declare which he replied in the affirmative. Customs Examiner Maala further explained that a traveler is allowed to carry only the amount of Php50,000.00 without prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and any excess thereof requires an authorization prior to entry into the country.

WHEREAS, in the presence of Passenger Hyunsoo, representative from ESS, CIIS, and Flight Supervisors Felipe Regencia and Jennifer Ivy Orbeta, Customs Examiner Maala conducted the physical examination which yielded a bundle of Philippine pesos amounting to Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php300,000.00). The amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to Mr. Hyunsoo representing the total amount allowed to be brought in by incoming passengers. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100010170 was issued to Mr. Hyunsoo for the excess amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php250,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currencies were turned over to Arbe Amama of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 27 April 2024, Customs Examiner Reina C. Maala and Flight Supervisor Felipe Maria T. Regencia, 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, recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Php250,000.00 for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (f) 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 Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php250,000.00) Philippine Currency 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 Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php250,000.00) intercepted from incoming passenger HYUNSOO KIM 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,	21	_, May 2024.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. CHILLOS-MADA.

District Collector, BOC-NAIA

Law/wady/eyllV



22 May 2024

MR. HYUNSOO KIM Okada Hotel

Subject: Seizure Identification No. 068-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php250,000.00) brought in by incoming passenger

HYUNSOO KIM

Dear Mr. Hyunsoo Kim

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 068-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 21, 2024 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned shipment, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper within seven (7) days from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

- 1. Issues of the Case;
- 2. Proposed Stipulation and Admission;
- 3. Arguments;
- 4. Exhibits; and
- 5. Possibility of settlement.

Kindly send your Verified Position Paper, with pertinent attachments to lawdivision.naia@gmail.com/naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Very truly yours

ATTY. TEODOLFO MARTIN S. YERRO IV

Officer-on-Case

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. <u>069-2024</u> (NAIA)

-versus-

Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Pesos (Php 221,000.00) brought in by incoming passenger **MINSIC LEE**

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 26 April 2024, Korean passenger Minsic Lee with Passport Number M18941522 arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on board Philippine AirAsia flight Z2 885 from Incheon, Korea.

WHEREAS, Minsic Lee's hand-carried baggage underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Operator Janica Arboleda and was referred to Customs Examiner Rein C. Maala for physical inspection.

WHEREAS, Minsic Lee presented his Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) as well as the Currency Declaration Form (CDF) to the assigned Customs Examiner. It was noted that the traveler answered "NO" to all items in the CBDF, including Item No. 1 which pertains to the Philippine Currency in excess of Php50,000.00. Customs Examiner asked the passenger if he had any currency to declare which he replied in the affirmative. Customs Examiner Maala further explained that a traveler is allowed to carry only the amount of Php50,000.00 without prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and any excess thereof requires an authorization prior to entry into the country.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Lee, representative from ESS, CIIS, and Flight Supervisors Felipe Regencia and Jennifer Ivy Orbeta, Customs Examiner Maala conducted the physical examination which yielded a bundle of Philippine pesos amounting to Two Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Pesos (Php271,000.00). The amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to Mr. Lee representing the total amount allowed to be brought in by incoming passengers. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 0010010169 was issued to Mr. Lee for the excess amount of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Pesos (Php221,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currencies were turned over to Arbe Amama of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 27 April 2024, Customs Examiner Reina C. Maala and Flight supervisor Felipe Maria T. Regencia, 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, recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Php221,000.00 for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (f) 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:

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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 Php500 and Php1,000 denomination in the total amount of Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Pesos (Php221,000.00) intercepted from incoming passenger MINSIC LEE, 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.

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SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, 21 May 2024.

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

Law/wady/eyllV





22 May 2024

MR. MINSIC LEE Okada Hotel

Subject: Seizure Identification No. 069-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Pesos (Php221,000.00) brought in by incoming

passenger MINSIC LEE

Dear Mr. Minsic Lee

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 069-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 21, 2024 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned shipment, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper within seven (7) days from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

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