MEMORANDUM

TO : KARREN APRIL A. NOROÑIO-GABION

Officer-in-Charge

Public Information and Assistance Division (PIAD)

THRU: ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. OBILLOS-MAPA

District Collector, BOC-NAIA

FROM : // ATTY. WALKY ANN D. YUMUL

Adting Chief, Law Division

04-07-21

SUBJECT: PUBLICATION IN THE BOC WEBSITE OF THE ISSUED

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION (WSD)

DATE : 6 MAY 2024

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

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 051-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines vs.
 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) intercepted from incoming
 traveler TAE SIK KIM on 29 February 2024;

- SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 052-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines vs. Seventy-Five Thousand Pesos (Php75,000.00) in Php1,000.00 and Php500.00 denomination brought in by incoming passenger KEICHI KANAYA;
- SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 053-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines vs
 One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Pesos (Php115,000.00) in Php1,000.00
 denomination and loose notes brought in by incoming passenger SANGYUN HYUN
 on 22 March 2024;
- SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 054-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines vs. Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) in Php1,000.00 denomination brought in by passenger NATTHAPHON TANAWORRAPAK on 22 February 2024 under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100006580;
- SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 055-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines vs.
 Two Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Pesos (P202,300.00) Philippine
 Currency seized from incoming passenger JIANFENG CHEN, a Chinese national
 and holder of Passport Number EA0514563;
- SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 056-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines vs.
 One Hundred Seven Thousand Pesos (Php107,000.00) intercepted from incoming traveler TAKAHIRO TANJI on 20 February 2024;

- SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 057-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines vs.
 One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Pesos (Php146,000.00) Philippine Currency
 seized from incoming passenger DANIEL KIM, a Korean national and the holder of
 Passport Number M621J1258;
- SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 058-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines vs.
 One Hundred One Thousand Pesos (Php101,000.00) in Php1,000.00 denomination brought in by incoming passenger KEULTACHVANICH SEATTAPONG; and
- SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 059-2024 (NAIA): Republic of the Philippines vs.
 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) Philippine Currency seized
 from incoming passenger SANGWOOK LEE, a Korean national and the holder of
 Passport Number M365P1144.

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. 051-2024 (NAIA), 052-2024 (NAIA), 053-2024 (NAIA), 054-2024 (NAIA), 055-2024 (NAIA), 056-2024 (NAIA), 057-2024 (NAIA), 058-2024 (NAIA) and 059-2024 (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.



06 May 2024

MR. TAE SIK KIM Okada Hotel

Subject: Seizure Identification No. 051-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) intercepted from incoming traveler TAE

SIK KIM on 29 February 2024

Dear Mr. Tae Sik Kim

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 051-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 6, 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. HYACINTH A. MIRANDA

Officer-on-Case



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 051 - 2024 (NAIA)

-versus-

One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) intercepted from incoming traveler **TAE SIK KIM** on 29 February 2024.

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 29 February 2024, at the NAIA Terminal 1, the hand-carried baggage of a male Korean traveler named Tae Sik Kim with Passport Number M65479106, on board flight OZ 703 from Korea, approached the customs examiners with the intention to declare currency.

WHEREAS, before conducting physical examination, Customs Examiner Nerizza R. Pantaleon, asked the Passenger to submit his duly filled-out Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF). It was noted that passenger Kim answered "No" to all items in the General Declaration of the CBDF, except for item no. 1 which pertains to the Philippine Currency in excess of Php50,000.00. When he asked the traveler if he carried with him Philippine currency of more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) he replied in the affirmative. Afterwards, the Customs Examiner Pantaleon proceeded with the examination.

WHEREAS, the examination yielded to the discovery of three bundles of One Thousand Philippine Peso Bills. At this time, Examiner Pantaleon asked the traveler how much Philippine Peso he brought with him in the Philippines. The traveler verbally declared the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00). Thereafter, Customs examiner explained to him that Philippine Currency in excess of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) requires a prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

WHEREAS, thereafter, under the supervision of Flight Supervisor Annalyn V. Reyes, in the presence of the traveler, Special Agent I Archer Peniza, CIIS Agent Christian Paul F. Lovit, customs examiner conducted physical count of the currency and yielded Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00).

WHEREAS, the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was returned to the traveler and the remaining One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos is withheld under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100006322 and turned-over to Annaliza L. Reyes of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 12 March 2024, Customs Examiner Nerizza R. Pantaleon and Flight Supervisor Annalyn V. Reyes, 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 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) in violation of Section 117 of the CMTA on Regulated Importation and Exportation; and 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 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) 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 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) intercepted from Korean passenger named TAE SIK 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.

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BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, ____ May 2024.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M.

District Collector, BOQ-NAIA

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06 May 2024

MR. KEICHI KANAYA Okada Hotel

Subject: Seizure Identification No. 052-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Seventy-Five Thousand Pesos (Php75,000.00) in Php1,000.00 and Php500.00 denomination

brought in by incoming passenger KEICHI KANAYA

Dear Mr. Keichi Kanaya

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 052-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 6, 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. 052-2024 (NAIA)

-versus-

Seventy-Five Thousand Pesos (Php75,000.00) in Php1,000 and Php500 denomination brought in by incoming passenger **KEICHI KANAYA** on 22 February 2024

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 22 February 2024 at around 1500H, Keichi Kanaya, a male Japanese passenger with Passport No. TS4542065, arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 on board Philippines Airlines flight PR 407 from Japan.

WHEREAS, passenger Kanaya's hand carried bag underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Operator Sannilyn Fernandez and was referred to Customs Examiner Shenandoah S. Capili for physical inspection.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Capili asked the passenger to submit his duly-filled out Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF). It was noted that the passenger answered "NO" to all items in the General Declaration of the CBDF, except for item number 1 which pertains to "Philippine Currency and/or Philippine Monetary Instrument in excess of Php50,000.00".Customs Examiner Capili asked the traveler if he had a Philippine Currency which is more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) to which he replied in the affirmative. Further, it was explained that a traveler is allowed to carry only the amount of Php 50,000.00 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 Keichi Kanaya, ESS agent SAI Joseph Soriano, and CIIS Agent Alejandro Trespeces, Customs Examiner Capili conducted the physical examination which yielded One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (Ph125,000.00) in Php1,000 and Php500 denomination. The amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to passenger Kanaya representing the total amount allowed to be brought in by incoming passengers. Thereafter, Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100005477 was issued for the excess amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Pesos (Php75,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currency was turned over to Annaliza L. Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 22 February 2024, the Customs Examiner and Flight Supervisor, thru the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Php 75,000.00 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 Seventy-Five Thousand Pesos (Php75,000.00) 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 Php1000 and Php500 denomination in the total amount of Seventy Five Thousand Pesos (Php75,000.00) intercepted from passenger named KEICHI KANAYA, 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, MAY 0 6 2024

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. OBILLOSA District Collector, BOC-NAIA

Law/wady/eyllV



06 May 2024

MR. SANGYUN HYUN

Solaire Hotel

Subject: Seizure Identification No. 053-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Pesos (Php115,000.00) in Php1,000.00 denomination and loose notes brought in by incoming passenger **SANGYUN HYUN** on 22

March 2024

Dear Mr. Sangyun Hyun

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 053-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 6, 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;
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- 5. Possibility of settlement.

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Very truly yours,

HUYMYAYA FATTY. MANUEL O. ZURBITO JR.

Officer-on-Case

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 053-2024 (NAIA)

-versus-

One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Pesos (Php115,000.00) in Php1,000 denomination and loose notes, brought in by incoming passenger **SANGYUN HYUN** on 22 March 2024

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 22 March 2024, Sangyun Hyun, a male Korean traveler and holder of Passport No. M643B2106, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 on board Korean Air Flight KE 623 from Incheon, Korea.

WHEREAS, Passenger Sangyun Hyun underwent the routine non-intrusive examination by XIP Inspector On-Duty, SAI Mohamad Jonaid Udasan, and thereafter was referred to Customs Examiner On-Duty, COO III Krystell Ann Guico for physical inspection of his hand carried luggage for verification.

WHEREAS, Passenger Sangyun Hyun approached the Custom Arrival Area and presented his Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) to Customs Examiner Guico to declare the Philippine Pesos currency that he was carrying.

WHEREAS, a bundle of Philippine Peso currency was found inside the passenger's bag during the 100% physical examination conducted by COO III Guico and as witnessed by representatives from ESS, SAI Chuck Rei Austria, XIP SAI Mohamad Jonaid Udasan and CIIS, SAI Christian Llolvit.

WHEREAS, when asked by COO III Guico, Passenger Hyun admitted that he was carrying One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Philippine Peso (Php165,000.00) and COO III Guico asked passenger Sangyun Hyun to present a permit or clearance from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), which he failed to produce any documents.

WHEREAS, COO III Guico informed the said passenger that only Fifty Thousand pesos (Php50,000.00) is the allowable amount for every arriving passenger, and the excess would be held due to failure to submit the necessary permit or clearance from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).





WHEREAS, During the currency inventory conducted by COO III Guico and witnessed by representatives from ESS, SAI Chuck Rei Austria, XIP, SAI Mohamad Jonaid Udasan and CIIS, SAI Christian Llovit, a total amount of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Philippine Peso (Php165,000.00) was counted and declared.

WHEREAS, the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was returned to Korean Traveler Sangyun Hyun. A Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100007132 was issued for the excess amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Pesos (Php115,000.00)

WHEREAS, the said currency was turned-over to the In-Bond Section of the Baggage Assistance Division (BAD) through Warehouseman III Annaliza L. Reyes for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 25 March 2024 SAI Chuck Rei Austria and SAII Alona S. De Guzman thru SP/CAPT. Vincent Mark S. Malasmas District Commander, ESS-CPD NAIA-DO, 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 One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Pesos (Php115,000.00) 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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"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 One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Pesos (Php115,000.00) 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 Php¶,000 denomination in the total amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Pesos (Php115,000.00) intercepted from Korean passenger named SANGYUN HYUN, 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, AY 0 6 2024 May 2024.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M.

District Collector, BOC-NAIA

Law/wady/moz





06 May 2024

MR. NATTHAPHON TANAWORRAPAK

Okada Hotel

Subject: Seizure Identification No. 054-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) in Php1,000.00 denomination brought in by passenger NATTHAPHON TANAWORRAPAK on 22 February

2024 under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100006580

Dear Mr. Tanaworrapak

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 054-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 6, 2024 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

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ATTY. MANUEL O. ZURBITO JR.
Officer-on-Case

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 054-2024 (NAIA)

-versus-

Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) in Php1,000 denomination, brought in by passenger NATTHAPHON TANAWORRAPAK on 22 February 2024, under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100006580

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 22 February 2024, Natthaphon Tanaworrapak, a male Thai traveler and holder of Passport No. AC3208556, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on board TG 620 from Thailand, approached Customs Examiner Armie Jane A. Edrad with the intention to declare currency.

WHEREAS, before conducting the physical examination, Customs Examiner Edrad asked the passenger to submit his duly filled out Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF). The passenger answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration of the CBDF, except for item No. 1 which pertains to the Philippine currency in excess of Php50,000.00.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Edrad asked the passenger if he had Philippine Currency of more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) to which the passenger replied in the affirmative and the passenger verbally declared the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00).

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Edrad informed the said passenger that only Fifty Thousand pesos (Php50,000.00) is the allowable amount for every arriving passenger, and the excess would be held due to failure to submit the necessary permit or clearance from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Edrad proceeded with the actual counting of the Philippine Currency in the presence of passenger Natthaphon Tanaworrapak and withessed by ESS Samuel Delos Santos, CIIS Agent Ediex Liwanag and Acting Flight Supervisor Cyrus Victor V. Go. The actual amount counted and verified is One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00).

WHEREAS, after verified counting of the Philippine Currency, the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was returned to the Thai traveler Natthaphon Tanaworrapak. A Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100006580 was issued for the excess amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00).

WHEREAS, the said currency was turned-over to Sarah Asilo of the Inbond-Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 29 March 2024, the Customs and Acting Flight Supervisor, thru the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, and the Deputy Collector for

Passenger Service, reported the incident to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) 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:

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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 Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) 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 Php1000 and Php500 denomination in the total amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) from incoming passenger NATTHAPHON TANAWORRAPAK, 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, MAY 0 6 2024 _ May 2024.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. 🕽 District Collector, BOC-NAIA

Law/wady/moz



06 May 2024

MR. JIANFENG CHEN

Camella House, Baliwag Bulacan

Subject: Seizure Identification No. 055-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Pesos (P202,300.00) Philippine Currency seized from incoming passenger **JIANFENG CHEN**, a Chinese national

and holder of Passport Number EA0514563

Dear Mr. Jianfeng Chen

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 055-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 6, 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,

FAXYHANA F ATTY. EMILIO Y. LEGASPI IV Officer-on-Case

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. <u>055-2024</u> (NAIA)

-versus-

Two Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Pesos (Php202,300.00) Philippine Currency seized from incoming passenger JIANFENG CHEN, a Chinese national and holder of Passport Number EA0514563.

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 22 February 2024, Jianfeng Chen, a Chinese national and holder of Passport No. EA0514563, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 on board Flight CZ3091 from China.

WHEREAS, passenger Chen proceeded to the Customs Examination Counter manned by Customs Examiner Armie Jane A. Edrad with an intention to declare the currency in his possession.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual physical examination, Customs Examiner Edrad asked Passenger Kim to submit his duly accomplished Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) wherein she noted that passenger Chen answered "NO" to all the items on the General Declaration, except for Item No. 1 thereof which refers to Philippine Currency and/or Philippine Monetary Instrument in excess of Php50,000.00". Customs Examiner Edrad likewise advised Mr. Chen that a traveler is allowed only the amount of Php50,000.00 and any excess thereof will require a prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Edrad conducted an actual examination which yielded the total amount of Two Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Pesos (Php252,300.00). Thereafter, the amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to passenger Chen which is the allowable amount that can be carried by a traveler and the remaining amount of Php202,300.00 was withheld for lack of prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. Customs Examiner Edrad then issued to passenger Chen Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100006568 for the excess amount which she turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, this Port, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 29 March 2024, the Customs Examiner, Flight Supervisor, thru the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported their findings to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the amount of Two Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Pesos (Php202,300.00) for lack of the required Import Permit from the Bangko

required Import Permit from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas pursuant to BSP Circular No. 1146 series of 2022 bearing the subject "Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies", in relation to Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

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 Two Thousand Three Hundred Pesos (Php202,300.00) 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 the total amount of Two Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Pesos (Php202,300.00) from incoming passenger JIANFENG CHEN, 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, MAY 0 6 2024 May 2024.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. OBILLOS

District Collector, BOC-NAIA

Law/wady/eyllV



06 May 2024

MR. TAKAHIRO TANJI Sheraton Manila Bay

Subject: Seizure Identification No. 056-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Seven Thousand Pesos (Php107,000.00) intercepted from incoming traveler

TAKAHIRO TANJI on 20 February 2024

Dear Mr. Tanji

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 056-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 6, 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,

Hamhand-ATTY. HYACINTH A. MIRANDA

Officer-on-Case

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. <u>056-2029</u> (NAIA)

-versus-

One Hundred Seven Thousand Pesos (Php107,000.00) intercepted from incoming traveler **TAKAHIRO TANJI** on 20 February 2024.

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 20 February 2024, at the NAIA Terminal 1, the hand-carried baggage of a male Japanese traveler named Takahiro Tanji with Passport Number TR5683775, on board flight ZG095 from Japan, approached the customs examiners with the intention to declare currency.

WHEREAS, before conducting physical examination, Customs Examiner Jeinalem G. Go, the assigned examiner to Traveler Takahiro Tanji's baggage, asked him to submit his duly filled-out Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF). It was noted that passenger Kim answered "No" to all items in the General Declaration of the CBDF, except for item no. 1 which pertains to the Philippine Currency in excess of Php50,000.00. When he asked the traveler if he carried Philippine currency of more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00), he replied in the affirmative. Afterwards, the Customs Examiner Go proceeded with the examination.

WHEREAS, the examination yielded to the discovery of two bundles of One Thousand Philippine Peso Bills. At this time, Examiner Go asked the traveler how much Philippine Peso he brought with him in the Philippines. The traveler verbally declared the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Pesos (Php157,000.00). Thereafter, Customs Examiner explained to him that Philippine Currency in excess of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) requires a prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

WHEREAS, under the supervision of Acting Flight Supervisor Cyrus Victor V. Go, in the presence of the traveler, ESS Agent Joseph Soriano, CIIS Agent Alejandro Trespeces, and XIP Operator Sannilyn Fernandez, Customs Examiner conducted physical count of the currency and yielded One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Pesos (Php157,000.00).

WHEREAS, the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was returned to the traveler and the remaining One Hundred Seven Thousand Pesos (Php107,000.00) is withheld under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100005455 and turned-over to Annaliza L. Reyes of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 20 February 2024, Customs Examiner Jeinalem G. Go and Acting Flight Supervisor Cyrus Victor V. Go, 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 One Hundred Seven Thousand Pesos (Php107,000.00) in violation of Section 117 of the CMTA on Regulated Importation and Exportation; and 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 One Hundred Seven Thousand Pesos (Php107,000.00) Philippine Currency for violation of BSP rules, 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 Seven Thousand Pesos (Php107,000.00) intercepted from Japanese passenger named TAKAHIRO TANJI, 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. MAY 0 6 2024

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, ____ May 2024.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. C

District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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06 May 2024

MR. DANIEL KIM Okada Hotel

Subject: Seizure Identification No. 057-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Pesos (Php146.000.00) Philippine Currency seized from incoming passenger DANIEL KIM, a Korean national and the

holder of Passport Number M621J1258

Dear Mr. Daniel Kim

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 057-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 6, 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,



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. <u>057-2024</u> (NAIA)

-versus-

One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Pesos (Php146,000.00) Philippine Currency seized from incoming passenger **DANIEL KIM**, a Korean national and the holder of Passport Number M621J1258.

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 03 April 2024, Daniel Kim, a Korean national and holder of Passport No. M621J1258, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 1 on board Flight OZ701 from Incheon, Korea.

WHEREAS, passenger Kim's handcarried luggage underwent a non-intrusive examination conducted by XIP Inspector Sanny Lyn Fernandez who thereafter referred him to Customs Examiner on duty, Angela Coleen Talactac for physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual physical examination, Customs Examiner Talactac asked Passenger Kim to submit his duly accomplished Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF). After going over the said CBDF, Customs Examiner Talactac noted that Passenger Kim answered "YES" to Item No. 1 in the General Declaration which refers to Philippine Currency and/or Philippine Monetary Instrument in excess of Php50,000.00". Customs Examiner Talactac likewise noted that Mr. Kim declared the Php196,000.00 in the Currency Declaration Form which he submitted to Customs Examiner Talactac.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Talactac conducted an actual examination which yielded a total amount of One Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Pesos (Php196,000.00). Thereafter, Php50,000.00 of the total amount was returned to passenger Kim which amount is allowed to be carried by a traveler and the remaining amount of Php146,000.00 was withheld for lack of prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. Customs Examiner Talactac issued to passenger Kim Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100007323 for the excess amount which she turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, this Port, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 04 April 2024, the Customs Examiner, Flight Supervisor, thru the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported their findings to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended that the amount of Php146,000.00 be seized for lack of the required Import Permit from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas pursuant to BSP Circular No. 1146 series of 2022 bearing the subject "Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies", in relation to Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

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 One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Pesos (Php146,000.00) 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 One Hundred Forty Six Thousand Pesos (Php146,000.00) brought in by Korean Traveler DANIEL 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, MAY 0 6 2024.

District Collector, BOC-NAIA

Law/wady/eyllV

06 May 2024

MR. KEULTACHVANICH SEATTAPONG Okada Hotel

Subject:

Seizure Identification No. 058-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred One Thousand Pesos (Php101,000.00) in Php1,000.00 denomination brought in by incoming passenger KEULTACHVANICH SEATTAPONG

Dear Mr. Seattapong

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 058-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 6, 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. TEODÓLFO MARTIN S. YERRO IV

Officer-on-Case

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. <u>058-2024</u> (NAIA)

-versus-

One Hundred One Thousand Pesos (Php101,000.00) in Php1,000 denomination brought in by incoming passenger **KEULTACHVANICH SEATTAPONG** on 22 February 2024

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 22 February 2024 at around 1427H, Keultachvanich Seattapong, a male Thai passenger with Passport No. AC4858615, arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on board flight TG620 from Thailand.

WHEREAS, Passenger Keultachvanich Seattapong approached Customs Examiner Sybil Charmaine M. Bacyan with the intention to declare currency.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Bacyan asked the passenger to submit his duly-filled out Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF). It was noted that Keultachvanich Seattapong answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration of the CBDF, except for item number 1 which pertains to "Philippine Currency and/or Philippine Monetary Instrument in excess of Php50,000.00". Customs Examiner Bacyan asked the traveler if he had Philippine Currency of more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) to which he replied in the affirmative. Consequently, the Customs Examiner explained to the traveler that Philippine Currency in excess of Fifty Thousand Pesos(Php50,000.00) requires a prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Keultachvanich Seattapong, ESS Samuel Delos Santos, and CIIS Agent Ediex Liwanag, Customs Examiner Bacyan conducted the physical examination which yielded One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Pesos (Php151,000.00) in Php1,000 denomination. The amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to passenger Keultachvanich Seattapong representing the total amount allowed to be brought in by incoming passengers. Thereafter, Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100006579 was issued for the excess amount of One Hundred One Thousand Pesos (Php101,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currency was turned over to Sarah Asilo of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 29 March 2024, Customs Examiner Sybil Charmaine M. Bacyan and Acting Flight Supervisor Cyrus Victor V. Go, 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 Php 101,000.00 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 One Hundred One Thousand Pesos (Php101,000.00) 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 One Hundred One Thousand Pesos (Php101.000.00) intercepted from incoming KEULTACHVANICH SEATTAPONG 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.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, MAY 0 6 2024

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M.

District Collector, BDC-NAIA

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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06 May 2024

MR. SANGWOOK LEE Holiday Hotel New Port City

Subject:

Seizure Identification No. 059-2024 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) Philippine Currency seized from incoming passenger **SANGWOOK LEE**, a Korean national and

the holder of Passport Number M365P1144

Dear Mr. Sangwook Lee

This refers to the shipment which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 059-2024 (NAIA) issued on May 6, 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,

HUSDINAND FATTY. EMILIO Y. LEGASPI IV Officer-on-Case

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 059: 2024 (NAIA)

-versus-

One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) Philippine Currency seized from incoming passenger **SANGWOOK LEE**, a Korean national and the holder of Passport Number M365P1144.

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 04 April 2024, Sangwook Lee, a Korean national and holder of a Passport Number M365P1144, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 1 on board Philippine Airlines Flight PR 469 from Korea.

WHEREAS, the handcarried luggage of Passenger Lee passed through the non-intrusive examination conducted by XIP Inspector Michael Martines who then referred him to Customs Examiner Jane A. Celino for physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual physical examination, Customs Examiner Celino asked Passenger Lee to submit his duly accomplished Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) wherein she noted that the latter answered "NO" to all the items on the General Declaration, except for Item No. 1 thereof which refers to Philippine Currency and/or Philippine Monetary Instrument in excess of Php50,000.00". Customs Examiner Celino also noted that passenger Lee declared the Php200,000.00 Philippine pesos he had in his carry-on bag in his Currency Declaration Form. Customs Examiner Celino advised Passenger Lee that a traveler is allowed to carry only the amount of Php50,000.00 Philippine Currency and any excess thereof will require a prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Celino conducted an actual examination which yielded the total amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00). Thereafter, the amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to passenger Lee and the remaining amount of Php150,000.00 was withheld for lack of prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. Customs Examiner Celino then issued to passenger Lee Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100007356 for the excess amount of Php150,000.00 which she turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, this Port, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 11 April 2024, the Customs Examiner and Flight Supervisor, thru the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported their findings to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) for lack of the required Import Permit from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas pursuant to BSP Circular No. 1146 series of 2022 bearing the subject

"Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies", in relation to Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

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 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) 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 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) brought in by Korean traveler SANGWOOK 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.

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, MAY 0 6 2024 May 2024.

ATTY, MARIA YASMIN M. Ö

District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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