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Republic of the Philippines,

Seizure Identification

No. **2024-033**

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Two (2) Reams of Newport Menthol Cigarette and One (1) Ream of Marlboro Menthol Cigarette hand carried by a passenger of "M/V Carnival Panorama" with Registry No. SOR0003-24, which arrived at the South Harbor, Manila from Malaysia on 18 October 2024,

MANOLITO ADRIANO CRUZ,
Claimant.

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

T O: The District Commander, ESS
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GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on 18 October 2024, "M/V Carnival Panorama" arrived at the South Harbor, Manila from Malaysia;

WHEREAS, Manolito Adriano Cruz, passenger of the said cruise ship was found in possession of eight (8) reams of imported menthol cigarettes. Out of these, only five (5) reams per passenger/consignee are exempted from filing of ECC/ICC/TCC from the National Tobacco Administration;

WHEREAS, in a Disposition Form dated 28 October 2024, the assigned Customs Examiner recommended the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the above-mentioned goods/items pursuant to Sections 117 and 1113 of the CMTA, in relation to Department of Agriculture – National Tobacco Administration Memorandum Circular No. 003 series of 2019;

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned goods/items are currently under the custody of the assigned Customs Examiner;

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, and in compliance with pertinent Customs laws, rules and regulations, you, together with the representative of this office, are hereby ordered to forthwith seize the aforementioned articles and make a return of service and the submission of the inventory report or list of the article/s seized is to be strictly observed and **finally, you are hereby ordered to return the aforesaid Warrant within twenty-four (24) hours from service, to the Law Division, this Port. Failure to do so, the Warrant shall ipso facto be considered null and void.**

SO ORDERED.

Port of Manila, Philippines, OCT 30 2024


ALEXANDER GERARD E. ALVIAR
District Collector
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| 1. | Unit/Office in custody of the article | 4. Apprehending Unit/Office |
| 2. | Claimant/Consignee | 5. Resident Auditor/COA |
| 3. | Chief, ACDD | 6. Legal Service, RCMG |



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DISPOSITION FORM

FOR	ALEXANDER GERARD E. ALVIAR District Collector, Port of Manila	DATE October 28, 2024	Control No.
THRU	FLORANTE P. RICARTE Acting Deputy Collector for Assessment		
FROM	FERDINAND L. PARAYNO Customs Examiner, Informal Entry Division		

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF TWO (2) REAMS OF NEWPORT MENTHOL CIGARETTE AND ONE (1) REAM OF MARLBORO MENTHOL CIGARETTE OF US PASSENGER (PASSENGER NO. 182) OF M/V "CARNIVAL PANORAMA" MR. MANOLITO ADRIANO CRUZ FOR VIOLATING SECTION 117 OF THE CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT (CMTA) FOR NOT PROVIDING ECC/ICC/TCC FROM THE NTA.

BACKGROUND

1. REFERENCES

- a. Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) of Mr. Manolito Adriano Cruz;
- b. Passenger Manifest indicating the name of Mr. Manolito Adriano Cruz;
- c. Copy of Memorandum Circular No. 003, Series of 2019;
- d. Examination Report dated October 18, 2024 and
- e. Pictures of examination.

DISCUSSION

- 2. This refers to the seized item of three (3) reams of imported menthol cigarettes of US passenger Mr. Manolito Adriano Cruz of M/V "Carnival Panorama" V. PO20241012025 under Registry No. SOR0003-24 which arrived October 18, 2024 at 0600H and departed October 18, 2024 at 1933H;
- 3. The seized item of three (3) reams of imported menthol cigarettes are part of the eight (8) reams of imported menthol cigarettes which is hand carried by Mr. Manolito Adriano Cruz and in which Five (5) reams or Fifty (50) packs, per passenger/consignee are allowed without ECC/ICC/TCC from the NATIONAL TOBACCO ADMINISTRATION (NTA) per Department of Agriculture-National Tobacco Administration Memorandum Circular No. 003, series of 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

- 4. It is hereby recommended that the three (3) reams of imported menthol cigarettes seized from US passenger Mr. Manolito Adriano Cruz be issued a Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) for violating Section 117 (Regulated Importation and Exportation) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act.

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