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21 January 2025

MR. HAMDAN ALQASHEM
Solaire Hotel, Pasay City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 017-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Pesos (Php134,000.00) Philippine Currency, intercepted from a male Kuwaiti traveler named **HAMDAN ALQASHEM** who arrived on 28 August 2024, and held in custody at the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100008852.

Dear **Mr. Hamdan Alqashem**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 017-2025 (NAIA) issued on January 20, 2025 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 seized goods, 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.

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One Hundred Thirty-Four
Thousand Pesos (Php134,000.00)
Philippine Currency, intercepted
from a male Kuwaiti traveler named
HAMDAN ALQASHEM who
arrived on 28 August 2024, and
held in custody at the In Bond
Section, Baggage Assistance
Division, under Held Baggage
Receipt No. 00100008852.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 017-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 28 August 2024, a Kuwaiti national named Hamdan Alqashem, with Passport Number P05624705, arrived on board Philippine Airlines Flight PR 733 from Thailand. His handcarried luggage was subjected to non-intrusive inspection by XIP Inspector Joshua Anticamara, who, thereafter, referred him to Pia DG Reyes, Customs Examiner for verification and physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual examination of his handcarried luggage, Customs Examiner Reyes asked passenger Alqashem to submit his e-Travel generated QR Code to which he responded in the affirmative. Upon checking the information in the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF), she noted that the passenger did not declare anything, and answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration. Customs Examiner Reyes further asked passenger Alqashem if he had prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the latter replied in the negative. The Customs Examiner then invited passenger Alqashem to the Arrival Exclusion Room for the physical examination of his handcarried luggage.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Alqashem, an actual examination was conducted by Customs Examiner Reyes which led to the discovery of several bundles of Philippine Pesos inside his handcarried luggage. An actual physical count resulted to the total amount of One Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Pesos (Php184,000.00) in One Thousand Peso (Php 1,000.00) bills. After the verified counting, the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was returned to passenger Alqashem. Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100008852 was issued for the remaining amount of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Pesos (Php134,000.00) which was withheld from release for lack of the required BSP Import Clearance as provided for in BSP Circular No. 1146, series of 2022. Said amount was later on turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 02 September 2024, Customs Examiner Pia DG Reyes, Flight Supervisor Ramon S. Calleja Jr., thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division,



submitted their incident report to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject Philippine currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022-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 the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 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 currencies intercepted from passenger **HAMDAN ALQASHEM** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 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, JAN 20 2025, January 2025.

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

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21 January 2025

MR. MASAHIRO MATSUMOTO
Pearl Garden Hotel
Malate, Manila

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 018-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Fifty Thousand Pesos
(Php50,000.00) brought in by incoming passenger
MASAHIRO MATSUMOTO on 25 October 2024

Dear **Mr. Masahiro Matsumoto**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 018-2025 (NAIA) issued on January 20, 2025 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 seized goods, 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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Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php
50,000.00) brought in by incoming
passenger **MASAHIRO
MATSUMOTO** on 25 October 2024
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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 018-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 25 October 2024, at around 1826H, Masahiro Matsumoto, a Japanese passenger with Passport No. TT5719491, arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 on board flight PR 731 from Thailand.

WHEREAS, passenger Matsumoto's hand-carry baggage underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Operator Mohamad Jonaid Udasan and was referred to Acting Customs Examiner Jeinalem G. Go for verification.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Go asked the passenger if he had completed an e-Travel QR Code to which he replied in the affirmative. Upon checking the scanned QR code, it was noted that the traveler ticked "NO" to all the items in the Currency Declaration. Customs Examiner explained that a traveler is allowed to carry only the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (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 Masahiro Matsumoto, ESS SAI Chuck Austria, and CIIS SAI Christian Llovit, the Customs Examiner conducted the physical examination which yielded One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00). The amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) was returned to passenger Matsumoto which was the total amount allowed to be brought in by incoming passengers. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009358 was issued for the excess amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currency was turned over to Annaliza L. Reyes of the Baggage Assistance Division, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 31 October 2024, Customs Examiner Jeinalem G. Go, Flight Supervisor Cyrus Victor V. Go thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, submitted their incident report to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject Philippine currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022-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 the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 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 currencies intercepted from passenger **MASAHIRO MATSUMOTO** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 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, JAN 20 2025, January 2025.

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

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21 January 2025

Messrs. CHEN HSI and CHENG LI-HSUEH
Okada Hotel

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 019-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Thousand Pesos
(Php100,000.00) Philippine Currency, seized from outgoing
passengers **CHEN HSI** and **CHENG LI-HSUEH** on 05
December 2024

Dear **Messrs. Chen His and Cheng Li-Hsueh**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 019-2025 (NAIA) issued on January 20, 2025 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 seized goods, 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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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 019-2025 (NAIA)

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One Hundred Thousand Pesos
(Php100,000.00) Philippine
Currency, seized from outgoing
passengers **CHEN HSI** and **CHENG
LI-HSUEH** on 05 December 2024.

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 05 December 2024, Taiwanese passengers Chen Hsi with Passport Number 351041595 and Cheng Li-Hsueh with Passport Number 360316761 were about to depart for Taipei via flight BR 272 when they were intercepted at the Final X-ray Check Area after undergoing a non-intrusive inspection by OTS TSRMS Capa Joshua.

WHEREAS, passengers Chen Hsi and Cheng Li-Hsueh were then referred to Customs Examiner Shenandoah S. Capili for verification of their handcarried luggage. Before conducting the physical examination, Customs Examiner Capili explained to both passengers that their handcarried luggages will undergo physical examination for verification.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Capili requested passenger Chen Hsi to submit an Import Permit from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to which passenger Hsi answered "None". She then invited the passenger to the Customs Exclusion Room for the physical examination of his handcarried luggage.

WHEREAS, in the presence of the passenger, together with the ESS and CIIS agents on duty at the Arrival Area, Customs Examiner Capili conducted an actual examination of the handcarried luggage of passenger Hsi which yielded the total amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00). After the verified counting, Customs Examiner Capili returned the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00) to passengers Hsi and Cheng Li-Hsueh, or the total allowable amount which is allowed without the BSP Permit, issued Held Baggage Receipt (HBR) No. 00100009617 for the remaining amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00) which was later on turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 05 December 2024, Customs Examiner Shenandoah S. Capili, Flight Supervisor Inna Angela C. Mirano thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, submitted their incident report to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject Philippine currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022-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 the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 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 currencies intercepted from passengers **CHEN HSI** and **CHENG LI-HSUEH** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 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, JAN 20 2025, January 2025.

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

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Mr. PING-FENG CHENG
Redoorz NAIA Hotel
Manila

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 020-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Thousand Pesos
(Php100,000.00) Philippine Pesos, intercepted from a traveler
named **PING-FENG CHENG** on 14 October 2024, under Held
Baggage Receipt No. 00100009336

Dear **Mr. Ping-Feng Cheng**

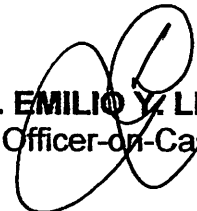
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(Php100,000.00) Philippine Pesos,
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PING-FENG CHENG on 14 October
2024, under Held Baggage Receipt
No. 00100009336

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 020-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 14 October 2024, the carry-on baggage of a Taiwanese traveler named Ping-Feng Cheng, holder of Chinese Passport No. 311443771 on board flight BR 277 from Taiwan, underwent a non-intrusive inspection conducted by XIP Inspector Mohamad Jonaid Udasan. The traveler and his accompanied baggage were referred by ESS SA1 Muhammad Benito and CIIS SA1 Christian Paul Llovit to the Customs Examiner for physical examination.

WHEREAS, the Customs Examiner explained to the traveler that the X-ray image showed a bundle of bills inside his bag. When asked if he had money to declare, he replied in the negative. In the accomplished electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF) of the traveler, it was revealed that Cheng answered "NO" to all the items in the General Document.

WHEREAS, before proceeding with the examination, the Customs Examiner explained to the traveler that he should have with him an original copy of the prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) for Philippine Currency if the Philippine Peso with him exceeds Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00), otherwise the excess amount will be confiscated. The physical count yielded the total amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 200,000.00)

WHEREAS, after the verified counting, the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00) was held in-bond due to the traveler's failure to present a prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). The remaining One Hundred Thousand Pesos were returned to the traveler and his companion. The traveler was issued a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009336.

WHEREAS, the confiscated Philippine notes were turned over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 02 January 2025, Customs Examiner Sheila May V. Asis, Flight Supervisor Reginaldo Z. Castaneda thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, submitted their incident report to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject Philippine currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure



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SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, JAN 20 2025, January 2025.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. OBLILOS-MAZA
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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MR. TSVETELIN TSVETELINOV TSVETKOV
No. 5382 General Luna
Makati

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 021-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Fifty-Nine Thousand Pesos
(Php59,000.00) brought in by incoming passenger **TSVETELIN**
TSVETELINOV TSVETKOV on 21 November 2024

Dear **Mr. Tsvetelin Tsvetelinov Tsvetkov**

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Fifty-Nine Thousand Pesos
(Php59,000.00) brought in by
incoming passenger **TSVETELIN
TSVETELINOV TSVETKOV** on 21
November 2024

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**SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 021-2025 (NAIA)**

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 21 November 2024, at around 0924H, Tsvetelin Tsvetelinov Tsvetkov, a male Bulgarian passenger with Passport No. 38809983, arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on board Philippine Airlines flight PR 659.

WHEREAS, passenger Tsvetelin Tsvetelinov Tsvetkov approached the Customs Desk for Currency Declaration which prompted the referral of the said traveler to Customs Examiner Minette Elizabeth R. Bermundo for verification.

WHEREAS, Mr. Tsvetkov presented his E-Travel to Customs Examiner Bermundo wherein it was noted that passenger Tsevetkov answered "No" to all items except number 1 which pertains to "Philippine Currency and/or Philippine Monetary Instrument in excess of Php50,000.00". Customs Examiner 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 Tsvetkov, ESS SAII Alejandro Trespeces, and Flight Supervisor Gaylord Ventura, Customs Examiner Bermundo conducted the physical examination which yielded One Hundred Nine Thousand Pesos (Php109,000.00). The amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to passenger Tsvetkov representing the total amount allowed to be brought in by incoming passengers. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020025 was issued for the excess amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand Pesos (Php59,000.00). 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 26 November 2024, Customs Examiner Minette Elizabeth R. Bermundo and Flight Supervisor Gaylord Hilario C. Ventura 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 59,000.00 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 the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 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 currencies intercepted from passenger **TSVETELIN TSVETELINOV TSVETKOV** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 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, JAN 20 2025, January 2025.

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

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MR. JAEMIN JEONG
Okada Hotel
Pasay City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 022-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Fifty Thousand
Pesos (Php250,000.00) brought in by incoming passenger
JAEMIN JEONG on 26 November 2024

Dear **Mr. Jaemin Jeong**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 022-2025 (NAIA) issued on January 20, 2025 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 seized goods, 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
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Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos
(Php 250,000.00) brought in by
incoming passenger **JAEMIN
JEONG** on 26 November 2024

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 022-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 26 November 2024, Korean passenger Jaemin Jeong with Passport Number M900V9928 arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 on board flight KE 623 from South Korea.

WHEREAS, Jeong's hand-carried baggage underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Operator SG II Edgardo Soriano and was referred to Customs Examiner Kate Betheline T. Badon for physical inspection.

WHEREAS, passenger Jaemin Jeong presented his E-Travel QR Code to Customs Examiner Badon. It was noted that the traveler answered "NO" to all items in the General Declaration. Subsequently, Customs Examiner Badon asked passenger Jeong if he had anything to declare to which he responded in the negative.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Jeong and representatives from CIIS and ESS, Customs Examiner Badon conducted the physical examination which yielded an amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 300,000.00). Customs Examiner Badon 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. The amount of Php 50,000.00 was returned to the passenger representing the total amount allowed to be brought in by incoming passengers. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009550 was issued to Jaemin Jeong for the excess amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 250,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currencies were turned over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 21 November 2024, Customs Examiner Kate Betheline T. Badon Flight Supervisor Ivan Paolo B. Durana thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, submitted their incident report to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject Philippine currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022-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 the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 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 currencies intercepted from passenger **JAEMIN JEONG** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 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, JAN 20 2025, January 2025.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. OSUNA-SALAPA
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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MR. HIROMICHI KUBO

No given address

By posting at the bulletin board

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 023-2025 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) Philippine Currency, intercepted from departing Japanese traveler **HIROMICHI KUBO** under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009583

Dear **Mr. Hiromichi Kubo**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 023-2025 (NAIA) issued on January 20, 2025 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 seized goods, 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.

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One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos
(Php150,000.00) Philippine
Currency, intercepted from
departing Japanese traveler
HIROMICHI KUBO under Held
Baggage Receipt No. 00100009583
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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 023-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 04 December 2024, a male Japanese traveler named Hiromichi Kubo, holder of Passport with Number TT5686501, was about to depart for Tokyo, Japan on Philippine Airlines Flight PR 432.

WHEREAS, his handcarried luggage was subjected to non-intrusive inspection by TSRMS Laurin Pedro of the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) at the Final X-ray Check Area and was referred to Customs Examiner Shenandoah S. Capili for physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual examination of his handcarried luggage, Customs Examiner Capili explained to the passenger that his handcarried luggage will undergo physical examination. Further, she asked passenger Kubo to show his Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Permit, to which the latter replied "None". Customs Examiner Capili then invited passenger Kubo to the Exclusion Room for the physical examination of his handcarried luggage in the presence of SAI Noroden Tomiara and CIIS COS George Bataican.

WHEREAS, the physical count conducted by Customs Examiner Capili yielded the undeclared Philippine Currency in the total amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00). After the verified counting and inventory, the amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to passenger Kubo and the remaining amount of Php150,000.00 was withheld from release and Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009583 was issued. The said amount was then turned over to the In Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 01 December 2024, Customs Examiner Shenandoah S. Capili, Flight Supervisor Alexander Diaz, thru Atty. Manuel O. Zurbito, Jr., Acting Chief, Departure Operations Division, Mark Jhon O. Aimase, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported to the District Collector the interception of the amount of P150,000.00 from departing passenger Hiromichi Kubo and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the said amount for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and BSP Circular No. 1146, series of 2022, referring to the 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 the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 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 currencies intercepted from passenger **HIROMICHI KUBO** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 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, JAN 20 2025, January 2025.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. 
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MR. XIN DAI

Cagayan de Oro Misamis

Insufficient address

By posting at the bulletin board

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 024-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Fifty Thousand Pesos
(Php50,000.00) intercepted from incoming Chinese traveler **XIN DAI**
on 27 November 2024 at Terminal 1

Dear **Mr. Xin Dai**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 024-2025 (NAIA) issued on January 20, 2025 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 seized goods, 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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Fifty Thousand Pesos
(Php50,000.00) intercepted from
incoming Chinese traveler XIN DAI
on 27 November 2024 at Terminal 1
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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 024-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 21 August 2024, Chinese passenger Xin Dai with Passport Number EJ7680064 arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 on board flight PR 331 from China.

WHEREAS, Dai's carry-on baggage underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Operator Mohamad Jonaid Udasan and was referred to Customs Examiner Maedine Kieth G. Palacio for physical inspection.

WHEREAS, since passenger Xin Dai failed to present his e-Travel QR Code, Customs Examiner Palacio instructed the passenger to manually fill-out the Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF). It was noted that the traveler answered "NO" to all items in the CBDF, except for Item No. 1 which pertains to the Philippine Currency in excess of Php 50,000.00. Customs Examiner Palacio 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 Dai and representatives from CIIS and ESS, Customs Examiner Palacio conducted the physical examination which yielded an amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00). The amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to the passenger representing the total amount allowed to be brought in by incoming passengers. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100008762 was issued to Xin Dai for the excess amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currencies were turned over to Kate Badon of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 27 November 2024 for the District Collector, this Port, Customs Examiner Maedine Kieth G. Palacio and Acting Flight Supervisor Ivan Paolo Durana, 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 against the amount of Php50,000.00 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 the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 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 currencies intercepted from passenger **XIN DAI** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 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, JAN 20 2025, January 2025.

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

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MR. MASAKI YAMAGAMI
Okada Manila Hotel

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 025-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Three Million Four Hundred Eighty
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY3,480,000.00) intercepted from a
male Japanese traveler **MASAKI YAMAGAMI** on 04 December
2024, under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020036

Dear **Mr. Masaki Yamagami**

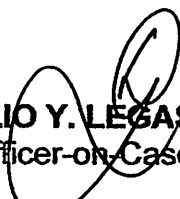
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As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned seized goods, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper **within seven (7) days** from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution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

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

Very truly yours,


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Three Million Four Hundred Eighty
Thousand Japanese Yen
(JPY3,480,000.00), intercepted
from a male Japanese traveler
MASAKI YAMAGAMI on 04
December 2024, under Held
Baggage Receipt No.
00100020036.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 025-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 04 December 2024, the carry-on baggage of a Japanese traveler named Masaki Yamagami with Passport Number TT2825245 arrived on board flight PR 411 from Japan. The hand-carried luggage underwent a non-intrusive inspection conducted by XIP Inspector Mohamad Jonaid Udasan, and, thereafter, referred to Customs Examiner Jewel Iris G. Abuejela for physical examination.

WHEREAS, before the hand-carried luggage underwent the physical examination, Customs Examiner Abuejela asked passenger Yamagami if he completed the E-Travel. It was noted that in the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF), the traveler responded "NO" in the General Document.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Yamagami, the initial check of the baggage yielded bundles of Japanese Yen. The Customs Examiner, together with ESS Chuckie Rei Austria and Flight Supervisor Michelle Ann Unatalan invited the traveler into the exclusion room for the physical examination of the baggage.

WHEREAS, the physical count conducted by Customs Examiner Abuejela found a total amount of Five Million Japanese Yen (JPY5,000,000.00) which is equivalent to Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five US Dollars (USD 32,995.00) based on the published exchange rate of JPY to USD by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

WHEREAS, after the verified counting of the foreign currency, it was explained by the Customs Examiner to the traveler that non-declaration of Foreign Currency in excess of Ten Thousand US Dollars (USD 10,000.00) or equivalent currency will be confiscated. A total of Three Million Four-Hundred Eighty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 3,480,000.00) was confiscated from traveler Yamagami in violation of Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to BSP Circular No. 1146 series of 2022 bearing the subject Amendments to the Rules on Cross Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies. The amount of One Million Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 1,520,000.00) was returned to the traveler.

WHEREAS, Held Baggage Receipt No.00100020036 was issued for the excess amount of Three Million Four-Hundred Eighty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 3,480,000.00). The confiscated currency was then turned over to Hamimah Mangondaya of the Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.



WHEREAS, on 13 December 2024, Customs Examiner Jewel Iris G. Abuejela, Flight Supervisor Michelle Ann M. Untalan thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, submitted their incident report to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject Philippine currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022-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), is instructive and authoritative, and provides that:

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

X X X X X X

2. Foreign Currency. Any person who brings into or takes out of the Philippines foreign currency, as well as other foreign currency denominated bearer monetary instruments in excess of US\$10,000.00 or its equivalent is required to declare the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines using the prescribed Currency Declaration Form. (Underline for emphasis)

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, the NAIA District Collector found probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies 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”

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 currencies intercepted from incoming passenger **MASAKI YAMAGAMI** for violation of Section 117 and Section 1113 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, JAN 20 2025, January 2025.

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

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-versus-

One (1) Deer Horn brought in by
**SHIRNIE JOHN BATOON
GERONIMO** on 11 October 2024
and held in custody under Held
Baggage Receipt No. 0010002407.

X-----X

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 033-2025 (NAIA)

DECISION

This resolves the seizure and forfeiture proceedings instituted against the above-described article for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113(f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Sections 11 and 27 (i) of Republic Act 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

A cursory review of the entire records of the instant seizure and forfeiture case reveals the following antecedents, to wit:

1. On 11 October 2024, Shirnie John Batoon Geronimo, a Filipino and holder of Passport No. P9775255A, arrived at NAIA Terminal 1 on board Air Niugini Flight PX010 from Papua, New Guinea.
2. Passenger Geronimo's checked-in baggage passed through the non-intrusive examination by XIP Inspector Mohamad Jonaid Udasan, who, thereafter, referred him to Customs Examiner Minette Elizabeth R. Bermundo for verification of the contents.
3. Before conducting an actual physical examination, Customs Examiner Bermundo requested passenger Geronimo to scan his e-Travel Code, but passenger Geronimo admitted that he did not fill out the same. She then requested passenger Geronimo to accomplish the Customs Baggage Declaration, wherein she noted that the passenger answered "No" to all the items in the General Declaration except for Item 12.
4. Customs Examiner Bermundo conducted an actual examination of the check-in baggage of passenger Geronimo which yielded one (1) Deer Horn. When asked if he had an Import Permit from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to transport the said Deer Horn to the Philippines, Mr. Geronimo failed to present any.
5. The Deer Horn was withheld from release and Customs Examiner Bermundo issued Held Baggage Receipt No. 0010002407 to passenger Geronimo, and then turned it over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for custody and safekeeping.
6. In a Memorandum dated 18 October 2024 for the District Collector, this Port, Minette Elizabeth R. Bermundo, Customs Examiner, and Gaylord Hilario C. Ventura, Flight Supervisor, thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos, Jr., Chief, Arrival Operations Division, and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Deputy Collector for



Passenger Service, reported the incident and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the one (1) Deer Horn for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Republic Act (RA) No. 9147 entitled "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act" for lack of Import Permit to import the subject article.

DISCUSSION:

At this juncture, it bears stressing that the importation of the subject article, not being supported by the corresponding clearances required by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), violates Sections 11 and 27 (i) of Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

Sections 11 and 27 (i) of RA 9147 provides:

"Section 11. Exportation and/or importation of Wildlife. Wildlife species may be exported to or imported from another country as may be authorized by the Secretary or the designated representative, subject to strict compliance with the provisions of this Act and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Provided, that the recipient of the wildlife is technically and financially capable to maintain it.

Section 27. Illegal acts. – Unless otherwise allowed in accordance with this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or knowingly exploit wildlife resources and their habitats, or undertake the following acts:

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(i) Transporting of wildlife.

x x x x x x

All wildlife, its derivatives or by-products, and all paraphernalia, toots and conveyances used in connection with violations of this Act, shall be ipso facto forfeited in favor of the government x x x. The apprehending agency shall immediately cause the transfer of all wildlife that have been seized or recovered to the nearest Wildlife Rescue Center of the Department in the area." (Underscoring and emphasis supplied)

On this score, Paragraph 9.3 of Customs Administrative Order No. 10-2020 in relation to Section 119 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), are instructive and authoritative, to wit:

"9.3 If the subject shipment involved has been sufficiently established to be **prohibited**, the same shall be **ipso facto forfeited** in favor of the government."

"Section 119. Restricted importation and exportation. – Except when authorized by law or regulation, the importation or exportation of the following restricted goods are **prohibited**:

(f) Any other goods whose importation and exportation are restricted."



WHEREAS, Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) provides that:

“Section 1113. Property subject to Seizure and Forfeiture. –

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(i) Any package of imported goods which is found upon examination to contain goods not specified in the invoice or goods declaration including all other packages purportedly containing imported goods similar to those declared in the invoice or goods declaration to be the contents of the misdeclared package; xxx

(l) Goods sought to be imported or exported:

x x x

(3) Through a false declaration or affidavit executed by the owner, importer, exporter, or consignee concerning the importation of such, goods;

x x x

(5) Through any other practice or device contrary to law by means of which such goods entered through a customs office to the prejudice of the government.

WHEREFORE, the subject baggage brought in by passenger **SHIRNIE JOHN BATOON GERONIMO** is hereby declared *ipso facto* **FORFEITED** for violation of Section 1113 and Section 119 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), in relation to Sections 11, 27 (i) and 28 of Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the “Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001”, as turned-over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit for custody pursuant to Section 8 (Custody of Seized Goods requiring immediate turn-over to Regulating Agencies) of Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 10-2020 bearing the subject: “Seizure and Forfeiture Proceedings and Appeals Process”.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished to all offices and parties concerned for their information, and a copy thereof to be posted on the Bulletin Board of the Law Division, this Port, for information of all concerned.

SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, JAN 20 2025, January 2025.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. 
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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 012-2025(NAIA)

-versus-

Thirty-Three (33) pieces of Dried American Alligator Head brought in by incoming passenger **JOSEPH ALLAN HOFFMAN** on 08 December 2024 and held In-bond under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020070.

X-----X

DECISION

This resolves the seizure and forfeiture proceedings instituted against the above-described articles for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113(f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Sections 11 and 27 (i) of Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

A cursory review of the entire records of the instant seizure and forfeiture case reveals the following antecedents, to wit:

1. On 08 December 2024, an American passenger named Joseph Allan Hoffman with Passport No. 529423030 arrived at NAIA Terminal 1 on board Flight KE 625 from the United States of America.
2. The checked-in baggage of passenger Hoffman was marked "X" by XIP Operator Erwin Hernandez who then referred the passenger to Customs Examiner Jane A. Celino for physical examination.
3. Before conducting the physical examination on the subject baggage, Customs Examiner Celino asked the passenger to scan his e-Travel QR Code. It was noted that passenger Hoffman ticked "No" to all items pertaining to page 3 of the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF).
4. Customs Examiner Celino conducted the physical examination on his checked-in baggage which yielded Thirty-Three (33) pieces of Dried American Alligator Head.
5. Passenger Hoffman failed to present before the assigned Customs Examiner the required Import Permit/Clearance from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) which necessitated the subject Thirty-Three (33) pieces of Dried American Alligator Head to be held In-bond under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020070. Further, the seized items were turned over to Jonathan Mesa of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD) for safekeeping.
6. In a Memorandum dated 09 December 2024 addressed to the District Collector, this Port, Customs Examiner Jane A. Celino and Acting Flight Supervisor Dianne Karen V. Caceres, thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos Jr, Chief, Arrival Operations Division and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended that a Warrant of Seizure and



Detention (WSD) be issued against the subject Thirty-Three (33) pieces of Dried American Alligator Head for violation of Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture), Section 117 (Regulated Importation and Exportation) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Republic Act 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

DISCUSSION:

At this juncture, it bears stressing that the importation of the subject Thirty-Three (33) pieces of Dried American Alligator Heads were not supported by the corresponding clearances required by Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), violates Sections 11 and 27 (i) of Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, to wit:

Sections 11 and 27 (i) of RA 9147 provides:

Section 11. Exportation and/or Importation of Wildlife. - **Wildlife species may be exported to or imported from another country as may be authorized by the Secretary or the designated representative, subject to strict compliance with the provisions of this Act and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.** Provided, that the recipient of the wildlife is technically and financially capable to maintain it.

Section 27. Illegal Acts. - Unless otherwise allowed in accordance with this Act, **it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully and knowingly exploit wildlife resources and their habitats or undertake the following acts:**

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(i) **Transporting of wildlife.**

x x x x x x

Section 28. x x x x x x

All wildlife, its derivatives or by-products, and all paraphernalia, tools and conveyances used in connection with violations of this Act, **shall be ipso facto forfeited in favor of the government.** The apprehending agency shall immediately cause the transfer of all wildlife that have been seized or recovered to the nearest Wildlife Rescue Center of the Department in the area." (Underscoring and emphasis supplied)

On this score, Paragraph 9.3 of Customs Administrative Order No. 10-2020 in relation to Section 119 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), are instructive and authoritative, to wit:

9.3 If the subject shipment involved has been sufficiently established to be **prohibited**, the same shall be ***ipso facto forfeited*** in favor of the government."



Section 119. Restricted Importation and Exportation. - Except when authorized by law or regulation, the importation or exportation of the following restricted goods are **prohibited**:

xxx

- (f) Any other goods whose importation and exportation are restricted.

WHEREAS, Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) provides that:

Section 1113. Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture-

x x x

- (f) Goods, the importation or exportation of which are effected or attempted contrary to law, or **any goods of prohibited importation** or exportation, and all other goods which, in the opinion of the District Collector, have been used, are or were entered to be used as instruments in the importation or the exportation of the former; xxx

WHEREFORE, the subject goods brought in by passenger **JOSEPH ALLAN HOFFMAN** are hereby declared *ipso facto* **FORFEITED** for violation of Section 119 (f) in relation to Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Sections 11, 27 (i) and 28 of Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001", to be turned-over to the regulatory agency pursuant to Section 8 (Custody of Seized Goods requiring immediate turn-over to Regulating Agencies) of Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 10-2020 bearing the subject: "Seizure and Forfeiture Proceedings and Appeals Process", upon strict compliance with existing customs and allied laws, rules, and regulations.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished to all offices and parties concerned for their information, and a copy thereof to be posted in the Bulletin Board of the Law Division, this Port, for information of all concerned.

SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, JAN 21 2025 January 2025.

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

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