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20 February 2025

MR. AYODELE AYROD RODIPE
Hyatt Regency, City of Dreams
Manila, Parañaque City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 071-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Twenty-Five
Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php125,000.00) brought in by
Canadian traveler named **AYODELE AYROD RODIPE** on 09
January 2025

Dear **Mr. Ayodele Ayrod Rodipe**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 071-2025 (NAIA) issued on February 19, 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;
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4. Exhibits; and
5. Possibility of settlement.

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Officer-on-Case





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January 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 071-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on or about 0723H of 09 January 2025, on board flight no. UA 189 from San Francisco, California, USA, a male Canadian traveler named Ayodele Ayrod Rodipe with Passport No. A1622307 arrived at the NAIA Terminal 3 approached the Customs lane for E-travel QR Code scanning.

WHEREAS, upon checking the scanned QR code, Customs Examiner May Anne B. Panaligan noted that there was a declaration made by the traveler relative to the question on bringing Philippine currency and/or any Philippine monetary instrument amounting to One Hundred Seventy Thousand Pesos (Php 175,000.00).

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Panaligan then asked if he secured a prior written authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to which the traveler answered in the negative. She then invited the traveler to the exclusion room together with ESS SAI Archer Peniza and CIIS personnel Giovanni Villa for verification and counting.

WHEREAS, in the presence of ESS SAI Archer Pineza, CIIS Giovanni Villa Rodipe, and Supervised by Flight Supervisor Princess Tanya R. Atienza, Customs Examiner Panaligan conducted physical examination and yielded to the discovery of a total amount of one hundred seventy-five (175) pieces of one thousand peso bills amounting to One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand (Php175,000.00) Pesos.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Panaligan explained to the traveler that prior written authorization from the BSP was required when importing Philippine currency in excess of fifty thousand pesos. Consequently, Fifty Thousand Pesos was returned to traveler and the remaining amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (Php125,000.00) was confiscated and Held Baggage Receipt No.00100012262 was issued to traveler. The confiscated amount was turned over to Jonathan Mesa for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 09 January 2025, Customs Examiner May Anne B. Panaligan, Flight Supervisor Princess Tanya R. Atienza, 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 foreign 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 **AYODELE AYROD RODIPE** 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, FEB 19 2025, February 2025.

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

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MR. MICHAEL POLIDORI
5 Resort El Nido

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 072-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Fifty Thousand Five Hundred
Philippine Pesos (Php50,500.00) confiscated from incoming
passenger **MICHAEL POLIDORI** and held under Held Baggage
Receipt No. 00100012273

Dear **Mr. Michael Polidori**


This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 072-2025 (NAIA) issued on February 19, 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. 072-2025 (NAIA)

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Fifty Thousand Five Hundred
Philippine Pesos (Php50, 500.00)
confiscated from incoming
passenger **MICHAEL POLIDORI**
and held under Held Baggage
Receipt No. 00100012273.

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 10 January 2025, an Australian traveler named Michael Polidori, holder of Passport with number PA8558051, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport on board Scoot Flight TR396 from Australian via Singapore.

WHEREAS, passenger Polidori proceeded to the Customs Examination Lane for scanning of his e-Travel QR Code, the Customs Examiner noted that the passenger declared that he was bringing with him Philippine Currency in the amount of Php100,000.00

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner asked passenger Polidori if he secured prior written authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to which he replied in the negative. Thereafter, passenger Polidori was brought to the Customs Exclusion Room at the Arrival Area for the verification and physical count of the Philippine currency he declared in his e-Travel Baggage Declaration.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Polidori, the Flight Supervisor, the ESS and CIIS operatives on duty at the Arrival Area, an actual examination was conducted by the Customs Examiner which yielded fifty (50) pieces of One Thousand Peso bills and one hundred one (101) pieces of Five Hundred Peso bills, or the total amount of One Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php100,500.00).

WHEREAS, after the verified counting, the amount of P50,000.00 was returned to passenger Polidori, representing the amount allowed for every passenger to carry without the need for an Import Permit/Clearance from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. The excess amount of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php50,500.00) was withheld from release after which the Customs Examiner issued Held Baggage Receipt (HBR) No. 00100012273 to passenger Polidori.

WHEREAS, on 10 January 2025, Customs Examiner May Anne B. Panaligan 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), 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 **MICHAEL POLIDORI** 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, FEB 19 2025, February 2025.

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

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MR. CHENXIANG ZENG
#37 Circumferential Road
Araneta Village

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 073-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Confiscation of Fifty-One
Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php51,000.00), intercepted from
CHUNXIANG ZENG and held in custody under Held Baggage
Receipt Number 00100009370

Dear **Mr. Chenxiang Zeng**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 073-2025 (NAIA) issued on February 19, 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;
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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 073-2025 (NAIA)

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Confiscation of Fifty-One
Thousand Philippine Pesos (PHP
51,000.00), intercepted from
CHUNXIANG ZENG and held in
custody under Held Baggage
Receipt Number 00100009370.

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 03 November 2024, the carry-on baggage of a Chinese traveler named Chunxiang Zeng with Passport Number EE7761836 arrived on board flight MF 817 from China at Ninoy Aquino International Airport. The hand-carried luggage underwent a non-intrusive inspection conducted by X-ray Inspection Program Inspector Christopher C. Asuncion, and, thereafter, referred by ESS Muhammad M. Benito and CIIS Agent George D. Bataican to Acting Customs Examiner Kate Betheline Badon for physical examination.

WHEREAS, before the hand-carried luggage underwent the physical examination, Customs Examiner Badon asked passenger Zeng if she completed the e-Travel. The passenger made a gesture which appeared to indicate that she did not understand the question. It being the case, the Customs Examiner accepted a manually filled-out Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF). It was noted that the passenger answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration Form except for Item No. 1 which pertains to "Philippine Currency and/or any Philippine monetary instrument in excess of PHP 50,000.00." The traveler declared the amount of One Hundred One Thousand Philippine Pesos (PHP 101,000.00 in the Currency Declaration Form (CDF).

WHEREAS, in the presence of the traveler, ESS Personnel, CIIS Agent, and Flight Supervisor Rosalinda Ros, the physical count conducted by Customs Examiner, yielded the total amount of One Hundred One Thousand Philippine Pesos (PHP 101,000.00).

WHEREAS, after the verified counting of the Philippine currency, the Customs Examiner asked the passenger if she secured prior written authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and replied in the negative. It was explained by the Customs Examiner to the traveler that Philippine Currency in excess of allowable Fifty Thousand Pesos (PHP 50,000.00) shall be confiscated without the authorization. A total of Fifty-One Thousand Pesos (PHP 51,000.00) was seized for 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 allowable amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (PHP 50,000.00) was returned to the traveler while the excess amount was under Held Baggage Receipt Number 00100009370. The confiscated Philippine Currency was turned over to Baggage Assistance Division Annaliza Reyes.



WHEREAS, on 08 January 2025, Customs Examiner Kate Betheline T. Badon, Flight Supervisor Rosalinda A. Ros 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 **CHUNXIANG ZENG** 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, **FEB 19 2025**, February 2025

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

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20 February 2025

MESSRS. BO ZHANG and YIXIN WANG
c/o Atty. Hue Jyro Go and Hywel Vergara
No. 66 Zodiac Street
Bel Air 134 Makati City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 080-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Ninety Thousand US Dollars
(USD90,000.00) intercepted from outgoing passengers BO
ZHANG and YIXIN WANG on 13 December 2024

Dear Mr. Bo Zhang and Yixin Wang

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 080-2025 (NAIA) issued on February 19, 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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Ninety Thousand US Dollars
(USD90,000) intercepted from
outgoing passengers **BO ZHANG**
and **YIXIN WANG** on 13 December
2024.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 080-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 13 December 2024 at around 1420H, while Customs Examiner Lee Anne A. Perez is on duty at Customs Departure of NAIA Terminal 1, two passengers with Passport Numbers ED9818884 and ED9590383 named Bo Zhang and Yixin Wang, both Chinese nationals, departing for Hongkong, China was referred to her by the Office of the Transport Service on duty personnel for verification due to suspicious images of possible currencies shown through pat down.

WHEREAS, before conducting the physical examination, Customs Examiner Perez asked the passengers for their E-travel QR code to which the travelers answered in the negative. Customs Examiner Perez even asked the passengers if they have anything to declare, to which they replied "NO".

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner then proceeded with the initial physical examination of the passenger's hand carry baggage. During the conduct of the examination, passengers' baggage contains bundles of United States Dollar. Thereafter, passengers were invited to the Customs Exclusion Room.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passengers Bo Zhang and Yixin Wang, and witnessed by the ESS and CIIS personnel on duty, using actual money counting machine, yielded an amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand United States Dollars (USD110,000.00).

WHEREAS, after verified counting, the allowable amount equivalent to Twenty Thousand (USD20,000.00), Ten Thousand (USD10,000.00) each, was returned to Bo Zhang and Yixin Wang.

WHEREAS, the total amount of Ninety Thousand US Dollars (USD90,000.00) was held-in-bond due to non-declaration of their foreign currency in the e-Travel system or through the Customs counter. Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020104 was issued to traveler Bo Zhang for the Thirty Thousand US Dollars (USD30,000.00) and Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020092 was issued to traveler Yixin Wang for the Sixty Thousand US Dollars (USD60,000.00). These confiscated currencies were returned to Annaliza Reyes of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 15 December 2024, Customs Examiner Lee Anne A. Perez, Acting Flight Supervisor Ivan Paolo Durana, thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service and Acting Chief, Departure Operations



Division, submitted their Incident Report recommending the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the subject foreign currency in violation of Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022 bearing the subject: 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.

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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)

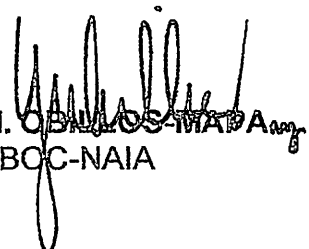
WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization 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 outgoing passengers **BO ZHANG and YIXIN WANG** 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.

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SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, FEB 19 2025, February 2025.

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

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