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13 February 2025

MR. PATRIARCH FRANZ BENSON ALCONES
11M Viridian Greenhills
San Juan City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 057-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Seventy-Two
Thousand US Dollars (USD272,000.00) intercepted from
departing passenger **PATRIARCH FRANZ BENSON ALCONES**
on 22 January 2025

Dear **Mr. Patriarch Franz Benzon Alcones**

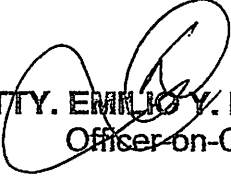
This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 057-2025 (NAIA) issued on February 12, 2025 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

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. EMILIO Y. LEGASPI IV
Officer-on-Case





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Thousand US Dollars (USD
272,000.00) intercepted from
departing passenger **Patriarch
Franz Benson Alcones** on
22 January 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 057-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 22 January 2025, at around 0745H, a Filipino passenger named Patriarch Franz Benson Alcones with Passport Number P7837971A was about to depart at NAIA Terminal 3 on-board flight CX 912 to Hong Kong.

WHEREAS, the checked-in baggage of Patriarch Franz Benson Alcones underwent a non-intrusive examination by the personnel of the Office of the Transport Security (OTS) at the Baggage Make Up Area- Departure and was referred to Customs Examiner Armie Jane A. Edrad for physical inspection.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Edrad asked passenger Alcones to submit his passport and Currency Declaration Form in the E-Travel to which he responded in the negative. Since no declaration was made relative to the question of bringing out of foreign currency and/or foreign monetary instrument in excess of USD10,000.00 or its equivalent, passenger Alcones was then invited to the Customs Exclusion Room, together with the personnel on duty from the Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service (CIIS), and Office For Transportation Security (OTS) for the conduct of a thorough examination.

WHEREAS, in the presence of Mr. Patriarch Franz Benson M. Alcones, operatives from ESS and CIIS, Customs Examiner Edrad conducted the physical examination which yielded **TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND US DOLLARS (US\$ 272,000.00)**. Consequently, a Held-Baggage Receipt No. 00100012431 was issued for the entire amount of Two hundred Seventy-Two Thousand US Dollars (US\$ 272,000.00) due to the traveler's non-declaration. The confiscated Foreign Currencies were turned over to Sheila May Asis of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 24 January 2025, Customs Examiner Armie Jane A. Edrad and Flight Supervisor Gerardo P. Pascual thru Gaylord Hilario C. Ventura, Acting Chief, Departure 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 Two Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand US Dollars (USD 272,000.00) for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 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), 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 passenger **Patriarch Franz Benson Alcones** 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, FEB 12 2025, February 2025.

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

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MR. KHALID ABDULLH A. ALDOKHEL
Okada Hotel

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 058-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Six Thousand Six Hundred US
Dollars (USD6,600.00) intercepted from incoming passenger
KHALID ABDULLH A. ALDOKHEL on 28 November 2024

Dear **Mr. Khalid Abdullh A. Aldokhel**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 058-2025 (NAIA) issued on February 12, 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.

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

Very truly yours,


ATTY. HYACINTH A. MIRANDA
Officer-on-Case





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Six Thousand Six Hundred US Dollars (USD6,600.00) intercepted from incoming passenger **KHALID ABDULLH A ALDOKHEL** on 28 November 2024

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 058-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 28 November 2024 at around 1018H, a male Saudi Arabian traveler named Khalid Abdullh A Aldokel, holder of a passport with number V229951, on board flight PR 655 from Saudi, approached SA1 Noroden Tomiara and SA1 Alex Trespeces and said that he wanted to declare foreign currency. Consequently, the traveler was referred to Customs Examiner Jessica F. Castor.

WHEREAS, the Customs Examiner asked the traveler if he accomplished the QR code for e-travel to which he replied in the affirmative. The traveler handed over his passport and show his QR code for scanning. Upon checking the scanned QR code, Examiner Castor noted that the traveler ticked "No" to all items in the General Declaration.

WHEREAS, Examiner Castor proceeded with the actual counting of the foreign currency in the presence of the traveler and witnessed by SA1 Noroden Tomiara, SA1 Alex Trespeces and was supervised by Flight Supervisor Anthony C. Relucio. The actual amount counted and verified by Examiner Castor is Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred US Dollars (USD16,600.00).

WHEREAS, Examiner Castor explained to the traveler that if he is carrying an amount exceeding Ten Thousand US Dollars (USD10,000.00) or its equivalent, he is required to declare the whole amount in the e-travel.

WHEREAS, the physical examination yielded an actual amount of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred US Dollars (USD16,600.00).

WHEREAS, after verified counting, the Ten Thousand US Dollars (USD10,000.00) was returned to the traveler. The excess of the allowable amount which is Six Thousand Six Hundred US Dollars (USD6,600.00) was confiscated, and Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009572 was issued to traveler. Thereafter the said amount was turned over to Annaliza L. Reyes of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 14 January 2025, Customs Examiner Jessica Castor, Flight Supervisor Anthony C. Relucio 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), 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 incoming passenger **KHALID ABDULLH A ALDOKHEL** 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.


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BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, _____, February 2025.

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

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MR. KWANGSUK SEO
Solaire Resort Entertainment City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 059-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Fifty Three Thousand US Dollars
(US\$53,000.00) confiscated from incoming passenger
KWANGSUK SEO under Held Baggage Receipt (HBR) No.
00100020227

Dear **Mr. Kwangsuk Seo**


This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 059-2025 (NAIA) issued on February 12, 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;
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Very truly yours,


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Fifty Three Thousand US Dollars
(US\$53,000.00) confiscated from
incoming passenger **KWANGSUK
SEO** under Held Baggage Receipt
(HBR) No. 00100020227.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION

NO. 059-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 02 January 2025, a Korean traveler named Kwangsuk Seo, holder of Passport with Number M11186843, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) on board Asiana Airlines Flight OZ 701 from Incheon, South Korea.

WHEREAS, the handcarried luggage of passenger Seo passed through the non-intrusive examination conducted by XIP Inspector SG Sanilyn Fernandez who then referred him to Customs Examiner Jenel C. Jandlino for verification of the suspicious images detected and for the conduct of physical examination thereof.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual physical examination, Customs Examiner Janolino asked Passenger Seo to submit his passport and the e-Travel QR Code for scanning. Upon checking the details, Customs Examiner Janolino noted that passenger Seo did not declare anything regarding foreign currency and/or monetary instrument in excess of the threshold of \$10,000.00 or its equivalent. She also asked the passenger if he had anything to declare to which the latter answered in the negative.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Janolino conducted an actual examination of Mr. Seo's handcarried luggage which yielded three (3) bundles of One Hundred US Dollar bills placed inside his cross-body bag and wallet, or the total amount of Fifty Three Thousand US Dollars (US\$53,000.00).

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Janolino then invited passenger Seo to the Customs Exclusion Room for the conduct of physical counting in the presence of Flight Supervisor Ramon S. Calleja and the ESS, XIP and CIIS operatives on duty at the Arrival Area.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Janolino explained to passenger Seo using the Google Translate application the rules and procedures regarding the Cross Border Transfer of Foreign Currencies and that every passenger is only allowed to carry the threshold amount of US\$10,000.00 without declaring the same and the excess amount shall be confiscated. Thereafter, Customs Examiner Janolino issued Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020227 for the whole amount of US\$53,000.00 which she then turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, this Port, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 03 January 2025, Customs Examiner Jenel C. Jandlino and Flight Supervisor Ramon S.



Calleja, Jr 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 a Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Fifty Three Thousand US Dollars (US\$53,000.00) for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (l) (2) 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".

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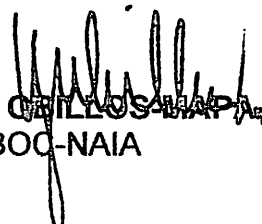
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SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, FEB 12 2025, February 2025.

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

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