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17 March 2025

MR. YOSHIMITSU BITO
Marilao, Bulacan

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 103-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Four Million One Hundred Eighty
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY4,180,000.00) intercepted from
incoming passenger **YOSHIMITSU BITO** on 22 February 2025

Dear **Mr. Yoshimitsu Bito**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 103-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 14, 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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ATTY. TEODOLFO MARTIN S. YERRO IV
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Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY
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incoming passenger **YOSHIMITSU
BITO** on 22 February 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 103-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 22 February 2025, at around 1844H, a male Japanese passenger named Yoshimitsu Bito with Passport No. TT5354170 arrived at NAIA Terminal 1 on board flight PR 731 from Thailand.

WHEREAS, Bito's hand-carry baggage was subjected to a non-intrusive examination by XIP Operator Edgardo Soriano which was then referred to Customs Examiner Atty. Jofil James A. Abrenillo for physical examination.

WHEREAS, prior to physical examination, Customs Examiner Abrenillo instructed passenger Bito to scan the e-Travel QR Code and hand over his passport. Upon checking the scanned QR code, Customs Examiner noted that the passenger ticked "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration. During the initial check of the traveler's hand-carry baggage, bundles of Japanese bills were discovered. Subsequently, Customs Examiner Abrenillo invited the passenger to the exclusion room for physical counting and verification of currency.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Bito, representatives from ESS and CIIS, Customs Examiner Abrenillo conducted the physical examination which yielded Five Million Six Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 5,676,000.00). Customs Examiner Abrenillo returned the total amount of JPY 1,496,000.00 or equivalent to USD 10,000.00 which represents the total allowable amount to be brought in by passengers. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009842 was issued to passenger Bito covering the excess amount of Four Million One Hundred Eighty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 4,180,000.00). The confiscated Foreign Currencies were turned over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 25 February 2025, Customs Examiner Atty. Jofil James A. Abrenillo and Acting Flight Supervisor Cyrus Victor V. Go thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos Jr., Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Mark Jhon O. Almase, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended for the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Four Million One Hundred Eighty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 4,180,000.00) 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 incoming passenger **YOSHIMITSU BITO** 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, MAR 14 2025, March 2025.

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

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**MESSRS. KUZUYOSHI SATO
and ERIKA SATO**
c/o Atty. Maritess Mina-Reginaldo
Unit 1, Palo Alto, Saint George Street
Metrocor Southgate Subdivision
Almanza I, Las Piñas City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 104-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Five Million Five Hundred Eighty
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY5,580,000.00) intercepted from
incoming passengers **KAZUYOSHI SATO** and **ERIKA SATO** on
29 January 2025

Dear **Messrs. Kazuyoshi Sato and Erika Sato**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 104-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 14, 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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Five Million Five Hundred Eighty
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY
5,580,000.00) intercepted from
incoming passengers
KAZUYOSHI SATO and **ERIKA
SATO** on 29 January 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 104-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 29 January 2025, at around 2050H, Japanese passengers named Kazuyoshi Sato with Passport No. TS3245519 and Erika Sato with Passport No. TT5235649 arrived at NAIA Terminal 1 on board flight PR 421 from Japan.

WHEREAS, their hand-carry baggage were subjected to a non-intrusive examination by XIP Operator Junaid Udasan which was then referred to Customs Examiner Sybil Charmaine M. Bacyan for physical examination.

WHEREAS, prior to physical examination, Customs Examiner Bacyan instructed the passengers to scan the e-Travel QR Code and hand over their passports. Upon checking the scanned QR code, Customs Examiner noted that both passengers ticked "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration. During the initial check of the traveler's hand-carry baggage, bundles of Japanese bills were discovered. Subsequently, Customs Examiner Bacyan invited the passengers to the exclusion room for physical counting and verification of currency.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passengers Kazuyoshi Sato and Erika Sato, representatives from ESS and CIIS, Customs Examiner Bacyan conducted the physical examination which yielded Eight Million Seven Hundred Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 8,700,000.00). Customs Examiner Bacyan returned the total amount of JPY 3,120,000.00 or equivalent to USD 20,000.00 which represents the total allowable amount to be brought in by passengers without the need for a declaration. Thereafter, Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020362 was issued covering the excess amount of Five Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 5,580,000.00). The confiscated foreign currencies were turned over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 07 February 2025, Customs Examiner Sybil Charmaine M. Bacyan and Acting Flight Supervisor Cyrus Victor V. Go thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos Jr., Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Mark Jhon O. Almase, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended for the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Five Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 5,580,000.00) for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and



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 incoming passengers **KAZUYOSHI SATO** and **ERIKA SATO** 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, _____, March 2025.

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

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17 March 2025

MR. SALIH AMIL SAKALURAN
147G MCM Apartment
Pasay City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 105-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Three Million Nine Hundred Fifty
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY3,950,000.00), Twenty Thousand
Euro (EU20,000.00), and Eight Thousand Five Hundred Kuwaiti
Dinar (KWD8,500.00) intercepted from outgoing passenger
SALIH AMIL SAKALURAN on 21 February 2025

Dear **Mr. Salih Amil Sakaluran**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 105-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 14, 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,


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Three Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 3,950,000.00), Twenty Thousand Euro (EU 20,000.00), and Eight Thousand Five Hundred Kuwaiti Dinar (KWD 8,500) intercepted from outgoing passenger **SALIH AMIL SAKALURAN** on 21 February 2025.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 105-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 21 February 2025, at around 0700H, a male Filipino passenger named Salih Amil Sakaluran with Passport No. P7315624C was about to depart at NAIA Terminal 1 on-board flight PR300 to Hong Kong.

WHEREAS, the carry-on baggage of Mr. Salih Amil Sakaluran underwent a non-intrusive examination conducted by the personnel of the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) which was then referred to Acting Customs Examiner Joshua Patrick A. Izon for verification.

WHEREAS, prior to physical examination, Customs Examiner Izon instructed the passenger to scan the e-Travel QR Code. Upon checking the scanned QR code, Customs Examiner noted that passenger Sakaluran ticked "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration of the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form(e-CBDF). During the initial check on the traveler's baggage, bundles of Japanese bills, European bills, and Kuwait Dinar bills were discovered. Subsequently, Customs Examiner Izon invited the passenger to the exclusion room for physical counting and verification of currency.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Salih Amil Sakaluran, representatives from ESS and CIIS, Customs Examiner Izon conducted the physical examination which yielded Three Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 3,950,000.00), Twenty Thousand Euro (EU 20,000.00), and Eight Thousand Five Hundred Kuwaiti Dinar (KWD 8,500). Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009820 was issued for the entire amount seized. The confiscated Foreign Currencies were turned over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 21 February 2025, Acting Customs Examiner Sybil Joshua Patrick A. Izon and Flight Supervisor Ronald P. Arzadon 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 a Warrant of Seizure and Detention



(WSD) against the amount of Three Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 3,950,000.00), Twenty Thousand Euro (EU 20,000.00), and Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dinar (KWD 8,500) 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 **SALIH AMIL SAKALURAN** 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, _____, March 2025.

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

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MR. SEUNG HOON BAEK
Okada Hotel

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 106-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Five Hundred Thousand Korean Won (KRW500,000.00) brought in by one **SEUNG HOON BAEK** on 01 February 2025 and Held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020452

Dear **Mr. Seung Hoon Baek**


This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 106-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 14, 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,


ATTY. EMILIO Y. LEGASPI IV
Officer-in-Charge





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Five Hundred Thousand Korean Won (KRW500,000.00) brought in by one **SEUNG HOON BAEK** on 01 February 2025 and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020452.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 106-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 01 February 2025, a male Korean traveler named Seung Hoon Baek and holder of Passport No. M46191713, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 1 on board Philippine Airlines Flight PR 467 from Incheon, Korea.

WHEREAS, the carry-on baggage of passenger Baek passed through the non-intrusive examination conducted by XIP Inspector Joshua Anticamara. After detecting suspicious image on the x-ray screen, he referred passenger Baek and his carry-on baggage to Acting Customs Examiner Jaber Sabdullah for verification and physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual physical examination, Acting Customs Examiner Sabdullah requested passenger Baek to scan his e-Travel QR Code wherein he noted that the passenger answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration of his e-CBDF. Thereafter, he conducted an actual physical examination of the carry-on baggage of passenger Baek.

WHEREAS, during the initial check of passenger Baek's carry-on bag, Acting Customs Examiner Sabdullah found several bundles of Korean Won inside, so he invited passenger Baek, Flight Supervisor Diane Karen Caceres and the ESS and CIIS operatives to the Arrival Exclusion Room for verification and physical counting of the subject foreign currency. The actual physical examination yielded the total amount of Fifteen Million Korean Won (KRW15,000,000.00).

WHEREAS, Acting Customs Examiner Sabdullah returned to passenger Baek the amount of Fourteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Korean Won (KRW14,500,000.00), the equivalent of US\$10,000.00 which is allowed for every traveler without the need to submit an Import Permit/Clearance from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and withheld the release of the remaining amount of Five Hundred Thousand Korean Won (KRW500,000.00). Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020452 was issued to passenger Baek and then turned over the confiscated currency to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 03 February 2025, Acting Customs Examiner Jaber Sabdullah and Flight Supervisor Dianne Karen Caceres, thru the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, the Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and the



Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported the interception and confiscation of the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Korean Won (KRW500,000.00) to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the aforesated amount for failure to declare the said amount in violation of Sections 117 and 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and BSP Circular No. 1146, series of 2022, and Section 4.2 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions.

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), is instructive and authoritative, and provides that:

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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)

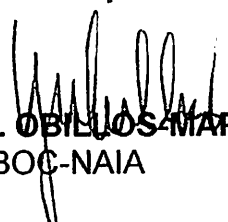
WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization 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 **SEUNG HOON BAEK** 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, MAR 14 2025, March 2025.


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

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**MESSRS. KEISUKE KOJIMA
and TETSUO KOJIMA**
Davao Del Sur

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 107-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Million Three Hundred Forty
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY1,340,000.00) intercepted from
incoming passengers **KEISUKE KOJIMA** and **TETSUO KOJIMA**
on 30 December 2024 and held in custody under Held Baggage
Receipt No. 00100012217

Dear **Messrs. Keisuke Kojima and Tetsuo Kojima**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 107-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 14, 2025 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

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Very truly yours,


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



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(JPY1,340,000.00) intercepted
from incoming passengers
**KEISUKE KOJIMA and TETSUO
KOJIMA** on 30 December 2024
and held in custody under Held
Baggage Receipt No.
00100012217.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 107-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 30 December 2024, two (2) Japanese travelers named Keisuke Kojima and his son Tetsuo Kojima, with Passport Numbers TT2102679 and MZ2190946, arrived at NAIA Terminal 3 on board All Nippon Airways Flight NH869 from Haneda, Japan.

WHEREAS, the handcarried luggage of passenger Keisuke Kojima underwent the non-intrusive x-ray screening where the duty XIP Inspector noted suspicious images which prompted her to refer both passengers to the Customs Examiner on duty for verification.

WHEREAS, upon approaching the Arrival Area, passenger Keisuke presented his e-Travel Customs Baggage Declaration Form and after going over the same, the Customs Examiner noted that the passenger answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration.

WHEREAS, during the conduct of the actual examination in the presence of passengers Kojima and the representatives of the ESS and the CIIS operatives on duty, the Customs Examiner found the total amount of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY4,500,000.00). Thereafter, the Customs Examiner returned the amount of One Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY1,580,000.00) each to passengers Keisuke Kojima and Tetsuo Kojima which is allowed by law to be carried by the incoming passengers without the need to present the BSP Import Permit/Clearance.

WHEREAS, the remaining amount of One Million Three Hundred and Forty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY1,340,000.00) was withheld from release and Held Baggage Receipt No. 001000000100012217 was issued by the Customs Examiner to passengers Kojima which was then turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 02 January 2025, the assigned Customs Examiner and the duty Flight Supervisor, thru the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, the



Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service and the Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported to the District Collector, this Port, regarding the interception of the undeclared Japanese Yen from incoming passengers Keisuke and Tetsuo Kojima in the amount of JPY1,340,000.00 and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to BSP Circular No. 1146 series of 2022.

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 passengers **KEISUKE KOJIMA and TETSUO KOJIMA** 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.

MAR 14 2025

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, _____ March 2025.

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

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17 March 2025

MR. TROY ANDREJS SALAKS
Porto Vita Quezon City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 108-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (Php190,000.00) Philippine currency, confiscated from departing passenger **TROY ANDREJS SALAKS** and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009730

Dear **Mr. Troy Andrejs Salaks**


This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 108-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 14, 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-in-Charge





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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 108-2025 (NAIA)

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One Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (Php190,000.00) Philippine Currency, confiscated from departing passenger **TROY ANDREJS SALAKS** and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009730.

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 09 February 2025, a male American traveler named Troy Andrejs Salaks, and holder of Passport with number A31435970, was about to depart on board Philippine Airlines Flight PR 466 bound for China.

WHEREAS, passenger Salaks' carry-on baggage underwent a non-intrusive inspection by TSRMS Roland S. Espartero of the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) at the final X-ray Check Area, who, thereafter referred him to the Customs Examiner on duty for verification and physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting the physical examination, Acting Customs Examiner Jaber A. Sabdullah explained to passenger Salaks that his carry-on bag will undergo physical examination and then asked him to show his Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Permit, to which the latter answered "None". Customs Examiner Sabdullah then invited passenger Salaks to the Arrival Exclusion Room for the physical examination of his carry-on bag.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Vloria conducted an initial examination of the handcarry luggage of passenger Salaks in the presence of Flight Supervisor Dianne Karen V. Caceres and the ESS and CIIS operatives on duty, which yielded to the discovery of undeclared local currency in the total amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (Php240,000.00) .

WHEREAS, after the verified counting, Customs Examiner Sabdullah returned the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos Php50,000.00 which did not require prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). However, the remaining amount of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (Php190,000.00) was withheld from release for lack of the required prior authorization from the BSP. Thereafter, Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009730 was issued to passenger Salaks for the remaining amount of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (Php190,000.00) which was then turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 09 February 2025, Acting Customs Examiner Jaber A. Sabdullah and Flight Supervisor Dianne Karen V. Caceres, thru the Chief, Deprture Operations Division, the Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service and



the Deputy Collector for Passenger Service reported to the District Collector, this Port, the interception and confiscation of the undeclared amount of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (Php190,000.00) from outbound passenger Troy Andrejs Salaks for lack of the required BSP export permit/clearance in violation of Section 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".

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 **TROY ANDREJS SALAKS** 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.

MAR 14 2025

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

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

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17 March 2025

MR. SEUNGWON CHAE
Okada Hotel

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 109-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Five Hundred Thousand Korean
Won (KRW500,000.00) brought in by incoming passenger
SEUNGWON CHAE on 01 February 2025

Dear **Mr. Seungwon Chae**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 109-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 14, 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
Officer-on-Case





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Won (KRW 500,000.00) brought in
by incoming passenger
SEUNGWON CHAE on 01
February 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 109-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 01 February 2025, at about 1100H, a male Korean passenger named Seungwon Chae with Passport Number M388D0783 arrived at NAIA Terminal 1 on board flight PR 467 from Korea.

WHEREAS, Chae's carry-on baggage underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Operator Joshua Anticamara and was referred to Acting Customs Examiner Jaber Sabdullah for physical inspection.

WHEREAS, before conducting the physical examination, Customs Examiner asked passenger Chae to scan his e-Travel QR code. It was noted that the traveler answered "NO" to all items in the General Declaration of the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF).

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Chae, representative from ESS, and Acting Flight Supervisor, Customs Examiner Sabdullah conducted the physical examination which yielded Fifteen Million Korean Won (KRW 15,000,000.00). The amount of Fourteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Korean Won (KRW 14,500,000.00) was returned to passenger Chae representing the total amount allowed to be brought in by incoming passengers. Thereafter, a Held-Baggage Receipt No. 00100020463 was issued to passenger Chae for the excess amount of Five Hundred Thousand Korean Won (KRW 500,000.00). The confiscated Foreign Currencies were turned over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 03 February 2025, Acting Customs Examiner Jaber Sabdullah and Acting Flight Supervisor Dianne Karen Caceres 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 Five Hundred Thousand Korean Won (KRW 500,000.00) 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".





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17 March 2025

MR. YEWEI WILLY GAN
c/o Atty. Ma. Fatima Ungson-Liu
Lacebal Miquiabas Ungson-Liu
& Magsombol Law Offices
Unit 109 & 309 Humana Wellness Center
Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Road, Sta. Rosa City, Laguna

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 112-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Sixty Six Thousand
Philippine Peso Bills (Php266,000.00) brought in by Singaporean
traveler named **YEWEI WILLY GAN** on 02 February 2025

Dear **Mr. Yewei Willy Gan**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 112-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 14, 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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Two Hundred Sixty Six Thousand
Philippine Peso Bills
(Php266,000.00) brought in by
Singaporean traveler named
YEWEI WILLY GAN on 02
February 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 112-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 02 February 2025, on board flight no. PR 592 from Vietnam, a male Singaporean traveler named Yewei Willy Gan with Passport No. K5379123B arrived at the NAIA Terminal 1. His hand carry baggage was subjected to non-intrusive inspection by X-Ray Inspection Project (XIP) Personnel Edgardo Soriano, which thereafter referred to Customs Examiner Kyle Christian U. Vioria for physical examination.

WHEREAS, Examiner Vioria asked the traveler if he had a QR Code for the e-travel, to which he replied in the affirmative. The traveler handed over his passport and was asked to scan the QR Code for the e-travel. Upon checking the scanned QR Code, Customs Examiner Vioria noted that the traveler ticked "No" to all items in the General Declaration.

WHEREAS, initial examination yielded bundles of Philippine Peso banknotes. The traveler was then invited to the exclusion room together with the ESS SA1 Joselito Custodio and CIIS personnel Carlo Anzures for physical examination and counting of the Philippine Peso Notes.

WHEREAS, the physical counting yielded to a total amount of Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Pesos (Php316,000.00)

WHEREAS, after physical counting, Customs Examiner Vioria explained to the traveler that non-declaration of the Philippine currency in excess of Fifty Thousand pesos (Php50,000.00) and failure to provide prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will result to the confiscation of the excess of the Fifty Thousand Pesos. The total amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Pesos (Php266,000.00) was confiscated and Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020474 was issued to traveler Yewei Willy Gan and was turned over to COOIII Edward Velasco of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division. This procedure was done in the presence of ESS SA1 Joselito Custodio, CIIS Carlo Anzures and Flight Supervisor Ramon S. Calleja.

WHEREAS, on 06 February 2025, Customs Examiner Kyle Christian U. Vioria, Flight Supervisor Princess 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, in a Letter dated 20 January 2025, from Tereso O. Panga, Director General, Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), attested that:

“Mr. Gan was issued a PEZA Visa (PV) with an initial validity period from 02 May 2024 to 14 February 2025 and was subsequently renewed with a validity period from 15 February 2025 to 14 February 2027. Mr. Gan is currently employed as a General Manager at MTPI.

As representative by MTPI, on 02 February 2025, Mr. Gan returned from vacation in Vietnam and inadvertently exceeded the allowable limit for bringing Philippine currency into the country. Mr. Gan believed his total cash did not exceed the US10,000.00 limit and upon his arrival, he voluntarily presented all his belongings for inspection, demonstrating his intent to adhere to customs regulations.”

WHEREAS, on 25 February 2025, appeared before the Law Division, formally enters her appearance as private counsel of claimant Yewei Willy Gan. She also submitted an Appeal, portions of which is culled hereunder, to wit:

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14. Petitioner being the General Manager of a legitimate business company in the Philippines (Miyoshi Technologies Phils. Inc.) is a holder of (47 a2) – PEZA Investor VISA. As such he is receiving his regular salaries, allowances and benefits in Philippine Peso. Having said this his possession of Philippine currency is not illegal nor tainted with any malice or bad faith as being sourced from his legitimate employment and services rendered as the General Manager of a legitimate PEZA registered enterprise;

15. Truth be told the HR/Admin certification to this matter (Annex “D”) would show that the source of the fund is from his employment. More importantly, the timing of the release of the salary and benefits explains clearly how the said amount was in possession of the petitioner on the last working day of January 2025.

16. To this end, however unfortunate albeit, inadvertent mistake, petitioner not knowing of any regulations on the “*Cross Boarder Transfer of Local and Foreign Currency*”, in particular with the Philippine Peso Currency, brought with him his salary for the month of January 2025 in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php300,000.00) when he travelled out of the Philippines to Vietnam to meet his close friend (for the celebration of Lunar Holidays);”

WHEREAS, after 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 Philippine currency for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by BSP Circular Nos. 794 dated April 18, 2013, 874 dated April 8, 2015; 922 dated August 23, 2016 and 1146 dated May 26, 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated June 14, 1993 (The New Central Bank Act);



WHEREAS, Paragraph 1 - Section 4 of BSP Circular No. 1146, Series of 2022, with the subject "Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies", as implemented by the Bureau of Customs by virtue of Customs Memorandum Circular (CMC) No. 89-2022 dated July 5, 2022, 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)."

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, it is hereby ordered and decreed that the subject Philippine currency intercepted from Singaporean passenger named **YEWEI WILLI GAN** on 02 February 2025 is hereby ordered seized for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by BSP Circular Nos. 794 dated April 18, 2013, 874 dated April 8, 2015; 922 dated August 23, 2016 and 1146 dated May 26, 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated June 14, 1993 (The New Central Bank Act); which is now in the custody of the Collection Division for custody and safekeeping, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, this Port, or and/or further ordered by this Port.

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 is to be strictly observed.

SO ORDERED.

MAR 14 2025

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

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

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MR. SEE FATT HING
Newport Casino

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 113-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred One Thousand
Philippine Pesos (Php101,000.00) brought in by Malaysian
traveler named **SEE FATT HING** on 07 February 2025

Dear **Mr. See Fatt Hing**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 113-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 14, 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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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 113-2025 (NAIA)

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One Hundred One Thousand
Philippine Pesos (Php101,000.00)
brought in by Malaysian traveler
named **SEE FATT HING** on 07
February 2025

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on or about 1505H of 07 February 2025, on board flight no. MH806 from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, a male Malaysian traveler named See Fatt Hing with Passport No. A583731 arrived at NAIA approached Customs Examiner Jewel Irish Abuejela for currency declaration and presented his passport and E-travel QR Code for scanning. Upon checking the scanned QR code, Examiner Abuejela observed that the passenger ticked "No" to all items in the General Declaration except for item no. 1 and no. 2 which pertains to Philippine currency and/or any Philippine monetary instrument in excess of Php50,000.00 and foreign currency and/or Foreign Monetary Instrument in excess of USD10,000 or its equivalent, respectively. Customs Examiner, together with ESS Dean Oran, CIIS Alexander Trespeces and Flight Supervisor Princess Tanya Atienza invited the traveler to the exclusion room for the counting of the declared currency.

WHEREAS, physical examination yielded to the discovery of Three Hundred Thousand Hongkong Dollars (HKD300,000.00) and One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00).

WHEREAS, after verified counting, Customs Examiner Abuejela asked the passenger if he secured a prior written authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), to which he replied in the negative. The amount of One Hundred Thousand One Pesos (101,000.00) was confiscated. The declared Three Hundred Thousand Hongkong Dollars (HKD300,000.00) and Fifty Thousand Philippine Peso (Php50,000.00) were returned to the traveler. Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009729 was issued.

WHEREAS, on 07 February 2025, Acting Customs Examiner Jewel Iris G. Abuejela, 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 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:



