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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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One Hundred Ten Thousand Pesos  
(Ph110,000.00) brought in by  
incoming Singaporean Travelers  
**RITA LIM SHU CHEN**, on 15  
February 2025.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 116-2025 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

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

WHEREAS, on or about 1700H of 15 February 2025, the carry-on baggage of a female Singaporean traveler named Rita Lim Shu Chen, with passport number K2315556H, on board flight SQ 912 from Singapore, underwent non-intrusive inspection by X-ray Inspection Project (XIP) Inspector Jayson Billante and the same was referred to Acting Customs Examiner Melody D. Garcia for physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting the physical examination, the above-signed Customs Examiner asked the passenger to scan the e-travel QR code and hand over her passport. Upon checking the scanned QR code, Acting Customs Examiner Garcia noted that in the e-travel form of the passenger filed through the e-travel Customs System, no declaration was made relative to the question of bringing in Philippine Pesos in excess of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00). The Examiner verbally asked the Singaporean traveler if she had anything to declare to which the traveler replied in the negative.

WHEREAS, Examiner Garcia invited the traveler together with ESS SA1 Noroden Tomiara, CIIS Allan Pielago and Acting Flight Supervisor Jerico E. Flores to the exclusion room for physical counting and verification of the suspected currency.

WHEREAS, the physical examination led to the discovery of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php260,000.00).

WHEREAS, after verified counting of the Philippine currency, it was explained that every traveler is allowed to bring in Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) without the need for declaration or import permit. Hence, a total amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) was returned to traveler Rita Lim Shu Chen and two of her family members companion namely See Lay Cheng with Passport Number K2294386 and Lim Swee Guan with Passport Number K2365341B. The remaining amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand (Php110,000.00) was confiscated and was turned-over to Jonathan Mesa of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping while traveler Shu Chen was issued Held Baggage Number 00100012644.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 17 February 2025, Acting Customs Examiner Melody D. Garcia and Acting Flight Supervisor Jericho E. Flores, 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, reported to the District Collector, this Port, the



said incident and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand Pesos (Php110,000.00) in violation of Section 117 of the CMTA on Regulated Importation and Exportation; and BSP Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022 entitled "Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies".

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), states:

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

"1. Local Currency. A person may import or export, or bring into or take out of the Philippines, or electronically transfer, legal tender Philippine notes and coins, checks, money order and other bills of exchange drawn in pesos against banks operating in the Philippines in an amount not exceeding Php50,000.00 without prior authorization by the BSP.

Amounts in excess of aforementioned limit shall require: (a) prior written authorization from the BSP; and (b) in case of Physical cross-border transfer of Philippine currency, declaration of the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines using prescribed Currency Declaration Form (Annex K)."

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject currencies intercepted from passenger **RITA LIM SHU CHEN** 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 17 2025

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, \_\_\_\_\_, March 2025.

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

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18 March 2025

**MS. RITA LIM SHU CHEN**  
Okada Hotel

**Subject : Seizure Identification No. 116-2025 (NAIA)**  
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Ten Thousand  
Pesos (Php110,000.00) brought in by incoming Singaporean  
Travelers **RITA LIM SHU CHEN**, on 15 February 2025

Dear **Ms. Rita Lim Shu Chen**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 116-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 17, 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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Kindly send your Verified Position Paper, with pertinent attachments to [lawdivision.naia@gmail.com/naia-bog.cares@customs.gov.ph](mailto:lawdivision.naia@gmail.com/naia-bog.cares@customs.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

  
**ATTY. HYACINTH A. MIRANDA**  
Officer-on-Case





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Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 400,000.00) intercepted from departing passengers **ZAREENA PRAMUANKARN, THEPPITAK PHANKWAN, WITSAWA PRAMUANKARN, and PANICHA LEKSUK** on 14 February 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 117-2025 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

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

WHEREAS, on 14 February 2025, at around 1428H, a female Thai passenger named Zareena Pramuankarn with Passport Number AD0945570 together with Theppitak Phankwan, Witsawa Pramuankarn, and Panicha Leksuk was about to depart via flight PR 736 bound for Bangkok, Thailand.

WHEREAS, during the Final Screening at the Departure Area, NAIA Terminal 1, SSO Ibad Antonette and SSO Bunagan Raymond of the Office of the Transportation Security (OTS) conducted a non-intrusive inspection on their hand-carry baggage and was referred to Acting Customs Examiner Mary Franz B. Garrido for further verification.

WHEREAS, Acting Customs Examiner Garrido asked the passengers to submit their e-Travel QR codes for scanning. However, the passengers responded that they had not registered for e-Travel. Customs Examiner likewise inquired if they had declared or obtained a prior authorization from the Bangkok Sentral ng Pilipinas for the subject Philippine currencies to which they responded in the negative.

WHEREAS, in the presence of the passengers, ESS SA1 Mark Jupuri, and CIIS SA2 Alejandro Trespeces III, Acting Customs Examiner Garrido conducted the physical examination on the subject hand-carry baggage which yielded Six Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 600,000.00). The amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 200,000.00) was returned to the passengers representing the total amount allowed to be carried by passengers. Thereafter, a Held-Baggage Receipt No. 00100009796 was issued for the excess amount of Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 400,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currencies were turned over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum addressed to the District Collector, this Port, dated 14 February 2025, Acting Customs Examiner Mary Franz B. Garrido and Acting Flight Supervisor Cyrus Victor V. Go, 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 Php 400,000.00 for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Bangko



Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146, series of 2022, entitled " Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies".

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), states:

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

"1. Local Currency. A person may import or export, or bring into or take out of the Philippines, or electronically transfer, legal tender Philippine notes and coins, checks, money order and other bills of exchange drawn in pesos against banks operating in the Philippines in an amount not exceeding Php50,000.00 without prior authorization by the BSP.

Amounts in excess of aforementioned limit shall require: (a) prior written authorization from the BSP; and (b) in case of Physical cross-border transfer of Philippine currency, declaration of the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines using prescribed Currency Declaration Form (Annex K)."

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject currencies intercepted from passengers **ZAREENA PRAMUANKARN, THEPPITAK PHANKWAN, WITSAWA PRAMUANKARN, and PANICHA LEKSUK** 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 17 2025

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, \_\_\_\_\_, March 2025.

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

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18 March 2025

**MESSRS. ZAREENA PRAMUANKARN  
THEPPITAK PHANKWAN  
WITSAWA PRAMUANKARN  
and PANICHA LEKSUK**  
Red Planet Manila, Malate  
Mabini, Manila

**Subject : Seizure Identification No. 117-2025 (NAIA)**  
Republic of the Philippines vs. Four Hundred Thousand Pesos  
(Php400,000.00) intercepted from departing passengers  
**ZAREENA PRAMUANKARN, THEPPITAK PHANKWAN,  
WITSAWA PRAMUANKARN and PANICHA LEKSUK** on 14  
February 2025

Dear **Messrs. Zareena Pramuankarn et al.**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 117-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 17, 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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Very truly yours,

  
**ATTY. TEODOLFO MARTIN S. YERRO IV**  
Officer-on-Case





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Fifty Thousand (Php50,000.00)  
brought in by Indian traveler named  
**JYOTHI GOPINATHAN NAIR** on 12  
January 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 118-2025 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

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

WHEREAS, on 12 January 2025, a female Indian traveler named Jyothi Gopinathan with passport number U4351291 on board flight SQ 910 from Singapore, approached the Customs counter and scanned her e-Travel QR code.

WHEREAS, after scanning the e-travel QR code, Customs Examiner Jaber A. Sabdullah noted that the traveler answered "No" to all the items in the General Declaration of the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF), except for item no.1 which pertains to the Philippine Currency in excess of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00). Examiner Sabdullah explained to traveler that Philippine currency in excess of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) requires prior written authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

WHEREAS, upon inspection of passenger Nair's luggage in the presence of traveler and witnessed by ESS SA1 Regie Belleza, CIIS Hashoba Sarip and supervised by Flight Supervisor Gaylord Hilario C. Ventura, it yielded an actual amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00).

WHEREAS, after the verified counting of the Philippine Currency, the total amount of Fifty Thousand (Php50,000.00) was returned to the traveler while the remaining Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was confiscated and Held Baggage Receipt No.00100012295 was issued to passenger Jyothi Gopinathan Nair. The confiscated Philippine currency was turned over to Jonathan Mesa of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 10 February 2025, Customs Examiner Jaber A. Sabdullah, Flight Supervisor Gaylord Hilario C. Ventura thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, submitted their incident report to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject Philippine currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas(BSP) Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022-Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), states:



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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 **JYOTHI GOPINATHAN NAIR** 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.

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**SO ORDERED.**

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, MAR 17 2025, March 2025.

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

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18 March 2025

**MS. JYOTHI GOPINATHAN NAIR**  
PWC Acceleration Center Manila  
11th Floor Six/NEO Building, 5th Avenue  
corner 26th Street, Bonifacio Global City  
Taguig City

**Subject : Seizure Identification No. 118-2025 (NAIA)**  
Republic of the Philippines vs. Fifty Thousand Pesos  
(Php50,000.00) brought in by Indian traveler named **JYOTHI**  
**GOPINATHAN NAIR** on 12 January 2025

Dear **Ms. Jyothi Gopinathan Nair**

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