



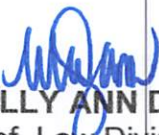
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MEMORANDUM

TO : **KARREN APRIL A. NOROÑO-GABION**
Officer-in-Charge
Public Information and Assistance Division (PIAD)

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

FROM : 
ATTY. WALLY ANN D. YUMUL
Acting Chief, Law Division

SUBJECT : **PUBLICATION IN THE BOC WEBSITE OF THE ISSUED
WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION (WSD)**

DATE : **12 MARCH 2025**

This refers to the herein attached issued Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD):

1. **SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 100-2025 (NAIA)** : Republic of the Philippines vs. Sixty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Pesos (Php62,370.00) and fourteen (14) units of Mobile Phones confiscated from incoming passenger **CALLUM LAVIS BLOWER** and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt Nos. 00100020281 and 00100020272; and
2. **SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 101-2025 (NAIA)** : Republic of the Philippines vs. Three Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY3,490,000.00) intercepted from incoming passenger **HIROKAZU MIURA** on 15 February 2025 and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012633.

As the aforementioned passengers/claimants have indicated insufficient addresses in the Philippines, the WSDs must be served by posting in the bulletin board of this Port and by electronic posting in the BOC website for fifteen days, as provided under Section 6.5.2 of CAO No. 10-2020, to wit:

6.5.2. To the owner of the goods or his authorized representative.

For the purpose of serving the WSD, the importer, consignee, named in the bill of lading or airway bill, or possessor shall be deemed the owner of the goods.



If the owner is unknown, with insufficient address, or a foreign entity or individual, service shall be effected by posting of the WSD by the ESS in the bulletin board of the concerned collection district office, **and by electronic posting through the BOC website, or printed publication, for fifteen (15) days.**

In view of the foregoing, this Office respectfully requests that the copy of the WSD on **Seizure Identification Nos. 100-2025 (NAIA) and 101-2025 (NAIA)**, respectively, be electronically posted with the BOC website for fifteen (15) days. A copy of said warrant is herein attached. Furthermore, scanned copies thereof were also forwarded to Piad@customs.gov.ph and Jessil.garlando@customs.gov.ph.





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12 March 2025

MR. HIROKAZU MIURA
Unit 38 Belton Place, Yakal
Makati City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 101-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Three Million Four Hundred Ninety
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY3,490,000.00) intercepted from
incoming passenger **HIROKAZU MIURA** on 15 February 2025
and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No.
00100012633

Dear **Mr. Hirokazu Miura**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 101-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 11, 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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ATTY. EMILIO Y. LEGASPI IV
Officer-on-Case





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Three Million Four Hundred Ninety
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY
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incoming passenger **HIROKAZU
MIURA** on 15 February 2025 and
held in custody under Held
Baggage Receipt No.
00100012633

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 101-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 15 February 2025, at NAIA Terminal 3, a male Japanese traveler named Miura Hirokazu with Passport Number TT3157168, arrived on board Nippon Air Flight NH 869 from Haneda, Japan.

WHEREAS, the hand-carried luggage of passenger Hirozaku Miura underwent the non-intrusive x-ray screening where the duty XIP Inspector Maria Lyn Dela Ganar noted suspicious images which prompted her to refer passenger Hirokazu Miura to the Customs Examiner on duty for verification.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual physical examination, Customs Examiner Sybil Charmaine M. Bacayan asked passenger Miura for his passport and 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 initial inspection of passenger Hirokazu's hand-carried luggage, bundles of Japanese Yen were discovered. Customs Examiner Bacayan then invited the passenger to the Exclusion Room at the Arrival Area for the conduct of actual examination in the presence of passenger Hirokazu and the ESS and the CIIS operatives on duty. Customs Examiner Bacayan found the total amount of Five Million Japanese Yen (JPY5,000,000.00) inside the hand-carried luggage of Mr. Miura. After the verified examination, Customs Examiner Bacayan explained to passenger Hirokazu that the allowable threshold amount for a passenger is Ten Thousand US Dollars (US\$10,000.00) without the need to declare the same. She then returned to the passenger the amount of JPY1,510,000.00 which he is allowed by law to carry without the need of any declaration.

WHEREAS, the remaining amount of Three Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY3,490,000.00) was withheld from release and Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012633 was issued by the Customs Examiner Bacayan to passenger Miura, which she thereafter turned over to the Baggage Assistance Division for custody and safekeeping.



WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 15 February 2025, Customs Examiner Sybil Charmaine M. Bacayan and Acting Flight Supervisor Sahlee C. Ysa-al, 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 in the amount of Three Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY3,490,000.00) from the incoming passenger Hirokazu Miura and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention for violation of Section 1113 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 passenger **HIROKAZU MIURA** 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, _____, March 2025.

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

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MR. CALLUM LAVIS BLOWER
Eastwood, Palm Tree Avenue
Makati City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 100-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Sixty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Pesos (Php62,370.00) and fourteen (14) units of Mobile Phones confiscated from incoming passenger **CALLUM LAVIS BLOWER** and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt Nos. 00100020281 and 00100020272

Dear **Mr. Callum Lavis Blower**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 100-2025 (NAIA) issued on March 11, 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-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Very truly yours,


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**SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 100-2025 (NAIA)**

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Sixty-Two Thousand Three
Hundred Seventy Pesos
(Php62,370.00) and fourteen (14)
units of Mobile Phones
confiscated from incoming
passenger **CALLUM LAVIS
BLOWER** and held in custody
under Held Baggage Receipt
Nos. 00100020261 and
00100020272.

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 14 January 2025, a male New Zealand traveler named Callum Lavis Blower, with Passport Number RA243195, arrived at NAIA Terminal 1 on board Philippine Airlines Flight PR 731 from Thailand. Passenger Blower's checked in and handcarried luggages underwent the non-intrusive inspection and were marked "X" by XIP Inspector Mohammad Jonaid Udasan. ESS SAI Joselito Custodio and CIIS SA I Christian Lovit then referred passenger Blower to Customs Examiner Lee Anne A. Perez for physical examination of his pieces of baggage.

WHEREAS, before conducting the actual examination, Customs Examiner Perez requested passenger Blower to submit his Passport and have his e-Travel QR Code scanned. Upon review, the Customs Examiner noted that the passenger answered "No" to all the items in the General Declaration. Thereafter, she proceeded to the conduct of actual examination of Mr. Blower's checked in and handcarried luggages.

WHEREAS, the actual physical examination of the handcarried luggage of the passenger yielded the total amount of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Pesos (Php112,370.00) Philippine Currency. Likewise, passenger Blower's checked-in luggage yielded fourteen (14) units of Mobile Phones. Customs Examiner Perez then asked passenger Blower if he had a prior Import Permit or Clearance from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas for the Philippine pesos and NTC Permit or Clearance for the mobile phones he brought with him to the Philippines; Passenger Blower answered in the negative.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Perez explained to passenger Blower that a traveler is allowed to carry only the threshold amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) in Philippine Currency and mobile phone for his own personal use without the required Import Permit or Clearance from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), and the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), respectively.



WHEREAS, after the verified counting and inventory, Customs Examiner Perez issued Held Baggage Receipt Nos. 00100020261 for the Philippine Currency and 00100020272 for the Mobile Phones to passenger Blower and thereafter turned over the same to the In Bond Room, Baggage Assistance Division, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 19 January 2025, the Customs Examiner and the Flight Supervisor, thru the Chief, Arrival Operations Division and the Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported the incident to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the Php62,370.00 Philippine Currency for violation of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146, series of 2022, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and the fourteen (14) units Mobile Phones for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and applicable NTC regulations.

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, NTC Memorandum Circular No. 09-09-2003 of the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), and pursuant to the Guidelines for Importation of National Telecommunications Commissioner, any importer must secure the necessary NTC import permit pursuant to the applicable laws, rules, and regulations.¹

WHEREAS, Customs Memorandum Circular No. 274-2019 circulating Optical Media Board Memorandum Circular No. 2018-002 “List of Regulated Products and the Guidelines for Import/Export of Optical/Magnetic Media and other storage devices” states that Cellular Phones or Mobile Phones fall under within the purview of “Storage Devices” which requires an Import Permit from the Optical Media Board (OMB) prior to importation.

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 and mobile phones for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions and National Telecommunications Commission and Optical Media Board applicable laws, rules and regulations, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

¹ https://ncr.ntc.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/Contact_Us/Contact_Information/GUIDELINES-FOR-IMPORTATION-THROUGH-THE-PHILIPPINE-NATIONAL-SINGLE-WINDOW-10-04-2022.pdf

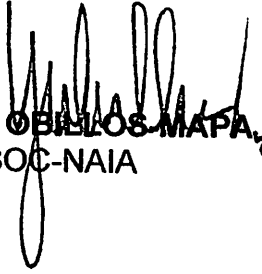


WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations 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 subject mobile phones for violation of Customs Memorandum Circular No. 274-2019 circulating Optical Media Board Memorandum Circular No. 2018-002 and related National Telecommunications Commission laws, rules and regulations intercepted from passenger **CALLUM LAVIS BLOWER**, to turn over the currencies to the Collection Division and the mobile phones to the Auction and Cargo Disposal Division (ACDD), for inventory, classification 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 11 2025, March 2025


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

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