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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 :** **22 APRIL 2025**

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

1. **SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 149-2025 (NAIA)** : Republic of the Philippines vs. One Thousand (1,000) pieces of Assorted Sim Cards brought in by **YUMI PARK** on 19 January 2025 and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012408; and
2. **SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 150-2025 (NAIA)** : Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php177,000.00) confiscated from an Australian traveler **TAWERA CARADO ELLISON ORZECKI SCANU** on 25 February 2025 and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020519.

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. 149-2025 (NAIA) and 150-2025 (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](mailto:Piad@customs.gov.ph) and [Jessil.garlando@customs.gov.ph](mailto:Jessil.garlando@customs.gov.ph).





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**MR. YUMI PARK**  
Star Tower Pasay Manila

**Subject :** Seizure Identification No. 149-2025 (NAIA)  
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Thousand (1,000) pieces of  
Assorted Sim Cards brought in by **YUMI PARK** on 19 January 2025  
and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012408

**To : Ms. Yumi Park**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 149-2025 (NAIA) issued on April 21, 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 attend the Preliminary Conference scheduled on **April 30, 2025 (Wednesday), 09:00 am at the Law Division, Room 304, NAIA Customhouse Bldg. Pasay City**. In the alternative, a Verified Position Paper may be submitted **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. Statement of Facts;
2. Issues of the Case;
3. Proposed Stipulations and Admission;
4. Arguments; and
5. Exhibits.

Should you opt to attend the Preliminary Conference, your attendance must be confirmed by contacting **John Victoriano D. Villanueva III**, through **Mobile# 0966 8350713**.

On the other hand, the Verified Position Paper, with pertinent attachments, may be submitted to the Office of the Law Division, Third Floor, Bureau of Customs – NAIA Building, Old MIA Road, Pasay City and through electronic means sent to the [naia-lawdivision@customs.goc.ph](mailto:naia-lawdivision@customs.goc.ph) and [naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph](mailto:naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph).

Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,

**ATTY. TEODOLFO MARTIN S. YERRO IV**  
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One Thousand (1,000) pieces of Assorted of Sim Cards brought in by YUMI PARK on 19 January 2025 and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012408

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 149-2025 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

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

WHEREAS, on 19 January 2025, a female Korean passenger named Yumi Park with Passport No. M697S4052 arrived at NAIA Terminal 3 on board 5J 185 from South Korea.

WHEREAS, passenger Park's checked-in baggage underwent a non-intrusive inspection by XIP Operator Maria Lyn Dela Ganar who then referred to Customs Examiner Feljun M. Roxas for physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting the physical examination, Customs Examiner Roxas asked passenger Park to scan her e-Travel QR Code. Since Passenger Park was not able to present her e-Travel QR Code, she manually filled-up the Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF). It was noted that the passenger ticked "NO" to all items in page 3 except for item number 9 which pertains to "Mobile phones, hand-held radios and similar gadgets in excess of quantities for personal use, and radio communication equipment". Passenger Park was then asked if she had anything to declare to which she responded in the affirmative.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Roxas conducted the physical examination on her checked-in baggage which led to the discovery of One Thousand (1,000) pieces of Assorted of Sim Cards with a Fair Market Value of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00). Customs Examiner Roxas asked the passenger if she has an Import Permit/Clearance from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) for the subject Sim Cards to which she answered in the negative. Consequently, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012408 was issued to the passenger, and the subject articles were turned over to Mr. Jonathan Mesa of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 14 June 2024, Customs Examiner Reina C. Maala and Acting Flight Supervisor Reginaldo Z. Castañeda, thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos, 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 presentation of Import Permit from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) and payment of duties and taxes after the presentation of invoice.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum addressed to the District Collector, this Port, dated 21 February 2025, Customs Examiner Feljun M. Roxas and Acting Flight Supervisor Hemerose P. Togonon thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos Jr., Chief, Arrival Operations Division, and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended for the presentation of National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) Import Permit and payment of lawful duties and taxes after presentation of invoice.



WHEREAS , in a Memorandum dated 27 March 2025 addressed to Atty. Wally Ann D. Yumul, Acting Chief, Law Division, IOV Richard S. Rebong, DPA, Chief, Baggage Assistance Division thru Mr. 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 subject One Thousand (1,000) pieces of Assorted of Sim Cards for lack of Import Permit/Clearance from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC).

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.<sup>1</sup>

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 Sim Cards 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 found probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject articles for violation of Section 117 (Regulated Importation and Exportation) and Paragraph (f) of Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), in relation to applicable Optical Media Board and NTC laws, rules and regulations.

WHEREFORE, by virtue of authority vested in me by law, and in compliance with the applicable customs and allied laws, rules and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject baggage brought in by incoming passenger YUMI PARK for violation of Section 1113 and Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), Customs Memorandum Circular No. 274-2019 circulating Optical Media Board Memorandum Circular No. 2018-002 and related NTC laws, rules and regulations, and to turn over the same to the Auction and Cargo Disposal Division, this Port, for inventory, classification and valuation of goods pursuant to Section 1120 of the CMTA, and custody and safekeeping pursuant to CAO 10-2020, pending the resolution of the seizure case before the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with Customs Memorandum Order 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, *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.

APR 21 2025  
BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, \_\_\_\_\_ April 2025.

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

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<sup>1</sup> [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](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)





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22 April 2025

**MR. TAWERA CARADO ELLISON  
ORZECKI SCANU**  
One Oasis Davao

**Subject : Seizure Identification No. 150-2025 (NAIA)**  
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Seventy-Seven  
Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php177,000.00) confiscated from an  
Australian traveler **TAWERA CARADO ELLISON ORZECKI  
SCANU** on 25 February 2025 and held in custody under Held  
Baggage Receipt No. 00100020519

**To : Mr. Scanu**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 150-2025 (NAIA) issued on April 21, 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 attend the Preliminary Conference scheduled on **April 30, 2025 (Wednesday), 09:30 am at the Law Division, Room 304, NAIA Customhouse Bldg. Pasay City**. In the alternative, a Verified Position Paper may be submitted **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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Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,

For:

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Baggage Receipt No.  
00100020519.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 150-2025 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

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

WHEREAS, on 25 February 2025, a male Australian traveler named Tawera Carado Ellison Orzecki Scanu with Passport Number RA3767928, arrived at the NAIA Terminal 1 on board Philippine Airline Flight PR 210 from Australia. His hand-carried luggage underwent a non-intrusive inspection by XIP Inspector Joshua Anticamara, who was then referred to Customs Examiner Jaber A. Sabdullah for verification and physical examination.

WHEREAS, after scanning the passenger's e-Travel QR Code, Customs Examiner Sabdullah noted that passenger answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration of his electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF) except the portion for currency declaration.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Sabdullah conducted an actual examination of the hand-carried luggage of passenger Scanu in the presence of Flight Supervisor Dianne Karen V. Caceres and ESS Noroden M. Tomiara, which yielded the actual amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Pesos (Php227,000.00). He then explained to the traveler that Philippine Currency in excess of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) requires prior written authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), otherwise it will be confiscated. Thus, the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php177,000.00) was withheld from release to the passenger.

WHEREAS, Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020519 was issued to passenger Scanu for the excess amount of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Pesos (Php177,000.00), which was then turned over to the In-Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, this Port, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 03 March 2025, Customs Examiner Jaber A. Sabdullah and Flight Supervisor Dianne Karen V. Caceres, through the Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, the Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, submitted their incident report to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Philippine Currency (Php177,000.00) for violation of



Section 117 (Regulated Importation and Exportation) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), 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 **TAWERA CARADO ELLISON ORZECKI SCANU** 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.**

APR 21 2025

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

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

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