



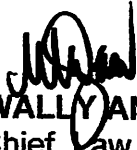
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MEMORANDUM

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 : **21 APRIL 2025**

This refers to the herein attached **Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) with Seizure Identification No. 147-2025 (NAIA)**: Republic of the Philippines vs. Republic of the Philippines vs. One (1) piece 18K Gold Necklace brought in by **KAWAGUCHI YUJI** on 24 March 2025.

As the aforementioned passenger/claimant have indicated insufficient address in the Philippines, the WSD 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 Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) No. 147-2025 (NAIA), 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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One (1) piece 18K Gold Necklace
brought in by **KAWAGUCHI YUJI**
on 24 March 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 147-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 24 March 2025 at about 1950H, a male Japanese passenger named Kawaguchi Yuji with Passport Number TT7006805 arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 on board flight PR 425 from Japan.

WHEREAS, Kawaguchi Yuji's carry-on baggage underwent a non-intrusive examination by X-ray Inspection Project (XIP) personnel MJ Udasan and was referred to Customs Examiner Jovelyn L. Alberto for physical inspection.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Alberto asked passenger Yuji if he had an e-Travel QR Code to which he replied in the affirmative. Upon checking the scanned QR Code, Customs Examiner found that the passenger did not declare anything and ticked "NO" to all items in the General Declaration.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Kawaguchi Yuji, Customs Examiner Alberto conducted the physical examination which yielded One (1) piece 18K Gold Necklace with receipt value of JPY 144,065.00 equivalent to PHP 55,349.773. Subsequently, a Held-Baggage Receipt No. 001000020665 was issued to passenger Yuji. The confiscated article was turned over to Edward L. Velasco of the In-Bond Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 24 March 2025, Customs Examiner Jovelyn L. Alberto and Flight Supervisor Ramon S. Calleja Jr., thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos Jr., Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Mark Jhon O. Almase, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the One (1) piece 18K Gold Necklace for violation of Section 1404 and Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act.

WHEREAS, Section 1404 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act is instructive and authoritative, to wit:

Section 1404. Failure to Declare Baggage.-

Whenever dutiable goods are not declared by any person arriving within the Philippines, such goods shall be seized and the person may obtain release of such goods, if not imported contrary to any law, upon payment of a surcharge equivalent to



thirty percent (30%) of the landed cost of such goods, in addition to all duties, taxes and other charges due. Nothing in this section shall preclude the filing of a criminal action against the offender.

WHEREAS, after careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, the NAIA District Collector found probable cause for the issuance of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the One (1) piece 18K Gold Necklace for violation of Section 1404 and Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act.

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 One (1) piece 18K Gold Necklace brought in by **KAWAGUCHI YUJI** for violation of Section 1404 and Section 1113, to turn over the same to the Auction and Cargo Disposal 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, APR 15 2025, April 2025.

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

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21 April 2025

MR. KAWAGUCHI YUJI
Manila

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 147-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One (1) piece 18K Gold Necklace
brought in by KAWAGUCHI YUJI on 24 March 2025

To: **Mr. Kawaguchi Yuji**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 147-2025 (NAIA) issued on April 15, 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 28, 2025 (Monday), 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.com and naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,


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Officer-on-Case



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