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Republic of the Philippines,

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION NO. 35 - 2025

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Forty (40) master cases of Modern brand cigarettes

STEPHEN NAVARRO DIAZ,

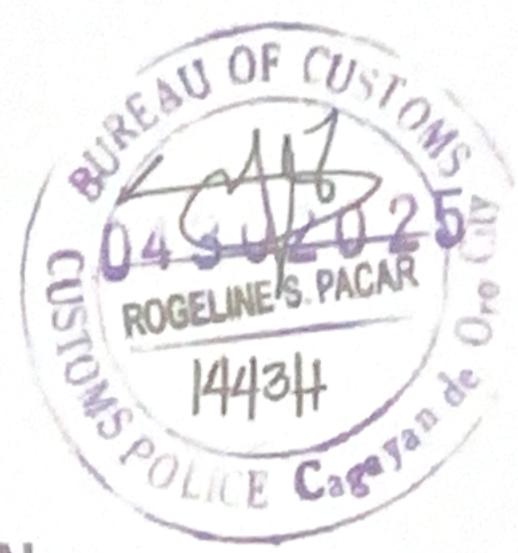
Claimant

TO:

SPAS ALLAN R. CRUZ

District Commander CPD - ESS, Port of CDO

Greetings!



WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2025, personnel from Cagayan de Oro City Police Office-Police Station No. 9 led by PLT Aristotle L. Caseres, Deputy Station Commander, under the leadership of PCPT Jaces Joshua Jae C. Abrasaldo, Officer-in-Charge, conducted a checkpoint at Saint Ignatius Street, Macasandig, Cagayan de Oro City which resulted to the confiscation of forty (40) master cases of smuggled cigarettes (50 reams per master case);

WHEREAS, the confiscated cigarettes were turned over to the Bureau of Customs, Subport of Mindanao Container Terminal (MCT-SP) for proper inventory and safekeeping pending the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention;

WHEREAS, the Port Collector, MCT-SP, recommended the issuance of WSD against the cigarettes since the result of the inventory and physical examination conducted by the assigned Customs Examiner revealed that the cigarettes lack the required Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) from the National Tobacco Administration (NTA), a clear violation of Section 117 and 1113 (f) and (l)-1 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to NTA Memorandum Circular No. 03, series of 2004 and other applicable NTA laws, rules and regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in this Office in accordance with Republic Act 10863 (Customs Modernization and Tariff Act) and relevant Customs rules and regulations, you are hereby directed to seize the forty (40) master cases of Modern brand cigarettes and turn them over to the Property Custodian/Warehouse-in-Charge, this Port, for safekeeping pending termination of the seizure proceedings thereon or until further order from this Office pursuant to and in strict compliance with the provisions of CMO 8-84 particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized.

Port of Cagayan de Oro, April 23, 2025.

ENGR. ARTHUR G. SEVILLA, JR. District Collector





DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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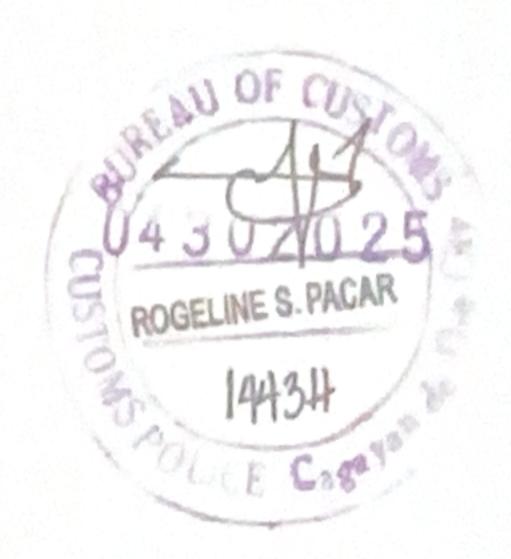
One (1) unit Mazda Bongo (red) with temporary plate number 090107 and engine number R2-466374 and chassis number SD2AT-500816, one hundred ninety-three (193) master cases of YS brand cigarettes, ninety-three (93) master cases of Marvel brand cigarettes, three (3) master cases Winsboro brand cigarettes, and eleven (11) master cases Mighty brand cigarettes

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2025, upon receipt of information from a concerned citizen that boxes of suspected smuggled cigarettes were piled up at the sea shoreline of Brgy. Bara-as, Picong, Lanao del Sur, personnel of Picong Municipal Police Station led by PLT Aldrin L. Acosta, ACOP, together with MFC, RMFB14'A 03rd led by PCPT Francisco B. Fortus, and 2nd PMFC, LDS, immediately proceeded to the area to verify the report and saw in plain view boxes of undocumented cigarettes loaded in a Mazda Bongo (red) with plate number 090107;

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2025, the following cigarettes were turned over to the Bureau of Customs-Subport of Iligan for proper inventory and safekeeping pending the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention:

Quantity	UOM	Goods Description
1	unit	Mazda Bongo (red) with temporary plate number 090107 and engine number R2-466374 and chassis number SD2AT-500816
193	master case	YS brand cigarettes
93	master case	Marvel brand cigarettes
3	master case	Winsboro brand cigarettes
11	master case	Mighty brand cigarettes

WHEREAS, the Port Collector, Subport of Iligan, recommended the issuance of WSD against the cigarettes since the result of the inventory and physical examination conducted by the assigned Customs Examiner revealed that the cigarettes lack the required Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) from the National Tobacco Administration (NTA), a clear violation of Section 117 and 1113 (f) and (I)-1 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to NTA Memorandum Circular No. 03, series of 2004 and other applicable NTA laws, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, the use of the Mazda Bongo as conveyance of the smuggled cigarettes warrants its seizure pursuant to Section 1113 (a) and (k) of the CMTA;



NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in this Office in accordance with Republic Act 10863 (Customs Modernization and Tariff Act) and relevant Customs rules and regulations, you are hereby directed to seize the one (1) unit Mazda Bongo (red) with temporary plate number 090107 and engine number R2-466374 and chassis number SD2AT-500816, one hundred ninety-three (193) master cases of YS brand cigarettes, ninety-three (93) master cases of Marvel brand cigarettes, three (3) master cases Winsboro brand cigarettes, and eleven (11) master cases of Mighty brand cigarettes and turn them over to the Property Custodian/Warehouse-in-Charge, this Port, for safekeeping pending termination of the seizure proceedings thereon or until further order from this Office pursuant to and in strict compliance with the provisions of CMO 8-84 particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized.

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