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15 May 2025

MR. PETER ANDREW JOHN HAYDON

Hotel Colonia En Las Filipinas
Burgos Street, 1210 Makati City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 163-2025 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Ten (10) used laptops, eight (8) pieces used laptop chargers, and seven (7) units of used tablets, confiscated on September 18, 2024 from arriving traveler **PETER ANDREW JOHN HAYDON**, and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009190

To: Mr. Peter Andrew John Haydon

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 163-2025 (NAIA) issued on May 13, 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 **May 22, 2025 (Thursday), 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 and naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. EMILIO Y. LEGASPI IV
Officer-on-Case



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**SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 163-2025 (NAIA)**

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, On September 18, 2024, a male Australian traveler named Peter Andrew John Haydon with Passport No. RA7495307, arrived at NAIA Terminal 1 on board Philippine Airlines Flight PR222 from Australia.

WHEREAS, the checked-in baggage of passenger Haydon underwent non-intrusive inspection by XIP Operator Edgardo Soriano who then referred him to Customs Examiner Minette Elizabeth R. Bermundo, for physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual examination of the checked-in baggage, Customs Examiner Bermundo asked passenger Haydon to scan his e-Travel QR Code, wherein the latter answered "No" to all the items in the Electronic Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF).

WHEREAS, the physical examination of the checked-in baggage yielded ten (10) units of used laptops, eight (8) pieces of used laptop chargers, and seven (7) units used tablets, with a total fair market value of Php178,000.00.

WHEREAS, the subject used electronic gadgets were held from release after passenger Haydon failed to submit the required Import Permit/Clearance from the National Telecommunication Commission (NTC). Thereafter, Customs Examiner Bermundo issued Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009190 to passenger Haydon and then she turned over these articles to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 23 September 2024, Customs Examiner Minette Elizabeth R. Bermundo and Flight Supervisor Diana Abigail E. Asilo, thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos, Jr., Chief, Arrival Operations Division, and Mr. Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported the confiscation of the ten (10) units of used laptops, eight (8) pieces of used laptop chargers, and seven (7) units used tablets to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and related NTC laws, rules and regulations.



WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated March 27, 2025, IOV Richard S. Rebong, DPA, Chief, Baggage Assistance Division, recommended that the subject articles which were held in bond after they were intercepted from incoming passenger Peter Andrew John Haydon which remained unclaimed since September 18, 2024 to the present be issued a Warrant of Seizure and Detention for lack of the required Import Permit or Clearance from the National Telecommunication Commission.

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 Laptops 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 **PETER ANDREW JOHN HAYDON** 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.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, MAY 13, 2025 April 2025.

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

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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





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Thirty seven (37) kilograms Frozen Beef and Six (6) kilos of Frozen Fish Yellowtail Fillet found in the shipment declared as "Personal Effects", covered by AWB No. 079-20435041, and consigned to **IGNACIO MATINI c/o CORINER GLOBAL EXPRESS**

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 164-2025 (NAIA)

NOTICE OF DECISION

TO: IGNACIO MATINI c/o CORINER GLOBAL EXPRESS
Parañaque City
Manila Philippines

MR. ROBERTO A. QUINTANA
Chief
Auction & Cargo Disposal Division
BOC-NAIA

MR. DAN E. OQUIAS
Chief
PAL-PSI Assessment Composite Div.
BOC-NAIA

MS. WILNORA L. CAWILE
Deputy Collector for Operations
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MR. ARNALDO R. DELA TORRE JR.
Chief, Customs Bonded Warehouse Div.
BOC-NAIA

The Government Prosecutor
Prosecution and Litigation Division
Legal Service, Bureau of Customs

NOTICE is hereby given that the District Collector, this Port, issued a Decision dated May 13, 2025, ordering the forfeiture of the subject goods in favor of the government. A copy of the said Decision is hereto attached for information.

Issued this 15th day of May 2025 at the Law Division, NAIA Customhouse, Pasay City, Metro Manila.

By the authority of
the Chief, Law Division

ATTY. EMILIO T. LEGASPI IV
Hearing Officer

Encl.: As stated
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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 164-2025 (NAIA)

DECISION

This resolves the seizure and forfeiture proceedings instituted against the above-subject goods for violation of Section 119 (Restricted Importation and Exportation) and Paragraph (f) of Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and related laws, rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and the Bureau of Fish and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

Culled from the records of the instant case are the following antecedent facts, to wit:

1. The above-described shipment arrived on 16 September 2024 on board Philippine Airlines Flight PR 658 from Doha, Qatar, under AWB No. 079-20435041. It is part of the consolidated shipment consisting of twenty-two (22) cartons declared as Personal Effects and consigned to Coriner Global Express, with address at Paranaque City.
2. On 16 September 2024, Consignee, thru its broker Victorino C. Guilles, filed the Goods Declaration (Informal Entry No. 11109) at the PAL/PSI Assessment Composite Division, this Port, for processing. Subject shipment was specifically tagged and marked for physical examination after it underwent the non-intrusive x-ray inspection by XIP Inspector Juanito Alunan, Jr.
3. Customs Examiner Marvin C. Mendoza conducted an actual examination of the shipment which led to the discovery of thirty seven (37) kilograms of assorted frozen beef and six (6) kilograms of frozen fish fillet. These frozen products were shipped without the required phytosanitary permit from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and the Bureau of Fish and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture.
4. On 17 September 2024, Ms. Coleen M. Luengas, L. Agr. MPA, Veterinary Quarantine Officer, issued a Notice of Violation with Control No. NOV-2024-ICT-0017 with remarks that "No Veterinary Health Certificate" against the thirty-seven kilograms of assorted frozen beef.
5. On even date, the Fisheries Quarantine Officer-NAIA, issued a Report of Inspection with remarks/recommendation that "No SPIC and other



documentary requirements, in violation of RA No. 8550 (The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 – Section 61), and in violation of Fisheries Administrative Order No. 195, Series of 1999, and subject for proper disposal”.

6. In a Memorandum dated 17 September 2024, Marvin C. Mendoza, COO III, Amelia L. Grecia, Acting COO V, Ma. Verna S. Villar, Acting Chief, Informal Entry Unit, and Dan E. Oquias, Chief, PAL/PSI Assessment Composite Division, thru Atty. Harold S. Agama, Deputy Collector for Assessment, reported to the District Collector, this Port, their findings on the subject shipment and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention for violation of Section 117 in relation to CAO No. 9-2020 and CMO No. 9-2015 pertaining to the Strict Enforcement of Rules concerning Regulated Imports; Section 1401 (Unlawful Importation or Exportation), and Section 1113 (f) (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and related DA laws, rules and regulations.

DISCUSSION:

Section VIII of the Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 26, series of 2005, referring to the Border Control Inspection and Clearance Release Procedures provides that upon arrival of any shipment of meat and/or meat products at the port of entry, the same shall be subjected to documentary verification and evaluation and veterinary inspection by the Department of Agriculture together with the Customs Examiner.

Moreover, Section IX of DA Administrative Order No. 26, provides that all meat and/or meat products shall be subject to relevant safety rules and regulations to ensure the consistency of quality and safety of the products as profounded in Republic Act 9296, otherwise known as the Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines.

Furthermore, Section X of DA Administrative Order No. 26, mandates that imported meat and/or meat products without the Veterinary Quarantine Clearance (VQC) shall be refused admission of entry (i.e., while still in the vessel prior to unloading), or exported back to country of origin. If for any reason whatsoever these products were able to gain entry into the customs territory, the same shall be seized and destroyed at the expense of the importer to protect public health and the local animal population.

Finally, imported meat and/or meat products shall be confiscated when any of the aforestated violations is committed, since such violations would compromise the integrity of the country's Risk Management Measures/Policy and directly pose serious health and safety risks to the end-consumers. Once confiscated, the met products shall be condemned and destroyed jointly by the Bureau of Customs and the Department of Agriculture/BAI pursuant to Section X (B-1) of DA Administrative Order No. 48, series of 2021.

In connection therewith, Section 1113 (f) in relation to Section 119 (d) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) states:

“Section 1113. – Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture. -
Property that shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture includes:

x x x

- (f) Goods, the importation or exportation of which are effected or attempted contrary to law, or any goods of prohibited



importation or exportation, and all other goods which, in the opinion of the District Collector, have been used, are or were entered to be used as instruments in the importation or the exportation of the former;

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“Section 119. – Restricted Importation and Exportation.
Except when authorized by law or regulation, the importation and exportation of the following restricted goods are prohibited:

X X X

X X X

(f) Any other goods whose importation and exportation are restricted.”

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the subject goods consigned to **IGNACIO MATINI, C/O CORINER GLOBAL EXPRESS**, are hereby **FORFEITED** in favor of the government for violation of Section 1113 (f) in relation to Section 119 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), Fisheries Administrative Order No. 195, series of 1999, Republic Act No. 8550, Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Order No. 26, series of 2005, and BAI Memorandum Order No. 48 series of 2021, to be turned over to the Department of Agriculture, through the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) for final disposition thereof pursuant to CAO No. 10-2020 bearing the subject “Seizure and Forfeiture Proceedings and Appeals Process”.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished to the offices and parties concerned for their information, and a copy thereof to be posted on the Bulletin Board of the Law Division and at the PAL/PSI Assessment Composite Division, this Port, for information of all concerned.

SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, Metro Manila,

MAY 13 2025
May 2025.

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

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Three (3) luggage of assorted medicines brought in by **ANTONIO ESPOSITO** on 18 January 2025 and covered by Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012396

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 165-2025 (NAIA)

NOTICE OF DECISION

TO: MR. ANTONIO ESPOSITO
St. John of God Rehabigton
Quiapo, Manila

MR. ROBERTO A. QUINTANA
Chief
Auction & Cargo Disposal Division
BOC-NAIA

MS. WILNORA L. CAWILE
Deputy Collector for Operations
BOC-NAIA

MR. NORSALEM RAYMOND M. MAMA-O
Deputy Collector for Passenger Service
BOC NAIA

The Government Prosecutor
Prosecution and Litigation Division
Legal Service, Bureau of Customs

NOTICE is hereby given that the District Collector, this Port, issued a Decision dated May 13, 2025, ordering the forfeiture of the subject goods in favor of the government. A copy of the said Decision is hereto attached for information.

Issued this 15th day of May 2025 at the Law Division, NAIA Customhouse, Pasay City, Metro Manila.

By the authority of
the Chief, Law Division


ATTY. HYACINTH A. MIRANDA
Hearing Officer

Encl.: As stated
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Three (3) luggage of assorted medicines brought in by **ANTONIO ESPOSITO** on 18 January 2025 and covered by Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012396.

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**SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 165-2025 (NAIA)**

DECISION

This resolves the seizure and forfeiture proceedings instituted against the above-captioned articles which were found inside the check-in baggage of incoming passenger Mr. Antonio Esposito, a Filipino, for violation of Section 118 and Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

The records of the instant case show the following antecedent facts, viz:

1. On 18 January 2025, Passenger Antonio Esposito, a holder of Passport No. YB2719600, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport on board Flight EY446 from Abu Dhabi.
2. Passenger Esposito's check-in baggage underwent non-intrusive X-ray examination and was marked with "X" by XIP Inspector Paul Lodea after finding a suspicious object inside. Thereafter, the said baggage was referred to Customs Examiner Jaber A. Sabdullah for physical examination.
3. Before conducting the said physical examination, Customs Examiner Sabdullah asked passenger Esposito to scan his e-Travel QR Code. It was noted that the passenger ticked "No" to all items in the General Declaration indicated on the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF).
4. Customs Examiner Sabdulla then conducted an actual examination of passenger Esposito's baggage and led to the discovery of three luggages of various medicines and vitamins with a fair market value of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00).
5. The subject medicines were then held pending submission of FDA Permit/Clearance and Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012396 was issued to Passenger Esposito. The items were thereafter turned over to Jonathan Mesa of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD) for safekeeping.
6. In a Memorandum dated 27 March 2025, IOV Richard S. Rebong, DPA, Chief Baggage Assistance Division thru Norsale Raymund M. Mamao, Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended to the District Collector, this Port, for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject medicines and vitamins for violation of Section 118 and Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).



DISCUSSION:

As culled from the records of the instant case, passenger **ANTONIO ESPOSITO** brought into the country three luggages of assorted medicines and vitamins without any license, permit/clearance nor authorization from the FDA as required in Section 10 of RA No. 9711 or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Act of 2009, which states that:

"Section 10. Section 11, subsections (a), (b), (d), (g), (j), (k) and (l) of Republic Act No. 3720, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. The following acts and the causing thereof are hereby prohibited:

xxx

- (k) The manufacture, **importation**, exportation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, transfer, or retail of any drug, device or in-vitro diagnostic reagent; the manufacture, importation, exportation, transfer or distribution of any food, cosmetic or household/urban hazardous substance; or the operation of a radiation or pest control establishment by any natural or juridical person **without the license to operate from the FDA required under this Act.**"

Relatively, Article I (Licensing of Establishments and Registration of Health Products), Book II of The Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 9711 - The Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009 expressly prohibits such importation, to wit:

"Section 1. General Provisions.

1. The manufacture, **importation**, exportation, sale, offering for sale, distribution, transfer, non-consumer use, promotion, advertising, or sponsorship **of any health product without the proper authorization from the FDA is prohibited.**
2. The manufacture, **importation**, exportation sale, offering for sale, distribution transfer, or retail of any drug or device; the manufacture, importation, exportation transfer or distribution of any food, cosmetics, household hazardous substances or urban pesticides; or the operation of a radiation facility or pest control establishment **without the appropriate authorization from the FDA is prohibited.**"

On this score, Paragraph 9.3 of Customs Administrative Order No. 10-2020 in relation to Section 118 (g) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), are instructive and authoritative, to wit:

"9.3 If the subject shipment involved has been sufficiently established to be **prohibited**, the same shall be **ipso facto forfeited** in favor of the government."

"Section 118. Prohibited Importation and Exportation.- The importation and exportation of the following goods are prohibited:



(g) All other goods or parts thereof which importation and exportation are explicitly prohibited by law or rules and regulations issued by the competent authority.

WHEREAS, Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) provides that:

“SECTION 1113. Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture. –
Property that shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture include:

X X X

X X X

- (f) Goods, the importation or exportation of which are effected or attempted contrary to law, or any goods of prohibited importation or exportation, and all other goods which, in the opinion of the District Collector, have been used, are or were entered to be used as instruments in the importation or the exportation of the former,” (Underline for emphasis)

WHEREFORE, premised considered, the subject goods brought in by **ANTONIO ESPOSITO** is hereby declared *ipso facto* **FORFEITED**, for violation of Section 118 (g) and Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 9711 or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Act of 2009 and Article I (Licensing of Establishments and Registration of Health Products), Book II of The Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 9711 - The Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009, for final disposition thereof pursuant to CAO No. 10-2020 bearing the subject “Seizure and Forfeiture and Appeals Process”.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished to all offices and parties concerned for their information, and a copy thereof to be posted in the Bulletin Board of the Law Division and the Arrival Operations Division, this Port, for information of all concerned.

SO ORDERED.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, MAY 13 2025 May 2025.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. OBILLON MARA,
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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MR. NEO CHOO SAN

No given address

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 166-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Fifty Thousand
Philippine Pesos (Php150,000.00) confiscated from a
Singaporean passenger **NEO CHOO SAN** on 7 March 2025 and
held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012464

To: Mr. Neo Choo San

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 166-2025 (NAIA) issued on May 13, 2025 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

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Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

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One Hundred Fifty Thousand Philippine Pesos (PHP150,000.00) confiscated from a Singaporean passenger **NEO CHOO SAN** on 7 March 2025 and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012464.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 166-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 7 March 2025 at around 1340H, on board flight SQ910 from Singapore, a Singaporean passenger named Neo Choo San with passport number K4009156P along with his companion Neo Teck Yong approached the Customs Examiner and presented his e-Travel QR Code for scanning.

WHEREAS, it was found that the traveler had a filled-out Currency Declaration Form. Acting Customs Examiner Darwin R. Rigor noticed that the traveler declared Two Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (PHP200,000.00) and Six Thousand Singaporean Dollars (SGD6,000.00).

WHEREAS, the traveler was then invited to the Coordination Center Room together with ESS personnel Angelica Enderes, CIIS Elijah Tongol, and Flight Supervisor Michelle Untalan for the verification and counting of the said currencies. The physical examination yielded to the discovery of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Philippine Pesos (PHP250,000.00) and Six Thousand Singaporean Dollars (SGD6,000.00).

WHEREAS, after the verified counting of the Philippine Currency, Customs Examiner Rigor explained to the traveler that prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is required for any amount exceeding the threshold of Fifty Thousand Pesos (PHP50,000.00). Otherwise, the excess amount shall be confiscated. The traveler confirmed that the traveler did not have the prior authorization.

WHEREAS, a total of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Philippine Pesos (PHP150,000.00) was confiscated in violation of BSP Circular No. 1146 series of 2022. The allowed amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (PHP100,000.00) and Six Thousand Singaporean Dollars (SGD6,000.00) were returned to the passenger and his companion. Held Baggage Receipt Number 00100012464 was issued for the excess amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (PHP150,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currency was turned over to Shiela May Asis of the In-bond Unit of the Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 26 March 2025, Customs Examiner Darwin R. Rigor, and Flight Supervisor Michelle Ann Untalan, through the Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Mark John O. Almase, Ph.D., and the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Atty. Danilo M. Campos, Jr., submitted their incident report to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation



of Section 117 (Regulated Importation and Exportation) and Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), in relation to 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 passenger **NEO CHOO SAN** 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.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, MAY 13 2025, May 2025.

ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. DEL ROSARIO
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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15 May 2025

MR. YOHEI KOSUGA

Okada Hotel

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 167-2025 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Million Five Hundred Thirty
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY2,530,000.00) intercepted from
incoming passenger **YOHEI KOSUGA** on 19 March 2025

To: Mr. Yohei Kosuga

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 167-2025 (NAIA) issued on May 13, 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 **May 22, 2025 (Thursday), 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:

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 and naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,


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Thousand Japanese Yen
(JPY2,530,000.00) intercepted
from incoming passenger **YOHEI
KOSUGA** on 19 March 2025.

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 167-2025 (NAIA)

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 19 March 2025 at around 1715H at the NAIA Terminal 3, the hand carry baggage of a male Japanese traveler named Yohei Kosuga, holder of a passport with number TT3439635, on board flight 3K764 from Japan, underwent non-intrusive inspection by XIP Personnel Maria Lyn Dela Ganar and was referred to Acting Customs Examiner Jeinalem G. Go.

WHEREAS, before conducting physical examination, Customs Examiner Go asked the traveler for his passport and e-Travel QR code for scanning. Upon checking the scanned QR code, it was noted that the traveler ticked "No" to all the items in the Currency Declaration.

WHEREAS, during the initial check of the traveler's hand carry baggage, bundles of Japanese yen Bills were discovered. The Customs Examiner invited the traveler, together with ESS Personnel Archer Peniza and CIIS Personnel Edix Liwanag, to the exclusion room for physical counting and verification of the currency.

WHEREAS, physical examination yielded to the discovery of Four Hundred (400) pieces of Ten Thousand Japanese Yen bill amounting to Four Million Japanese Yen (JPY4,000,000.00) which is equivalent to Twenty-Seven Thousand SeventyTwo (USD27,072.00) using the prevailing exchange rate of JPY1.00 = USD 0.006768.

WHEREAS, after the verified counting of the Japanese Currency, Customs Examiner Go explained to the traveler that if he did not declare in the e-Travel the subject currency, any amount in excess of the Ten Thousand US Dollars (USD10,000.00) threshold per traveler or its equivalent in any foreign currency will be confiscated. The traveler admitted and confirmed that he did not declare in the e-travel. The allowable amount of One Million Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY1,470,000.00) which was equivalent to Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Ninety Six Cents (USD9,948.96) using the prevailing exchange rate of JPY1.00 = USD 0.006768 was returned to the traveler. Its excess, amounting to Two Million Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY2,530,000.00) which was equivalent to Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Four Cents (USD17,123.04) was confiscated.

WHEREAS, on 02 April 2025, Customs Examiner Jeinalem G. Go, Flight Supervisor Gerardo P. Pascual thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division,



WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), is instructive and authoritative, and provides that:

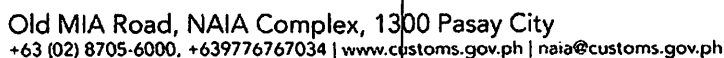
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- WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies 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"

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.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, _____ May 2025.

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**MESSRS. ROMEO CARLOS JR.
and ROMEO CARLOS III**
Marikina City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 168-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand
Two Hundred Forty Hong Kong Dollars (HKD219,240.00)
intercepted from incoming passengers **ROMEO CARLOS JR.**
and **ROMEO CARLOS III**

To: Messrs. Romeo Carlos Jr. and Romeo Carlos III

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 168-2025 (NAIA) issued on May 13, 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 **May 22, 2025 (Thursday), 09:45 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;
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Should you opt to attend the Preliminary Conference, your attendance must be confirmed by contacting **John Victoriano D. Villanueva III**, through **Mobile# 0966 8350713**.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 168-2025 (NAIA)

Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand
Two Hundred Forty Hong Kong
Dollars (HKD 219,240.00)
intercepted from incoming
passengers **ROMEO CARLOS
JR. and ROMEO CARLOS III**

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 22 February 2025, at around 2030H, two Filipino passengers named Romeo Carlos Jr. with Passport No. P4107778B and Romeo Carlos III with Passport No. P4105503B arrived at NAIA Terminal 3 on board flight CX 903 from Hong Kong.

WHEREAS, the carry-on baggage of Romeo Carlos Jr. underwent a non-intrusive examination by XIP Inspector Paul Lodea which was then referred to Customs Examiner Ferdinand R. Carungcong for physical examination.

WHEREAS, prior to physical examination, Customs Examiner Carungcong instructed both passengers to scan the e-Travel QR Code and hand over their passports. Upon checking the scanned QR code, Customs Examiner noted that the passengers ticked "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration. During the initial examination of the carry-on baggage, bundles of Hong Kong Dollars were discovered inside. Subsequently, Customs Examiner Carungcong invited the passengers to the exclusion room for physical counting and verification of currency.

WHEREAS, in the presence of passengers Romeo Carlos Jr. and Romeo Carlos III, representatives from ESS and CIIS, Customs Examiner Carungcong conducted the physical examination which yielded Three Hundred Seventy-Five (375) pieces of One Thousand Hong Kong Dollars (HKD 1,000.00), Two (2) pieces of One Hundred Hong Kong Dollars (HKD 100.00), and Two (2) pieces of Twenty Hong Kong Dollars (HKD 20.00) with a total amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty Hong Kong Dollars (HKD 375,240.00). Customs Examiner returned the amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand Hong Kong Dollars (HKD 78,000.00) to each passenger representing the total allowable amount to be brought in by travelers. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100012699 was issued to both passengers covering the excess amount of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Hong Kong Dollars Thousand (HKD 219,240.00). The confiscated Foreign Currencies were turned over to Jonathan Mesa of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 28 April 2025, Customs Examiner Ferdinand R. Carungcong and Flight Supervisor Hemerose P. Togonon 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 a Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Two



Hundred Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Hong Kong Dollars (HKD 219,240.00) for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (I) (2) 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), 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 passengers **ROMEO CARLOS JR. and ROMEO CARLOS III** 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, MAY 13 2025, May 2025.

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

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MR. HYUN MIN OH

No given address

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 169-2025 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred Philippine Pesos (Php47,100.00) confiscated from a Korean traveler **HYUN MIN OH** on 27 February 2025 and Held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100002508

To: Mr. Hyun Min Oh

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 169-2025 (NAIA) issued on May 13, 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 **May 22, 2025 (Thursday), 10:00 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 and naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,

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Forty Seven Thousand One
Hundred Philippine Pesos
(Php47,100.00) confiscated from a
Korean traveler **HYUN MIN OH** on
27 February 2025 and held in
custody under Held Baggage
Receipt No. 00100002508

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 169-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 27 February 2025, a male Korean traveler named Hyun Min Oh with Passport Number M597J1011, arrived at the NAIA Terminal 1 on board Flight OZ701 from Korea. His handcarried luggage underwent non-intrusive inspection by XIP Inspector Joshua Anticamara, who then referred him to Customs Examiner Rizalyn H. Dela Cruz for verification and physical examination thereof.

WHEREAS, after scanning passenger Oh's electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF). Examiner Dela Cruz noted that the passenger answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration including the portion for currency declaration. During the initial check of passenger Oh's handcarried luggage, Philippine pesos were found inside. Passenger Oh was invited to the Arrival Exclusion Room for further verification and counting of the money inside his traveler's bag.

WHEREAS, Examiner Dela Cruz then conducted an actual examination of the handcarried luggage of passenger Oh in the presence of Flight Supervisor Jennifer Ivy M. Orbeta, and witnessed by the ESS and CIIS operatives, which yielded the actual amount of One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred Philippine Pesos (Php147,100.00), which amount was also confirmed by Passenger Oh.

WHEREAS, Examiner Dela Cruz explained to passenger Oh that each traveler is allowed only to carry the threshold amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) and the excess amount will require prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas without which, the excess thereof shall be confiscated.

WHEREAS, after the verified counting, Examiner Dela Cruz returned to the passenger and his companion Jihyeon Lee the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00) which they are allowed to carry without the need for a prior written authorization from the BSP. Thereafter, the Examiner issued Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100002508 to passenger Oh for the excess amount of Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred Pesos (Php47,100.00), and later turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2025, Customs Examiner Rizalyn H. Dela Cruz and Flight Supervisor Jennifer Ivy M. Orbeta, thru 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 subject currencies 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 **HYUN MIN OH** 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.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, MAY 13 2025, May 2025.

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

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15 May 2025

MR. YUANYUAN CAI
Pasay City

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 171-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Seventy-four Thousand Four
Hundred Ten (Php74,410.00) Philippine Currency confiscated
from Chinese traveler **YUANYUAN CAI** on 28 February 2025 and
held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009886

To: Mr. Yuanyuan Cai

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 171-2025 (NAIA) issued on May 13, 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 **May 22, 2025 (Thursday), 10:15 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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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.gov.ph and naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

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Seventy-four Thousand Four
Hundred Ten (Php74,410.00)
Philippine Currency confiscated
from Chinese traveler
YUANYUAN CAI on 28 February
2025 and held in custody under
Held Baggage Receipt No.
00100009886.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 171-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 28 February 2025, a female Chinese traveler named Yuanyuan Cai, with Passport Number EG5568835, arrived at the NAIA Terminal 1 on board Philippine Airlines Flight PR 331 from China. Her carry-on baggage underwent a non-intrusive inspection by XIP Inspector Edgardo Soriano, who then referred him to Customs Examiner Kyle Christian U. Vilorio for verification and physical examination.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Vilorio asked passenger Cai if she accomplished the e-Travel QR Code, to which the latter affirmed and thereafter handed over her Passport. Customs Examiner Vilorio scanned passenger's passport wherein he noted that the latter answered "NO" to all the items in the e-Customs Baggage Declaration Form including the portion for currency declaration.

WHEREAS, during the initial check of passenger Cai's handcarried luggage, there were bundles of Philippine pesos found inside. Passenger Cai was then invited to the Arrival Exclusion Room for further verification and counting of the money inside her traveler's bag.

WHEREAS, the physical count yielded the total amount of One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred Ten Philippine Pesos (Php124,410.00). After the verified counting, Customs Examiner Vilorio explained to passenger Cai that based on applicable rules and regulations, failure to declare the Philippine Currency in excess of the allowable amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) and/or failure to provide prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) would result to the confiscation of the excess amount of Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Ten Philippine Pesos (Php74,410.00).

WHEREAS, the amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to passenger Yuanyuan Cai and Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009886 was issued for the excess amount of Php74,410.00 which Customs Examiner Vilorio turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 17 March 2025, Customs Examiner Kyle Christian U. Vilorio and Flight Supervisor Ramon S. Calleja, Jr., thru 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 subject currencies 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 **YUANYUAN CAI** 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.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, MAY 13 2025, May 2025.

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

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15 May 2025

MR. YOUNG GUU SO
Hyatt Hotel

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 172-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Fifty Thousand Six Hundred
(Php50,600.00) Philippine Currency confiscated from **YOUNG**
GUU SO on 28 February 2025 and held in custody under Held
Baggage Receipt No. 00100020553

To: Mr. Young Guu So

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 172-2025 (NAIA) issued on May 13, 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 **May 22, 2025 (Thursday), 10:30 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:

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 and naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,

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GUU SO** on 28 February 2025 and
held in custody under Held
Baggage Receipt No.
00100020553.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 172-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 28 February 2025, a male Korean traveler named Young Guu So with Passport Number M32876052, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport on board Korean Airlines Flight KE623 from South Korea. The carry-on luggage of passenger So underwent a non-intrusive inspection by XIP Inspector Edgardo Soriano, who then referred him to Acting Customs Examiner Steccey-Ann M. Aruta for verification and physical examination.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Aruta asked passenger So if he accomplished the e-Travel QR Code, to which the latter affirmed. He handed over his passport where after scanning Acting Examiner Aruta noted that he answered "NO" to all the items in the e-Customs Baggage Declaration Form including the portion for currency declaration.

WHEREAS, during the initial check of passenger So's handcarried luggage, there were bundles of Philippine pesos found inside. Passenger So was then invited to the Arrival Exclusion Room for further verification and counting of the money inside his traveler's bag.

WHEREAS, the physical count yielded the total amount of One Hundred Thousand Six Hundred Philippine Pesos (Php100,600.00). after the verified counting, Customs Examiner Aruta explained to passenger So that failure to declare the Philippine currency in excess of the allowable amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) and/or failure to provide authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), the excess amount of Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Philippine Pesos (Php50,600.00) will be confiscated for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

WHEREAS, the amount of Php50,000.00 was returned to passenger So and Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020553 was issued for the excess amount of Php 50,600.00 which Customs Examiner Aruta turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 23 March 2025, Customs Examiner Steccey-Ann M. Aruta and Flight Supervisor Ramon S. Calleja, Jr., thru 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 Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Philippine Currency (Php50,600.00) 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)."

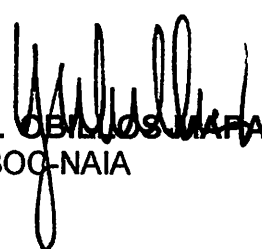
WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations 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 **YOUNG GU SO** 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.

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, MAY 13 2025 2025.

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

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MR. ALI HUSSAIN A. GHANEM
Makati Palace Hotel

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 173-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Eighty-Four Thousand Five
Hundred Philippine Pesos (Php84,500.00) confiscated from an
Arab traveler **ALI HUSSAIN A. GHANEM** on 25 March 2025

To: Mr. Ali Hussain A. Ghanem

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 173-2025 (NAIA) issued on May 13, 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 **May 22, 2025 (Thursday), 10:45 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;
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Should you opt to attend the Preliminary Conference, your attendance must be confirmed by contacting **John Victoriano D. Villanueva III**, through **Mobile# 0966 8350713**.

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Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,

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Eighty-Four Thousand Five
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(Php84,500.00) confiscated from
an Arab traveler **ALI HUSSAIN A.
GHANEM** on 25 March 2025.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 173-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 25 March 2025, a male Arab traveler named Ali Hussain Ghanem with Passport Number X531224, arrived at the NAIA Terminal 1 on board Saudia Airlines Flight SV870 from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He then proceeded to the Customs Examination Lane at the Arrival Area for currency declaration.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Katrina Lea Rañeses asked passenger Ghanem for his traveler's e-Travel QR Code and the latter readily provided the same. After scanning the e-Travel QR Code, Customs Examiner Rañeses noted that passenger Ghanem answered "Yes" to items 1 and 2 of the General Declaration, hence, she invited him to the Customs Exclusion Room at the Arrival Area for physical examination of his handcarried luggage.

WHEREAS, the physical examination conducted by Customs Examiner Ranases yielded the total amount of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php134,500.00) and One Thousand One Hundred Saudi Riyal (1,100.00) which is equivalent to US\$293.00. The latter amount was declared by passenger Ghanem in his e-Travel QR Code, hence, the same is allowed under the law. However, the Philippine Currency he was carrying in excess of the Php50,000.00 threshold needs a prior Import Clearance from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Rañeses explained to passenger Ghanem that a traveler is allowed only to carry the threshold amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) and the excess amount will require prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas without which the excess amount of P84,500.00 will be confiscated.

WHEREAS, after the verified counting, Customs Examiner Rañeses returned to the passenger the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) which he is allowed to carry without the need for a prior written authorization from the BSP. Thereafter, she issued Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020676 to passenger Ghanem for the excess amount of Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php84,500.00), which he later on turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 11 April 2025, Customs Examiner Katrina Lea Rañeses and Flight Supervisor Regina D. Santos, thru the Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, the Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, reported the interception of Php84,500.00 from incoming passenger Ali Hussain



Ghanem and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php84,500.00) for violation of Section 117 (Regulated Importation and Exportation) in relation to Section 1113 (f) and (I-2) 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.

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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 **ALI HUSSAIN A. GHANEM** 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, MAY 14 2025 May 2025.

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

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