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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 37 - 2025

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One (1) unit Aluminum Wing Van Forward Truck bearing temporary plate number 0389-019076 (Plate No. CBN 9705) and three hundred (300) master cases of Cannon brand cigarettes

AL-MIKE USMAN JULIM, Truck owner
CHRISTIAN L. ESTRADA, Truck driver
Claimants

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TO: **SPAS ALLAN R. CRUZ**
District Commander
CPD - ESS, Port of CDO

Greetings!



WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2025, personnel of Dancagan Municipal Police Station conducted a checkpoint at Sayre Highway, P-1, Lourdes, Dancagan, Bukidnon, that resulted in the apprehension of an aluminum wing van forward truck carrying three hundred (300) master cases of Cannon brand cigarettes;

WHEREAS, the following apprehended items were turned over to Bureau of Customs-Subport of Mindanao Container Terminal for proper inventory and safekeeping pending the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention:

Quantity	UOM	Description of Goods
1	unit	Aluminum Wing Van Forward Truck bearing temporary plate number 0389-019076
300	master case	Cannon brand cigarettes

WHEREAS, in a letter dated March 25, 2025, Al-Mike Usman Julim, truck owner, requested a hearing for the determination of probable cause on the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the subject vehicle;

WHEREAS, during the hearing on April 14, 2025, an intelligence information, as verified by the Spot Report dated June 30, 2024 from the Police Regional Office BAR, disclosed that the subject van truck was previously apprehended in a checkpoint at Brgy. Sarmiento, Parang, Maguindanao Lanao del Norte for transporting smuggled cigarettes;

WHEREAS, the Port Collector, Subport of MCT, 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;

WHEREAS, the use of the aluminum wing van truck as conveyance of smuggled cigarettes warrants its outright seizure pursuant to Section 1113 (a) and (k) of the CMTA. Further, the previous involvement of the van truck in smuggling activity tantamounts to a prima facie presumption of its forfeiture pursuant to Section 1114 (a) of the CMTA;



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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 Aluminum Wing Van Forward Truck bearing temporary plate number 0389-019076 (Plate No. CBN 9705) and three hundred (300) master cases of Cannon 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 8-94 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, May 14, 2025.

ENGR. ARTHUR G. SEVILLA, JR.
District Collector



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