



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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Republic of the Philippines,

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 39 – 2025

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One (1) unit Mazda Bongo (green) with plate number MCW 5852 and twenty-nine (29) master cases of Astro brand cigarettes

SOBAIR LUMAKBAY BACO, Truck driver
SALACODIN MUSOR MACADIRON, Truckman
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 March 25, 2025, joint personnel of Picong Municipal Police Station led by PCMS Mohaimen M. Salic under the supervision of PLT Aldrin L. Acosta, OIC, and Charlie Company, 64IB, 11D led by Sgt. Ferdinand M. Julambre under the supervision of 1LT Ralph Andrew R. Villa, conducted spot/mobile checkpoint in front of Charlie "cougar" Coy, Command Post, Brgy. Bara-as, Picong, Lanao del Sur and flagged down a Mazda Bongo (green) bearing plate number MCW 5852 loaded with twenty-nine (29) master cases of alleged smuggled Astro brand cigarettes;

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2025, the apprehended vehicle and 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;

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 (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 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 (green) with plate number MCW 5852 and twenty-nine (29) master cases of Astro 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 29, 2025.

ENGR. **ARTHUR G. SEVILLA, JR.**
District Collector

