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03 June 2025

MS. LEONORA MARTINEZ CABRERA
Malabago, Mangaldan, Pangasinan

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 186-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One (1) unit of chainsaw brought
in by **LEONORA MARTINEZ CABRERA** on 09 October 2024
with Passport No. P8773830B

To: Ms. Evelyn Ramil Vicedo

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 186-2025 (NAIA) issued on June 2, 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 **June 13, 2025 (Friday), 10:00 a.m. 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.

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by **LEONORA MARTINEZ
CABRERA** on 09 October 2024
with Passport No. P8773830B

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 186-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 09 October 2024 a male Filipino traveler named Leonora Cabrera with Passport No. P8773830B arrived at NAIA on board flight no. PR111 from Guam.

WHEREAS, on even date, the checked-in baggage of the traveler underwent non-intrusive inspection conducted by X-ray Inspection Project (XIP) Operator and was marked "X".

WHEREAS, consequently the said checked -in baggage was referred to Customs Examiner Mary Anne B. Panaligan for physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting physical examination, Customs Examiner Panaligan explained to the traveler that her checked-in baggage was flagged for physical examination. The traveler was then requested to submit her e-travel QR Code and passport. Upon checking the information in the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF), it was noted that the traveler answered "No" to all the questions in the General Declaration. The Examiner asked the traveler for more information as to the items inside her luggage before conducting physical examination.

WHEREAS, the physical examination yielded to the discovery of one (1) unit of chainsaw with a Fair Market Value (FMV) of Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Pesos (Php16,879.50) as declared by the traveler.

WHEREAS, the release of the discovered item was then withheld pending the submission of a permit from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). A Held Baggage Receipt with number 00100002364 was issued to the traveler. The confiscated items were turned-over to COOIII Ritzton Mamisay of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 27 March 2024 addressed to the District Collector, this port, IOV Richard S. Rebong, DPA, Chief Baggage Assistance Division thru Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, for lack of permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DENR), recommended for the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act in relation to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order No. 2003-24 "An Act Regulating the Ownership,



Possession, Importation and Use of Chainsaws, Penalizing Violations thereof and for Other purposes.

WHEREAS, Section 5 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2003-24 expressly states that:

"Section 5. Persons authorized to purchase, transfer the ownership, import, manufacture, distribute, and/or sell, re-sell chainsaws. Only persons, duly authorized by the DENR shall be allowed to purchase, transfer the ownership, import, manufacture, distribute, and/or sell, re-sell chainsaws.

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 a Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the one (1) unit Chainsaw for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 in relation to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order No. 2003-24 "An Act Regulating the Ownership, Possession, Importation and Use of Chainsaws, Penalizing Violations thereof and for other purposes."

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 one (1) unit Chainsaw brought in by incoming traveler **LEONORA MARTINEZ CABRERA** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 in relation to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order No. 2003-24 "An Act Regulating the Ownership, Possession, Importation and Use of Chainsaws, Penalizing Violations thereof and for other purposes," to be turned over 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 Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 10-2020, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with 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, JUN 02, 2025 May 2025.

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

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MS. EVELYN RAMIL VICEDO
Alfonso, Cavite

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 185-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Twelve (12) packs of Lama
Premium Nicotine Pods brought in by **EVELYN RAMIL VICEDO**
on November 25, 2024 and held in custody under Held Baggage
Receipt No. 00100009538

To: **Ms. Evelyn Ramil Vicedo**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 185-2025 (NAIA) issued on June 2, 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 **June 13, 2025 (Friday), 09:30 a.m. 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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Twelve (12) packs of Lama Premium Nicotine Pods brought in by **EVELYN RAMIL VICEDO** on November 25, 2024 and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009538.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 185-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 25 November 2024, a Filipino traveler named Eveyyn Vicedo, with Passport No. P5674291B, arrived at the NAIA Terminal 1 on board Malaysian Airlines Flight MH806 from Malaysia.

WHEREAS, passenger Vicedo's handcarried luggage passed through the non-intrusive examination conducted by XIP Inspector Christopher Asuncion, who later on referred her to Customs Examiner Jovelyn A. Ritual for verification and physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting the physical examination, Customs Examiner Ritual asked passenger Vicedo to submit her duly accomplished QR Code of the E-travel and her passport. She likewise asked passenger Vicedo if she had anything to declare to which the latter replied in the negative. Thereafter, she handed her passport and Customs Examiner Ritual proceeded with the conduct of the physical examination.

WHEREAS, the physical examination of the handcarried luggage of passenger Vicedo yielded twelve (12) packs of LANA premium nicotine pods. However, passenger Vicedo did not secure prior import permit for these products from the Department of Trade and Industry pursuant to Section 19 of Republic Act No. 11900 otherwise known as "An Act Regulating the Importation, Manufacture, Sale, Packaging, Distribution, Use and Communication of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine products and Novel Tobacco Products" of the Amended Rules and Regulations Governing the Exportation and Importation of Leaf Tobacco and Tobacco Products."

WHEREAS, on 27 November 2024, Customs Examiner Jovelyn A. Ritual and Flight Supervisor Felipe Maria T. Regencia, Jr., thru the Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service and the Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported the interception of the Lana Premium Nicotine Pods to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended for the release of the goods upon presentation of the corresponding permit/registration from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and payment of the customs duty and tax, if applicable.

WHEREAS, despite given ample time to comply, passenger Vicedo or her duly authorized representative failed to appear at the Baggage Assistance Division and submit the required Import Permit/Clearance from the DTI.



WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 27 March 2025, IOV Richard S. Rebong, DPA, Chief, Baggage Assistance Division, thru the Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, this Port, recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the twelve (12) packs of Lana Premium Nicotine Pods for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (I-2) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Section 19 of Republic Act No. 11900, referring to "An Act Regulating the Importation, Manufacture, Sale, Packaging, Distribution, Use and Communication of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine products and Novel Tobacco Products" of the Amended Rules and Regulations Governing the Exportation and Importation of Leaf Tobacco and Tobacco Products."

WHEREAS, on this score, Republic Act No. 11900 otherwise known as the "Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products Regulation Act" provides that:

"Section 19. Product Registration. — All manufacturers and importers of the following products shall register with the DTI by submitting information demonstrating conformity with Section 18 of this Act:

- (a) HTP Consumable;
- (b) HTP Device;
- (c) Vapor Product Refill;
- (d) Vapor Product Device; and
- (e) Novel Tobacco Products."

Further, Department Administrative Order No. 22-16 of the Department of Trade and Industry (series of 2022) on the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11900 provides that:

RULE II DECLARATION OF POLICY

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"For this purpose, the government shall regulate the importation, assembly, manufacture, sale, packaging, distribution, use, advertisement, promotion and sponsorship of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products, and their devices, and Novel Tobacco Products in order to promote a healthy environment, protect the citizens from any potential hazards of these novel consumer products, reduce the harm caused by smoking, and ensure that the sale to minors and the illicit trade of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products, and their devices, and Novel Tobacco Products in the country are prevented.

RULE XI PRODUCT REGISTRATION

All manufacturers and importers of the covered products shall apply for product registration and certification with the BPS by submitting information demonstrating conformity with the technical regulations set by the office."

WHEREAS, after 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 of the subject goods for violation of Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), in relation to Section 19 of Republic Act No. 11900 otherwise known as "An Act Regulating the Manufacture, Sale, Packaging, Distribution, Use and Communication of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products, and Novel Tobacco Products", and implemented by DTI Department Administrative Order No. 22-16 series of 2022.



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 goods brought in by **EVELYN RAMIL VICEDO**, for violation of Republic Act No. 11900 as implemented by Department Administrative Order No. 22-16 of the Department of Trade and Industry (series of 2022) and Section 1400, and Section 1113 (f) in relation to Sections 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA); and to turn over the same to the Auction and Cargo Disposal Division, for inventory, classification and safekeeping, pursuant to Customs Administrative Order No. 10-2020 and related issuances, pending the resolution of the seizure case before the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with 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, JUN 02 2025

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

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MR. YOSHIAKI SATO
New Coast Hotel, Manila

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 184-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Five Hundred Thousand
(JPY500,000.00) intercepted from incoming passenger
YOSHIAKI SATO on 29 April 2025

To: Mr. Yoshiaki Sato

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 184-2025 (NAIA) issued on June 2, 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 **June 13, 2025 (Friday), 09:15 a.m. 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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Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. TEODOLFO MARTIN S. YERRO IV
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Five Hundred Thousand (JPY 500,000.00) intercepted from incoming passenger **YOSHIKI SATO** on 29 April 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 184-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 10 April 2025, at around 1330H, a male Japanese passenger named Yoshiaki Sato with Passport No. TS3506148 arrived at NAIA Terminal 1 on board flight ZG 095 from Narita, Japan.

WHEREAS, passenger Sato approached the Customs Lane for e-Travel QR code scanning. Upon reviewing the details in the Electronic Customs Baggage Form (e-CBDF), it was noted that passenger Sato declared the amount of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Jpanaese Yen (JPY 4,500,000.00).

WHEREAS, in the presence of passenger Sato, representatives from ESS and CIIS, Customs Examiner Eudes Earl C. Nerpio conducted the physical examination which yielded Five Hundred (500) pieces of Ten Thousand Yen (JPY 10,000.00) amounting to Five Million Japanese Yen (JPY 5,000,000.00). The declared amount of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 4,500,000.00) was returned to the passenger as evidenced by an acknowledgment receipt. Thereafter, a Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020711 was issued to passenger Sato covering the excess amount of Five Hundred Thousand (JPY 500,000.00). The confiscated Foreign Currencies were turned over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 05 May 2025, Acting Customs Examiner Eudes Earl C. Nerpio and Acting Flight Supervisor Ivan Paolo B. Durana 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 Five Hundred Thousand (JPY 500,000.00) for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 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 passenger **YOSHIAKI SATO** 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, JUN 02 2025, May 2025.

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

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03 June 2025

MR. JUNGHWAN DO
Okada Hotel

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 183-2025 (NAIA)

Republic of the Philippines vs. Twelve (12) pieces of Miix Lil Hybrid Vape Cartridge Device, and ninety (90) packs of Miix Heat Sticks confiscated from passenger **JUNGHWAN DO** on 02 April 2025 and held in custody under Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020700

To: Mr. Junghwa Do

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 183-2025 (NAIA) issued on June 2, 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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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 183-2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 02 April 2025, Mr. Junghwan Do, a male Korean traveler and holder of Passport No. EK7880468, arrived at the NAIA Terminal 1 on board Korean Air Flight KE 625 from Incheon, Korea. His checked-in baggage underwent the non-intrusive inspection and was marked with "X" by XIP Inspector Joshua Anticamara, who, thereafter, referred him to Acting Customs Examiner Jeinalem G. GO for verification and physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting the physical examination, Acting Customs Examiner Go asked passenger Do if he accomplished the e-Travel Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF) to which the latter answered in the negative. He was required to fill out the CBDF given to him by Customs Examiner Asis, who noted that passenger Do answered "No" to all the items in the General Declaration.

WHEREAS, the actual physical examination of the checked-in baggage of passenger Do yielded twelve (12) pieces of Miix Lil Hybrid vape cartridge device and 90 packs of Miix Heat sticks. Acting Customs Examiner Go informed passenger Do that the subject items require prior permit/clearance from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) as per Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 22-06 Series of 2022 – The New Technical Regulation Concerning the Mandatory Product Certification of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products. Acting Customs Examiner Go explained to the traveler that if he did not declare in the e-Travel, the imported goods will be confiscated. The traveler likewise confirmed not declaring the same in the e-Travel.

WHEREAS, Acting Customs Examiner Go then issued Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020700 to passenger Do and the confiscated goods were turned over to Annaliza Reyes of the Baggage Assistance Division, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 09 April 2025, Jeinalem G. Go, Acting Customs Examiner, and Sahlee C. Ysa-al, Acting Flight Supervisor, thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos, Jr., Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Mr. Mark Jhon O. Almase, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Mr. Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, reported their findings to the District Collector, this Port, and recommended the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) in violation



of Section 1113 of the CMTA – Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture; Section 117 of the CMTA – Regulated Importation and Exportation ; and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 22-06 Series of 2022 – The New Technical Regulation Concerning the Mandatory Product Certification of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products.

WHEREAS, on this score, Republic Act No. 11900 otherwise known as the “Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products Regulation Act” provides that:

“Section 19. Product Registration. — All manufacturers and importers of the following products shall register with the DTI by submitting information demonstrating conformity with Section 18 of this Act:

- (a) HTP Consumable;
- (b) HTP Device;
- (c) Vapor Product Refill;
- (d) Vapor Product Device; and
- (e) Novel Tobacco Products.”

Further, Department Administrative Order No. 22-16 of the Department of Trade and Industry (series of 2022) on the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11900 provides that:

RULE II DECLARATION OF POLICY

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“For this purpose, the government shall regulate the importation, assembly, manufacture, sale, packaging, distribution, use, advertisement, promotion and sponsorship of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products, and their devices, and Novel Tobacco Products in order to promote a healthy environment, protect the citizens from any potential hazards of these novel consumer products, reduce the harm caused by smoking, and ensure that the sale to minors and the illicit trade of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products, and their devices, and Novel Tobacco Products in the country are prevented.

RULE XI PRODUCT REGISTRATION

All manufacturers and importers of the covered products shall apply for product registration and certification with the BPS by submitting information demonstrating conformity with the technical regulations set by the office.”

WHEREAS, after 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 of the subject goods for violation of Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), in relation to Section 19 of Republic Act No. 11900 otherwise known as “An Act Regulating the Manufacture, Sale, Packaging, Distribution, Use and Communication of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products, and Novel Tobacco Products”, and implemented by DTI Department Administrative Order No. 22-16 series of 2022.



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 goods brought in by **JUNGHWAN DO**, for violation of Republic Act No. 11900 as implemented by Department Administrative Order No. 22-16 of the Department of Trade and Industry (series of 2022) and Section 1400, and Section 1113 (f) in relation to Sections 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA); and to turn over the same to the Auction and Cargo Disposal Division, for inventory, classification and safekeeping, pursuant to Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 10-2020 and related issuances, pending the resolution of the seizure case before the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with 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, JUN 02 2025, May 2025.


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

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