



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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Republic of the Philippines,

SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 45 – 2025

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One (1) unit Mitsubishi Versa Van (dark green) with plate number WDW 677, eighteen (18) sacks of Astro brand cigarettes, and two (2) sacks of New Berlin brand cigarettes

RICARDO NGO
ALNAIPAR TAWASIL
ALWAN ASI
ARPIN JAAPAR
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 April 6, 2025, 2nd Provincial Mobile Force Company (PMFC) personnel led by PLT Winston O. Daroy Jr. under the direct supervision of PLTCOL Shirwen M. Lapiz, Force Commander, conducted routine checkpoint at 4th Maneuvering Platoon detachment located at Purok 1, Bansarvil, Kapatagan, Lanao del Norte, and flagged down a Mitsubishi Versa Van loaded with suspected smuggled Astro and San Marino brand cigarettes placed at the backseat of the van;

WHEREAS, the following articles were turned over to the Bureau of Customs-Support of Iligan for proper inventory and safekeeping pending the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention:

Quantity	UOM	Description of Goods
1	unit	Mitsubishi Versa Van (dark green) with plate number WDW 677
18	sack *50 reams per sack	Astro brand cigarettes
2	sack *50 reams per sack	New Berlin brand cigarettes

WHEREAS, the Port Collector, Subport of Iligan, recommended the issuance of WSD against the cigarettes since the result of the inventory and physical examination conducted by the assigned Customs Examiner revealed that the cigarettes lack the required Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) from the National Tobacco Administration (NTA), a clear violation of Section 117 and 1113 (f) and (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 Mitsubishi Versa Van as conveyance of smuggled cigarettes warrants its outright 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 Mitsubishi Versa Van (dark green) with plate number WDW 677, eighteen (18) sacks of Astro brand cigarettes, and two (2) sacks of San Marino brand cigarettes**, and turn them over to the Property Custodian/Warehouse-in-Charge, this Port, for safekeeping pending



termination of the seizure proceedings thereon or until further order from this Office pursuant to and in strict compliance with the provisions of CMO 8-84 particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized.

Port of Cagayan de Oro, June 26, 2025.


ENGR. ARTHUR G. SEVILLA, JR.
District Collector 

